

# Adrienne Arsht Center

FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

## 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season



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



### LUCIANA SOUZA AND VINCE MENDOZA: STORYTELLERS

Grammy Award-winning vocalist celebrates some of Brazil's most popular songwriters together with Grammy Award-winning composer Vince Mendoza and the UM Frost Concert Jazz Band

"Her voice traces a landscape of emotion that knows no boundaries."  
– *Entertainment Weekly*

Friday, April 8, 2022 at 8 p.m.  
Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$70, \$115\*  
Knight Concert Hall

Concludes the 2021-2022 Jazz Roots season

**Miami, FL – March 24, 2022** – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](https://www.arshtcenter.org)) is proud to present Grammy Award-winning vocalist **LUCIANA SOUZA** ([@lucianasouzamusica](https://www.instagram.com/lucianasouzamusica)) and Grammy Award-winning arranger and composer **VINCE MENDOZA** ([@vincemedozacomposer](https://www.instagram.com/vincemedozacomposer)) as the exciting culmination of the Center's **2021-2022 JAZZ ROOTS** series presented by EFG. Melding the worlds of Brazilian pop and American jazz, Souza brings her deeply personal, colorful and illuminated musicality to Mendoza's big-band arrangements of songs by her fellow Brazilians **Antonio Carlos Jobim, Edu Lobo, Chico Buarque, Guinga, Djavan, Ivan Lins** and

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**Gilberto Gil.** Souza and Mendoza will be joined onstage by the **University of Miami's Frost Concert Jazz Band** conducted by **John Daversa.**

Tickets to **JAZZ ROOTS: Luciana Souza and Vince Mendoza: Storytellers** are \$40, \$50, \$70 and \$115\* and may be purchased now at the Adrienne Arsht Center box office by calling (305) 949-6722, or online at [arshtcenter.org](http://arshtcenter.org).

**LUCIANA SOUZA** is one of jazz's leading singers and interpreters. Her work transcends traditional musical boundaries, offering solid roots in jazz, a sophisticated lineage in world music and an enlightened approach to the latest sounds. She has performed and recorded with **Herbie Hancock, Paul Simon, James Taylor, Bobby McFerrin, Maria Schneider, Danilo Perez, Guillermo Klein, and John Patitucci**, among others. Souza has been releasing celebrated recordings since 2002, including her six Grammy-nominated records *Brazilian Duos, North and South, Duos II, Tide, Duos III, and The Book of Chet*.

**VINCE MENDOZA** has been at the forefront of the jazz and contemporary-music scenes as a composer, arranger, conductor and recording artist for the past 20 years. Mendoza's arranging has appeared on many critically acclaimed projects, including albums by **Björk, Chaka Khan, Al Jarreau, Bobby McFerrin, Melody Gardot, Sting** and **Joni Mitchell**. He has six Grammy Awards and 25 nominations. Mendoza is the music director and chief conductor of Metropole Orchestra in the Netherlands. He appears frequently as a guest conductor with orchestras throughout the United States, Japan, Scandinavia and the United Kingdom.

The award-winning **FROST CONCERT JAZZ BAND** is renowned for its outstanding musicianship, inspired performances, soloists, and well-crafted original arrangements. Under the direction of **Dr. John Daversa**, the large jazz ensemble continues its storied history into a new era. The ensemble has won countless Downbeat Student Music Awards throughout its history, including Outstanding Performance and Best Graduate Large Ensemble.

Opening for Souza and Mendoza is the **JOHN DAVERSA QUINTET**. Daversa is a distinguished trumpet-player, composer, arranger, producer, bandleader and educator. He is world-renowned for his virtuosic, dynamic and emotive style of trumpet and electronic valve instrument (EVI) playing, along with imaginative, genre-bending compositions and arrangements. Originally from Los Angeles, CA, he is currently Chair of Studio Music and Jazz at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music. In addition to multiple awards as a bandleader and educator, his large jazz ensemble album, *American Dreamers: Voices of Hope, Music of Freedom* received three Grammy Awards and his big band album *Kaleidoscope Eyes: Music of the Beatles* received three Grammy nominations.

### **Arts Education Program**

**Jazz Roots: Sound Check**, a part of the Jazz Roots series from its inception in 2008, welcomes high school students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools to the Knight

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Concert Hall for free sound checks, lectures and, on occasion, opportunities to perform with headline artists from the Center's Jazz Roots concert series. Participants also receive free admission to that evening's Jazz Roots concert, provided free of charge by the Arsht Center. Throughout the program's history, students have participated with jazz legends such as **Chris Botti**, **Chucho Valdés**, **Candy Dulfer**, **Aaron Neville** and the **Dirty Dozen Brass Band** to name a few. Click [here](#) to watch a behind-the-scenes video of students experiencing a sound check with the **Pete Escovedo Orchestra**.

**Jazz Roots: Sound Check** is made possible in part by EFG; Baldwin Richardson Foods; Alan and Diane Lieberman; Green Family Foundation Trust; Quint Family Foundation; and Hazel Rosen.

**JAZZ ROOTS** is presented by the Arsht Center with generous support from presenting sponsor EFG. **JAZZ ROOTS** also receives generous support from Baldwin Richardson Foods, Quint Family Foundation, Alan and Diane Lieberman and Steinway & Sons, the official piano of the Adrienne Arsht Center. WDNA 88.9 FM is a media sponsor.



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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).

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