

Adrienne Arsht Center

FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER CELEBRATED 17TH ANNIVERSARY GALA: LABYRINTH OF ENCHANTMENT

Masquerade ball featured a dramatic flamenco performance by Miami local and two-time Latin Grammy® nominee Siudy Garrido

Community leaders and philanthropists united to honor the impact of the Center's arts education and community engagement programs

Miami, FL – April 7, 2023 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](#)) proudly celebrated its **17th Anniversary Gala: Labyrinth of Enchantment** on **Saturday, April 1, 2023**. The Arsht Center's marquee philanthropic event united more than 250 community leaders in support of the Center's mission-driven [arts education](#) and [community engagement programs](#) as well as its [internship program](#). Adrienne Arsht, Founding Chairman, Adrienne Arsht Center Foundation, served as the Gala's Honorary Chair and the Gala Co-Chairs were **Eric G. Johnson, Chairman, Adrienne Arsht Center Foundation Board & Holly Gaines** and **Richard C. Milstein, Chairman, Adrienne Arsht Center Trust Board & Eric Hankin**.

Hosted in the John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall and on the Swanee and Paul DiMare Stage, the Arsht Center's Gala, décor designed by Gilded Group Décor ([@gildedgroupdecor](#)) delighted guests with playful Harlequins, enchanted forest creatures during cocktail hour, a delectable three-course dinner prepared by Executive Chef Elgin Woodman of Constellation Culinary Group ([@byconstellation](#)), a passion-filled performance by Miami-based, two-time Latin Grammy®-nominated flamenco artist Siudy Garrido ([@siudygarrido](#)), and dancing to beats curated by DJ GQ ([@djgqworldwide](#)) which closed out the evening's celebration. The Gala also featured a surprise flash mob performance by StepFlix ([@stepflix](#)) and AileyCamp Miami campers who recreated the viral "Wednesday Addams" dance and got everyone on their feet.

An emotional and inspiring speech was delivered by Janasia Johnson, former AileyCamp Miami camper and official Arsht Center representative at the White House when the Center's camp received the [National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award](#), the nation's highest honor for creative youth development programs, in 2016.

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"AileyCamp Miami is where I felt I could express myself the most. I found my voice and I know that this happens for every camper that has been part of this program for the past 15 years. Thank you, Arsht Center; you have had an unforgettable impact on my life," said Johnson.

"The unwavering support of the Arsht Center's philanthropic circle has made it possible for the Center to continue its mission-driven work of providing free programs and initiatives that connect all members of our community to the arts," said Gala Co-Chair and Adrienne Arsht Center Foundation Board Chairman Eric G. Johnson. "Proceeds from the 17th Anniversary Gala ensure programs such as AileyCamp Miami, Free Gospel Sundays, Arsht Interns, *I am Me* and many more continue to serve the community in 2023 and far beyond."

The Arsht Center's 17th Anniversary Gala included Bauta Sponsor – **Adrienne Arsht**; Volto Sponsors – **Dr. Kimberly Green and Green Family Foundation Trust; Eric G. Johnson and Holly Gaines; Martin and Melanie Kirschner; Lisa and Benjamin Leon III; Cheryl and Y. David Scharf; Lucille Zanghi and James Dow**; Arlecchino Sponsors – **Antonio L. "Tony" and Conchi Argiz and BDO; Trish and Dan Bell; John S. and James L. Knight Foundation**; Dottore Peste Sponsors – **Akerman, LLP; Robert T. Barlick, Jr., Goldman Sachs; Lee E. Caplin and Gita Karasik; Janet Goldman; Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Yosbel A. Ibarra and Drew Stoudt; Andrea Guerreri; James Kelly III; Miami-Dade County Commissioner Keon Hardemon; D. Nicholas Miceli, TD Bank; Eugene Schaefer, Bank of America; Nichole D. Scott; University of Miami**; and Colombina Sponsors – **Karen and Jonathan Fryd; Publix Super Markets Charities; David and Olga Melin; Larry and Sue Quinlan**.

The evening was also generously supported by BACARDÍ, Gérard Bertrand, Café Bustelo, World Red Eye, *The Miami Herald* and Exquisito Chocolates. A full list of individual and corporate supporters can be found at arshtcenter.org.



Image of the Adrienne Arsht Center's 17th Anniversary Gala - Photo by WorldRedEye.com



Image of guests toasting to the Arsht Center's 17th Anniversary Gala - Photo by WorldRedEye.com

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Image of Siudy Flamenco performing at the Arsht Center's 17th Anniversary Gala - Photo by WorldRedEye.com



Image of a surprise flash mob performance by former AileyCamp Miami campers to get the party started - Photo by WorldRedEye.com



Image of (from left) Holly Gaines; Andrea Guerrerri, Director, Adrienne Arsht Center Foundation (AACF) Board; Eric G. Johnson, Chairman, AACF Board; and Janet Goldman, Director, AACF Board- Photo by WorldRedEye.com



Image of (from left) Eric Hankin, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine-Cava and Richard C. Milstein, Chairman, Adrienne Arsht Center Trust (AACT) Board – Photo by WorldRedEye.com

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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.