

# Adrienne Arsht Center

FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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**The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County  
announces**



**The Arsht Center's celebration of Black artistry in our community returns  
with two free in-person salons:**

## **CARIBBEAN MUSIC, INFLUENCE AND CULTURE**

**Recognizing Caribbean influence in music and culture ahead of  
Miami's Carnival season  
October 5, 2022**

## **WORDS OF FREEDOM: A TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

**A conversation with local poets, writers and educators discussing their  
perspectives on freedom  
April 5, 2023**

**Also returning this season:**

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## HERITAGE FEST: BLACK RESISTANCE

Free family-friendly celebration of artists from the African Diaspora in  
our community  
February 4, 2023

and

## JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT

The second-annual celebration of Black music, food and freedom  
June 15, 2023

**Miami, FL – September 8, 2022** – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](#)) is pleased to announce the return of **THE HERITAGE PROJECT**, the Center's series celebrating and amplifying Miami's Black community, culture and heritage. **THE HERITAGE PROJECT** was created with a commitment to promote social equality and spotlight Black artists in our community through the Project's salon series, annual festival and other special events throughout the season.

Free tickets for the first Heritage Project salon will be available beginning today at [arshtcenter.org](#). Sign up for Arsht Center emails [here](#) and be sure to select "Community & Free Events" to be the first to know when tickets for subsequent events become available.

To watch **THE HERITAGE PROJECT** salons from the 2021-2022 season, click [here](#).

**THE HERITAGE PROJECT** is made possible with generous support from Bank of America.

Performances and events for the 2022-2023 **HERITAGE PROJECT** series include the following:

### [THE HERITAGE PROJECT: CARIBBEAN MUSIC, INFLUENCE AND CULTURE](#)

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 7 p.m.

**FREE**

**Peacock Foundation Studio (Ziff Ballet Opera House)**

In anticipation of Miami's extremely popular Carnival weekend, the 2022-2023 Heritage Project season series kicks off the celebration with an in-depth, in-person look at Caribbean music, culture and influence. This conversation will be moderated by **Dr. Mary**, founder of Dr. Mary Media Services, a social media company that amplifies Caribbean events in the South Florida community. Panelists include **Dony Felix**, educator and Caribbean music artist; **Tanto Irie**, HOT105 Reggae Runnins host and President/CEO of Reggae Runnins; and **DJ Killa Mike**, DJ and co-owner of Prodigy Movements.

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Admission to *The Heritage Project: Caribbean Music, Culture and Influence* is free, however, first-access passes\* are required. First-access passes will be available starting today.

## **HERITAGE FEST 2023: BLACK RESISTANCE**

**Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 3 p.m.**

**Thomson Plaza for the Arts (Ziff Ballet Opera House)**

**FREE**

This free community event was designed to spotlight, celebrate and amplify artists from the African Diaspora in our community. Join us for our fourth annual Heritage Fest, an afternoon of free, fun filled activities for the entire family. Enjoy performances by local performance and visual artists, check out the vendor marketplace featuring products and services by Black creatives and entrepreneurs, and jam to the beats pumping from the dance floor.

Admission to *Heritage Fest 2023: Black Resistance* is free, however, first-access passes\* are required. First-access passes will be available starting January 3, 2023.

## **THE HERITAGE PROJECT: WORDS OF FREEDOM - A TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7 p.m.**

**Peacock Foundation Studio (Ziff Ballet Opera House)**

**FREE**

In honor of National Poetry Month, this Heritage Project salon will highlight the continuum of wordsmiths lending their voices and their pens toward the ongoing movement for Black diasporic freedom. This discussion will focus on the spoken and written word. We will hear from local poets, writers and educators as they discuss their perspectives on freedom.

Admission to *The Heritage Project: Words of Freedom – A Tribute to National Poetry Month* is free, however, first-access passes\* are required. First-access passes will be available starting March 6, 2023.

## **JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT**

**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**Peacock Foundation Studio (Ziff Ballet Opera House)**

After a sold-out event in 2022, the Juneteenth Juke Joint returns in 2023 for a second celebration of Black music, food and freedom! Stay tuned for details and tickets. Watch a video of last year's celebration [here](#).

## **ABOUT THE ARSHT CENTER'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

**THE HERITAGE PROJECT** is one of the 10 ongoing Arsht Center programs committed to community engagement and deepening the experience of the performing arts for all

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Miami-Dade County residents. Having served more than 105,000 people throughout its 16-year history, the programs broaden community participation and open the sights, sounds and possibilities of the world through the performing arts. New programs include: **Broadway on Biscayne**, a series of pre-and post- performance experiences giving audiences a closer look at the shows; and **Club Broadway** which brings together a cohort of teen Broadway enthusiasts for shows and workshops. Existing programs include: [Free Gospel Sundays](#), featuring Miami's best gospel artists and nationally renowned gospel headliners; [Family Fest](#), a season of free performances featuring the world's leading family-friendly artists; [AileyCamp Miami](#), a full-scholarship, six-week summer dance camp which uses dance as a vehicle for the personal development of young people; [CommuniTea Dance](#), an annual celebration honoring Miami's LGBTQ+ community; [Knight Masterworks Classical Conversations](#), a series of free lectures which give the audience insight into the musicians, composers and history of music presented in our Knight Masterworks Classical Music series; [Accessing the Arts Residencies](#), art workshops for children and adults with disabilities; and [Arsht on the Road](#), a series of free pop-up performances that bring the arts into Miami-Dade County's diverse neighborhoods.



Image of Heritage Fest 2022 –  
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Image of The Heritage Project  
salon discussion – Photo by  
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Image of Juneteenth Juke Joint  
2022 – Photo by Taylor Brown



Image of LaVie performing at  
the Juneteenth Juke Joint 2022  
– Photo by Taylor Brown

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## **About Us**

Set in the heart of downtown Miami, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is committed to welcoming and connecting ALL people to the arts, to the Arsht Center and to each other. Our stages are alive year-round with artists from around the world, innovative programming from our resident companies and local arts partners, free community events that reflect Miami's unique identity and arts education experiences for thousands of Miami children each year.

Since opening in 2006, the Arsht Center, a 501C3 non-profit organization, has been recognized as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area, a leader in programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity, a host venue for historic events and Miami's hub for arts education.

Each year, we serve more than 60,000 young learners and offer more than 100 culturally diverse and inclusive education programs — many enhanced by the Arsht Center's relationship with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, local teaching artists and Miami-based arts organizations.

The Arsht Center is also a home stage for three resident companies — Florida Grand Opera, Miami City Ballet and New World Symphony — and a launch pad for local artists to make their mark on the international stage. Our 300+ events each year include the Center's Signature Series of classical, jazz, Broadway, local theater and much more. We present a robust series of touring Broadway musicals direct from New York, the largest jazz series in South Florida, a major annual Flamenco Festival and an award-winning Miami-based theater program. In addition, our Family Fest, Free Gospel Sundays, CommuniTEA LGBTQ+ celebration and Heritage Fest are among dozens of free events that bring together people from all corners of our community. For more information, visit [arshtcenter.org](http://arshtcenter.org).