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The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County Announces the Return of



Fan-favorite series returns for the Arsht Center's 15th Anniversary season featuring a lineup of all-Miami artists including:

NEGRONI'S TRIO WITH SPECIAL GUEST ELLI CLARKE

Three-time Latin Grammy-nominated jazz trio headline the Arsht Center's 15th birthday party October 5, 2021

SCONE CASH PLAYERS

Bringing the soul and funk of the Hammond Organ to the Thomson Plaza October 12, 2021

LAVIE

Miami native blends R&B and soul with her Caribbean roots October 19, 2021



DOCTOR NATIVO

Featuring reggae, cumbia, hip-hop and pre-Columbian sounds from one of Central America's most exciting new talents October 26, 2021

Miami, FL – September 20, 2021 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County (@arshtcenter) is thrilled to announce the return of the LIVE ON THE PLAZA series to the Thomson Plaza for the Arts for the Center's 15th Anniversary season. The fan-favorite outdoor series kicks off on the Arsht Center's 15th birthday on October 5 with NEGRONI'S TRIO. The celebrations continue throughout the month with SCONE CASH PLAYERS on October 12; LaVIE on October 19; and DOCTOR NATIVO on October 26.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with light bites and beverage service. Happy hour pricing is available until 7 p.m. Each performance begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. and lasts approximately 60-70 minutes without intermission.

Tickets to all performances are \$20 per person, purchased by the table, and will be available beginning today at noon. Tickets may be purchased at the Adrienne Arsht Center box office by calling (305) 949-6722, or online at arshtcenter.org.

Live on the Plaza is presented by TD Bank.

Arsht Center Commitment to Safety

The Arsht Center remains deeply committed to the health and peace of mind of our guests, artists and staff. This event is outdoors and will have safe distancing measures in place. Based on guidance from health officials, masks AND proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test are required for entry (effective October 2021). Guests may volunteer proof of vaccination in lieu of a negative test. Learn more <u>here</u>. Mask are required while indoors and recommended outdoors, except when eating or drinking. We are also maintaining enhanced cleaning and sanitation procedures. Any policy changes will be sent directly to ticketholders and updated regularly at arshtcenter.org/covid-19.

The October lineup for Live on the Plaza 2021-2022 season includes:

LIVE ON THE PLAZA: NEGRONI'S TRIO WITH SPECIAL GUEST ELLI CLARKE Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Thomson Plaza for the Arts

NEGRONI'S TRIO is a 3-time Latin Grammy-nominated jazz piano trio comprised of **José Negroni** on piano and keyboards, his son, **Nomar Negroni** (a Berklee College of Music graduate) on drums and percussion, and American bassist **Josh Allen** (graduate of the Frost School of Music, University of Miami). The Negroni father-and-son team have worked together since 2002 as co-founders and co-producers to form an ensemble of master musicians who create their own unique voice in traditionally known jazz classics, Latin jazz and jazz fusion. Taking musical risks with performance and repertoire, the result is an array



of classic lyricism mixed with innovative and sincere improvisations that quenches their audience's thirst for world-class jazz. Negroni's Trio has performed across the United States and at international jazz festivals.

Joining Negroni's Trio will be veteran jazz singer **ELLI CLARKE**. She has performed with artists such as Claudia Acuña, New York City Swing Orchestra, The Ray Cohen Orchestra, The Empire Orchestra, Joe Raposo, Johnny Ventura, Celia Cruz, Henry Jimenez and Carlos Ponce. Elli and José Negroni are currently in the studio finishing up her long-awaited album, due to be released in early 2022.

LIVE ON THE PLAZA: SCONE CASH PLAYERS Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Thomson Plaza for the Arts

The **SCONE CASH PLAYERS** arrive with force and fury. It is a mission to bring the purist, most soulful, dynamic and funky organ music to the people of the world. Think about the best breakbeats and the most screaming organ combined to make a truly unique sound that is the **SCONE CASH PLAYERS**.

Organist **ADAM SCONE** draws from his vast experience working with soul legends Daptone Records artists The Sugarman Three, Lee Fields, Naomi Shelton & Sharon Jones. He has also backed up Jazz and Boogaloo legends Lou Donaldson, Melvin Sparks and Ben Dixon. This background fuels his band to the hardest-driving soul-psychedelia possible. The group is certain to make any audience jump up and get into it.

LIVE ON THE PLAZA: LaVIE Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Thomson Plaza for Arts

Miami native **LaVIE** has performed with her band at Jazz in the Gardens and across the country as an opener for KyMani Marley. Now she and her band bring their signature blend of R&B and Soul, influenced by LaVie's Caribbean roots, to Live on the Plaza. From her vivacious stage performances to her infectiously rapturous personality, **LaVIE** is a shining example of living life to the fullest!

LIVE ON THE PLAZA: DOCTOR NATIVO Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Thomson Plaza for Arts

Guatemala's **DOCTOR NATIVO** is one of Central America's most exciting new talents. His music layers Mayan spirituality, social activism and folk wisdom over a propulsive, popular sound combining reggae, cumbia, hip hop and pre-Columbian instruments. His debut album, *Guatemaya*, is a call for social justice for his country's indigenous majority. It came out on Guatemalan Independence Day, September 15, 2018 and was presented at Lincoln Center in New York City by Stonetree Records.





Image of Negroni's Trio – Photo courtesy artist management



Image of Elli Clarke – Photo courtesy artist management



Image of Scone Cash Players – Photo courtesy artist management



Image of LaVie – 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.