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**The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County and  
Spoken Soul present**

**SPOKEN SOUL VOL. 15 STORIES FROM THE WOMB**

**Celebrating 15 years of spoken word elevating the voices of South Florida women  
during Miami Poetry Month**

**April 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
Carnival Studio Theater**

**Miami – March 23, 2023** - The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County (@arshtcenter) and Spoken Soul Festival are excited to present the 15th anniversary of the **Spoken Soul Showcase** with **Vol. 15 Stories from the Womb** (@spokensoulfest). This immersive, multidisciplinary spoken word experience will spotlight the voices of South Florida women and feature four poets, including teaching artists who work with incarcerated women from the Miami-based [Beyond the Bars](#) program and women who are part of Spoken Soul. The free showcase will take place on April 21, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Carnival Studio Theater.

Admission to [Spoken Soul Vol. 15 Stories from the Womb](#) is free. Reserve passes online at [arshtcenter.org](https://arshtcenter.org) or by calling the Adrienne Arsht Center box office at 305- 949-6722.

The theme of this year's showcase, Stories from the Womb, aims to raise women's voices and explore their experiences and unique takes on motherhood through powerful poetry. The selected poets, all from Miami, will share their personal stories, struggles and triumphs, and will bring to light the unique challenges women face in society.

Spoken Soul Vol. 15 will feature an intimate spoken word format with cabaret-style seating and dim lighting, providing a comfortable and intimate atmosphere for the audience. The visual art backdrop will enhance the ambiance of the evening, further immersing the audience in the poetry.

"We are thrilled to celebrate 15 years of Spoken Soul Showcase in partnership with the Arsht Center, with a renewed focus on the power and resilience of women's voices. We firmly believe in the ability of poetry to connect people, ignite conversations and inspire

change. This year's theme, Stories from the Womb, will highlight the important narratives of female poets and their experiences related to the womb. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this profound evening of poetry and community," says Veronica Barrios-Garcia, producer of Spoken Soul Festival.

Spoken Soul Vol. 15 Stories from the Womb will include artists who work in the Beyond the Bars program, an initiative for incarcerated women who have discovered their voices through the art of poetry. It also highlights poets from Spoken Soul, a platform for diverse women to express themselves and share their experiences through spoken word. The annual showcase, which is co-presented by the Arsht Center, is a part of the Spoken Soul Festival's mission to amplify the voices of South Florida women artists from all backgrounds and walks of life.

For more information about Spoken Soul Festival and their mission, please visit [www.spokensoulfestival.com](http://www.spokensoulfestival.com).



Image of Spoken Soul Festival artist Crystal – Photo by Ezequiel Williams



Image of Freedom Writers – Photo by Moment77



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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).

## **ABOUT SPOKEN SOUL FESTIVAL**

Spoken Soul Festival spotlights South Florida women artists. The vision of the Spoken Soul Festival is to make South Florida women artists household names. The diverse and multicultural production team of women produce free events and outreach programs that leverage the arts for civic

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engagement. The events feature a variety of literary, performing and visual women artists based in South Florida. Artists selected to join the sisterhood are commissioned to create new works and provided with free professional development, mentorship and marketing assistance. More information at: [www.SpokenSoulFestival.com](http://www.SpokenSoulFestival.com) @spokensoulfest

This event is made possible with the support of the Miami Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.