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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF THE NEW “2010 GOLDEN TICKET ARTS GUIDE”**

MIAMI, FLORIDA – The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs announces the release of the 2010 *Golden Ticket Arts Guide*, a calendar listing of free cultural events and activities for senior citizens in Miami-Dade County. The new guide has been redesigned and is a bilingual publication, with event listings in English and Spanish. The *Golden Ticket Arts Guide* was first introduced in 2005 as a way to help connect Miami-Dade’s senior residents with some of the best arts and cultural offerings in the community.

The *2010 Golden Ticket Arts Guide* is user-friendly, featuring large type calendar listings with detailed event descriptions, and venue locator maps that are keyed to each event listing. Additional features include a section of ongoing events which offer free admission on specific days and times throughout the year and monthly changing exhibitions. The *Golden Ticket Arts Guide* includes hundreds of free cultural events for seniors presented by over 45 of Miami-Dade County’s finest cultural organizations.

“The *Golden Ticket Arts Guide* is clearly one of our most popular and successful programs ever. Together with Mayor Carlos Alvarez, Board of County Commissioners Chairman Dennis C. Moss and the Board of County Commissioners, we are extremely proud to bring this free service to Miami-Dade County’s senior citizens. Connecting seniors with our community’s cultural offerings in a way that is convenient and accessible to them, is a clear demonstration of our objective to connect all of the people in Miami-Dade County with great cultural experiences,” stated Adolfo Henriques, Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council.

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The *2010 Golden Ticket Arts Guide* may be requested by calling (786) 331-5375. Copies of the *2010 Golden Ticket Arts Guide* are also made available through the Miami-Dade County Public Library System, Government Information Center Service Direct offices, the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Commissioners' offices as well as through a network of Senior Centers. In addition, the *2010 Golden Ticket Arts Guide* is available online now at <http://www.miamidadearts.org/goldenticket.aspx> .

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The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,100 not-for-profit cultural organizations as well as thousands of resident artists through grants, technical assistance, public information and interactive community planning. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida through the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Other support and services are provided by Ticketmaster for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium and the Tourist Development Council.
