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**The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County
announces**



HERITAGE FEST 2023

**Fourth annual community event celebrates the triumphs of the African
diaspora**

**Free, all-ages event features dance workshops, children's reading
corner, community vendors and more!**

**Featuring a pop-up gospel performance by
REV. MELVIN DAWSON & THE GENESIS
FELLOWSHIP DELEGATION**

**and South Florida's own
VICTORIA BLUE**

**Hosted by
DJ NICKYMIX**

**Saturday, February 4, 2023
3pm-7pm
FREE**

Thomson Plaza for the Arts – Ziff Ballet Opera House

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Miami, FL – January 4, 2023 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](#)) is pleased to announce the return of **HERITAGE FEST** to the Arsht Center's outdoor Thomson Plaza for the Arts for its fourth consecutive year. **HERITAGE FEST** is a full day of free family fun celebrating Black heritage and excellence across South Florida.

The 2023 festival features an afro-theory dance workshop led by Show Stopper Dance Studio's **Kerine Jean-Pierre** ([@lerougepierre](#)), a Free Gospel Sundays pop-up performance by **Rev. Melvin Dawson & the Genesis Fellowship Delegation** ([@theofficialgfd](#)) and South Florida pop/R&B singer and X-Factor alum **Victoria Blue** ([@victoria_blue](#)). **DJ Nickymix** ([@nickymix](#)) will be this year's MC and resident DJ for the day.

HERITAGE FEST will take place outdoors with some indoor activities. To RSVP for **HERITAGE FEST** and for more information, click [here](#).

HERITAGE FEST is presented with generous support by Bank of America.

HERITAGE FEST is part of **The Heritage Project**, 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](#), annual festival and many other special events throughout the season.

This year's [Black History Month](#) theme is Black Resistance and recognizes the strength and perseverance of the African diaspora and their resistance to historic and ongoing oppression in all forms. These resistance strategies have served as inspiration to many modern American social movements, including LGBTQ+ equality and women's rights.

ABOUT THE ARSHT CENTER'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

HERITAGE FEST is one of the 10 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 105,000 people throughout its 16-year history, the programs broaden community participation and open the sights, sounds and possibilities of the world through the performing arts. New programs for the 22-23 season include: [Broadway on Biscayne](#), a series of pre-and post- performance experiences giving audiences a closer look at the shows, and **Club Broadway** which brings together a cohort of teen Broadway enthusiasts for shows and workshops. Existing programs include: [Free Gospel Sundays](#), featuring Miami's best gospel artists and nationally renowned gospel headliners; [Family Fest](#), a series of free performances featuring the world's leading family-friendly artists; [AileyCamp Miami](#), a full-scholarship, six-week summer dance 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; [Accessing the Arts Residencies](#), art

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workshops for children and adults with disabilities; and [Arsht on the Road](#), a series of free pop-up performances that bring the arts into Miami-Dade County's diverse neighborhoods.



Image of Heritage Fest 2020 –
Photo by Amanda Smith
Photography



Image of DJ NickyMix hyping up
the crowd for the Arsht Center's
inaugural Juneteenth Juke Joint
- Photo by Taylor Brown

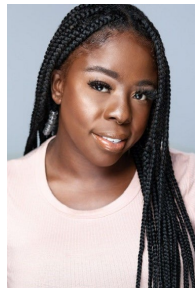


Image of Kerine Jean-Pierre –
Photo courtesy artist
management



Image of Victoria Blue
performing at the Arsht Center's
5th Annual CommuniTea Dance
- Photo by Morgan Sophia
Photography

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*All programs, artists, ticket prices, availability, dates and times are subject to change without notice. Visit arshtcenter.org for up-to-date information.

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 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.