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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 its 2023-2024 family lineup
including the return of its free Family Fest and introducing a new
Family Fun Live! series with tickets beginning at \$30

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FAMILY FEST IN THE PARK: SONS OF MYSTRO

The Arsht Center, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces and Culture Shock Miami present violin-playing sibling act, Sons of Mystro, followed by a screening of the Disney-Pixar movie *Soul*
November 18, 2023

MIAMI CITY BALLET: BALLET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A family-friendly ballet performance
February 10, 2024

LET FREEDOM SWING: FROM SPIRITUALS TO SWING

Created by Jazz at Lincoln Center, this concert contains spirituals, civil rights anthems and iconic songs
March 23, 2024

THE BIG SING

Four local community choirs join forces to perform and create a fun, interactive sing along including a commissioned choral orchestration of Amanda Gorman's *The Hill We Climb*
May 19, 2024

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DISNEY JUNIOR LIVE ON TOUR: COSTUME PALOOZA

Disney Junior characters and Marvel Superheroes live on stage for a jam-packed, concert-style show
October 10, 2023

FORGOTTEN FOUNDING FATHERS

This hip-hop dance theatrical odyssey explores American history through the lens of African-American heroes
April 20-21, 2024

THE MAGIC OF ROB LAKE

Magician and illusionist to wow Miami audiences with elaborate, interactive performance
May 18, 2024

BLUEY'S BIG PLAY

A brand-new theatrical adaptation of the Emmy Award-winning children's television series
June 29-30, 2024

MARIONETAS DE LA ESQUINA: LEARNING AND FORGETTING

Renowned Mexican theater company returns with joyful show exploring intergenerational love with warmth, laughter and puppetry
September 28-29, 2024

Miami, FL – October 2023 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](https://www.arshtcenter.org)) is pleased to announce its family-focused performances for the 2023-2024 season. As part of the Arsht Center's mission to connect Miami audiences of all ages to the arts, the Center's free signature series, **FAMILY FEST**, returns with four free performances onsite and offsite through its ongoing partnership with Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs' [Culture Shock Miami](#) program and Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces. **FAMILY FUN LIVE!**, the Center's newest paid series with tickets starting at \$30, aims to entertain and inspire the imagination of children through delightful performances.

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PERFORMANCES FOR THE 2023-2024 FREE FAMILY FEST SERIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

FAMILY FEST TICKETS

FAMILY FEST performances are free; however, first-access passes are required for select performances this season and can be secured 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 become available. There will be a quiet room with sensory-friendly activities available for audience members who need a break from the theater environment.

FAMILY FEST is made possible with generous support from Baptist Health.

FAMILY FEST IN THE PARK: SONS OF MYSTRO

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 6 p.m.

FREE - RSVP opens on October 18.

Off Campus: JL (Joe) and Enid W. Demps Park

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fest Series

Photo Link [Here](#)

Join the Arsht Center, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces and Culture Shock Miami for an afternoon of family fun.

The Arsht Center's free Family Fest series visits JL (Joe) and Enid W. Demps Park for an evening of music and film. At 6 p.m., violin-playing sibling act Sons of Mystro will perform original music and genre-melding interpretations of reggae and pop classics. The concert will be followed at 7 p.m. by a screening of the Disney-Pixar movie *Soul*, about a band teacher's visit to a spiritual realm and featuring the voices of Jamie Foxx, Angela Bassett, Tina Fey, Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson and Daveed Diggs with music by Jon Batiste and Trent Reznor.

Family Fest at the Arsht Center

MIAMI CITY BALLET: BALLET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Presented by Miami City Ballet School and the Adrienne Arsht Center

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

FREE - First-access passes* will be available starting January 9, 2024

Ziff Ballet Opera House

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fest Series

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At a performance designed especially for families, Miami City Ballet School pre-professional students present choreography to delight young fans in the classical ballet tradition.

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Family Fest at the Arsht Center

LET FREEDOM SWING: FROM SPIRITUALS TO SWING

In partnership with Jazz at Lincoln Center

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 3 p.m.

FREE - First-access passes* will be available starting February 20, 2024

Knight Concert Hall

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fest Series

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Jazz at Lincoln Center's Let Freedom Swing: From Spirituals to Swing brings outstanding jazz artists to community audiences. Inspired by conversations between former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and jazz musician Wynton Marsalis, these concerts explore a wide range of jazz topics through the lens of American history. Let Freedom Swing: From Spirituals to Swing features vocalist Brianna Thomas and trumpeter Alphonso Horne and in a program of spirituals, civil rights anthems and iconic jazz songs from Nina Simone, Duke Ellington and others.

Family Fest at the Arsht Center

THE BIG SING

Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

FREE - First-access passes* will be available starting April 11, 2024

Knight Concert Hall

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fest Series

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The Big Sing, the soundtrack of the community, features four community choirs raising their voices together in song with the audience. The Big Sing will also include the premiere of a newly commissioned choral orchestration of *The Hill We Climb* by inaugural poet Amanda Gorman.

The Big Sing works towards a vision of a community where people of all ages can explore the joy of singing and highlights the vibrant choral community we have right here in our neighborhoods! The project affirms that we can in fact be one united community; a community that comes together to sing, to speak, to listen, to learn, and to grow.

