

Adrienne Arsht Center
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
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**MICHAEL HURT JOINS ARSHT CENTER AS
VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS**

Miami, FL – February 2022 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](https://www.arshtcenter.org)) is proud to announce that Michael Hurt has joined the Center as vice president of operations. Hurt will be responsible for oversight of the Arsht Center campus as leader of the Center's production, information technology, building engineering, front of house and operations teams.

Hurt joins the Arsht Center following management leadership roles at several major Miami venues where he played a key role in high-profile events including Art Basel, the NBA Finals, the Super Bowl, Major League Baseball All-star Week, the re-opening of the Miami Beach Convention Center and hundreds of arena and stadium concerts. In his most recent role as assistant general manager with Spectra Venue Management at the Convention Center, Hurt was responsible for event services, event operations, venue operations, public safety/transportation and IT for the venue, including nine acres of surrounding park space. Hurt's prior experience also includes serving as Director of Ballpark Operations at Marlins Park, where he assisted with the opening of the venue, and Senior Event Manager for the Miami Heat and American Airlines Arena (now FTX Arena).

"Michael brings extensive local experience in managing the operations of large facilities and events. In addition to his expertise, Michael has a creative problem-solving approach and is passionate about empowering the next generation of leaders," said Johann Zietsman, Arsht Center president and CEO.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, Hurt has been a South Florida resident for more than 18 years. He earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and an MBA from St. Thomas University.

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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

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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.