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## The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County Presents



# JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT

Inaugural celebration pays homage to the rich history of Black music, culture and food

> Thursday, June 16, 2022 Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25\* Ziff Ballet Opera House

**Miami, FL – April 20, 2022 –** The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County (@arshtcenter) is proud to announce its first **JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT**, a community celebration of Black freedom and culture.

Inspired by the vibe created by the backwoods, roadside establishments run and patronized by Black Americans in the years after slavery ended, the **JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT** will transform the Arsht Center's Peacock Foundation Studio into a one-night-only hotspot for dancing, live music, cocktails and celebrating with neighbors and friends. The night will feature pan-African beats by **DJ Nickymix** (@nickymix) followed by the soulful sounds of Miami-based R&B singer **LaVie** (@laviemusic), whose performance will take the audience on a journey through the rich history of Black music, featuring soul, blues, R&B and everything in between.

Audiences ages 18+ are encouraged to arrive as soon as doors open at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy a specially curated menu featuring delicious soul food-inspired bites and libations



for those 21 and over. The \$15 menu will include southern favorites, including BBQ, fried chicken wings, mac and cheese, sweet potato fritters, banana pudding, and red velvet shooters. Vegetarian/vegan options and a full bar will be available for purchase all evening.

General admission tickets to the **JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT** are available for \$25. VIP tables are available from \$100 for two guests and include guaranteed premium cabaret-style seating and two cocktails. Tickets may be purchased beginning today at the Adrienne Arsht Center box office by calling (305) 949-6722, or online at arshtcenter.org.

The **JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT** is made possible with the support of presenting sponsor Bank of America and media sponsor Outclique Magazine.

The Juneteenth holiday commemorates the effective end of slavery, when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 to free enslaved people. For generations, Juneteenth has been celebrated with gatherings, cookouts, music, laughter and pride in Black freedom.

The **JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT** is part of the Arsht Center's <u>The Heritage Project</u>, which was created with a commitment to promote social equality and amplify Black voices. The Arsht Center celebrates Black artists throughout our community through The Heritage Project's salon series, Heritage Fest and other special events all year long.



Image of DJ Nicky Mix – Photo courtesy artist management



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### AboutUs

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.