PERFORMANCES FOR THE 2023-2024 FAMILY FUN LIVE! SERIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

DISNEY JUNIOR LIVE ON TOUR: COSTUME PALOOZA

October 10, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Ziff Ballet Opera House

Tickets: \$39.50, \$49.50, \$69.50, \$79.50, \$229.50 (VIP)*

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fun Live! Series

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The three-time Pollstar-nominated Disney Junior tour is back with DISNEY JUNIOR LIVE ON TOUR: COSTUME PALOOZA! This show brings beloved Disney Junior characters and favorite Marvel Super Heroes live onstage for a jam-packed, concert-style show with singing, dancing, acrobatics and more. It will feature favorite songs from hit Disney Junior series, as well as new original music. Mickey, Minnie and their pals are getting ready to throw a huge costume party, but mysterious green rain, wind and smoke keep interrupting the fun. Can Spidey and his Amazing Friends help save the Costume Palooza? Come join the party and see Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, Doc McStuffins, the Puppy Dog Pals, Bo from *Firebuds*, Ginny from *SuperKitties* and Marvel's *Spidey and His Amazing Friends* LIVE onstage!

FORGOTTEN FOUNDING FATHERS

April 20, 2024 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 21, 2024 at 3 p.m.

Carnival Studio Theater

Tickets: \$30*

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fun Live! Series

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The Forgotten Founding Fathers is a hip-hop dance theatrical odyssey that explores American history through the lens of African American heroes during some of the country's most pivotal times, including the American Revolution, Civil War, and Reconstruction. This captivating show showcases heroes such as Prince Whipple, Wentworth Cheswell, Colonel Ty Cornelius, Sojourner Truth, Phillis Wheatley, and more. Unlike other historical education that highlights the pain and suffering of African Americans, "The Forgotten Founding Fathers" aims to teach the contributions of African Americans to the great country.

THE MAGIC OF ROB LAKE

May 18, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Ziff Ballet Opera House

Tickets: \$35, \$45, \$65, \$75, \$85, \$100*

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fun Live! Series

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One of the world's most celebrated illusionists, Rob Lake has dazzled and entertained millions with his mind-blowing illusions on network television, in Times Square, on the Vegas Strip, in Atlantic City, throughout Europe, Asia and the Bahamas and before sold-out audiences in casinos, arenas and theaters worldwide. His astonishing original illusions are presented as awe-inspiring storytelling on the grandest scale.

Whether you're a lifelong fan of magic or new to the world of illusion, Rob Lake's performance is one you'll never forget!

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BLUEY'S BIG PLAY

June 29-30, 2024 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ziff Ballet Opera House

Tickets: \$35, \$55, \$65, \$75, \$130 (VIP)*

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fun Live! Series

Photo and Video Link [Here](#)

When Dad feels in need of a Sunday afternoon time-out, Bluey and Bingo have other plans! Join them as they pull out all the games and cleverness at their disposal to get Dad off that beanbag.

Bluey's Big Play is a brand-new theatrical adaptation of the Emmy Award-winning children's television series, with an original story by Bluey creator Joe Brumm and new music by Bluey composer Joff Bush. Join the Heelers in their first live theatrical show made just for you. Featuring brilliantly created puppets, this is Bluey as you've never seen it before. Bluey's Big Play is presented by BBC Studios and Andrew Kay in association with Windmill Theatre Co.

MARIONETAS DE LA ESQUINA: LEARNING AND FORGETTING

September 28-29, 2024 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (performances are offered in English and Spanish)

Carnival Studio Theater

Tickets: \$30*

Part of the 2023-2024 Family Fun Live! Series

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Learning and Forgetting is a family tale about remembering. Young Eva is excited to learn new words and ideas. Her beloved Grandpa forgets – his memories and words aren't close at hand anymore. But that doesn't keep Eva and Grandpa from playing in the present and creating new stories together. Eva and her brother lift Grandpa's spirits on moving day as he transitions into a new home. Follow along as they find joy in the moment and learn understanding for a lifetime. This joyful theatrical experience explores intergenerational love with warmth, laughter and puppetry.

Written by award-winning playwright Amaranta Leyva, *Learning and Forgetting* is based on her own family experiences.

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Image of a family taking a selfie at Family Fest – Photo by Taylor Brown



Image of Family Fest – Photo by Morgan Sophia Photography

To download high-resolution versions of the photos above, click [here](#).

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The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is made possible by the public support of the Miami-Dade County Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council and the City of Miami Omni Community Redevelopment Agency, as well as the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. The Adrienne Arsht Center also receives generous support from individuals, corporations and local, state and national foundations.

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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

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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.

ABOUT THE ARSHT CENTER'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

FAMILY FEST is one of the 12 ongoing Arsht Center programs committed to community engagement and deepening the experience of the performing arts for all Miami-Dade County residents. Having served more than 120,000 people throughout its 17-year history, the programs broaden community participation and open the sights, sounds and possibilities of the world through the performing arts. Programs include: [Broadway on Biscayne](#), free interactive pre- and post-show experiences connecting audiences more deeply with each show; [Free Gospel Sundays](#), featuring Miami's best gospel artists and nationally renowned gospel headliners; **Heritage Fest**, an annual all-ages festival celebrating Black heritage; a **Juneteenth Juke Joint** party; [AileyCamp Miami](#), a full-scholarship, six-week summer 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; [Arsht on the Road](#), a series of free pop-up performances that bring the arts into Miami-Dade County's diverse neighborhoods; and programs that marry arts and wellness, such as [Accessing the Arts Residencies](#), art workshops for children and adults with disabilities; [Veteran Voices](#), a program that offers military veterans in Miami-Dade opportunities to use poetry and spoken word as a tools for self-expression, and [Art + Mind Day](#).