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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS' 2012-2013 GOLDEN TICKET ARTS GUIDE IS AVAILABLE

Includes Free Admission Offers for Seniors to Several Performances at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and Miami-Dade County Auditorium

MIAMI, May 29, 2012 -- The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs announces the release of the 2012-2013 *Golden Ticket Arts Guide*, a catalog of free cultural events and activities for senior citizens in Miami-Dade County. This 6th annual edition of the bilingual guide, printed in English and Spanish, continues to help connect Miami-Dade's senior residents with some of the best arts and cultural offerings in the community.

The 2012-2013 *Golden Ticket Arts Guide* includes hundreds of free cultural events for seniors presented by over 42 of Miami-Dade County's finest cultural organizations. This year, the guide includes free admission to several performances at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. The brand new Center, designed by an internationally-acclaimed Design Team comprised of Arquitectonica International, Inc.; Fisher Dachs Associates, Inc.; Artec Consultants, Inc.; and AMS Planning & Research Corp., is located in the heart of the Town of Cutler Bay. Among other offers included are free admission on specific days to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, Zoo Miami and Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

The *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 and festivals. To participate in the program, seniors must be at least 62 years of age and must be residents of Miami-Dade County.

"The *Golden Ticket Arts Guide* is one of the Department's most popular and successful programs ever. Connecting seniors with our community's cultural offerings in a way that is

convenient and accessible to them is tremendously important, and our very direct approach enables all of the people in Miami-Dade County to enjoy great cultural experiences,” said Adolfo Henriques, Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council.

The *2012-2013 Golden Ticket Arts Guide* is available in a single volume in dual languages, English and Spanish, and may be requested by calling (786) 331-5375. Copies of the *2012-2013 Golden Ticket Arts Guide* are also made available through the Miami-Dade County Public Library System, the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Commissioners’ offices as well as through a network of Senior Centers. In addition, the *2012-2013 Golden Ticket Arts Guide* is available online now at www.miamidadearts.org.

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The Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, its 15-member volunteer advisory board, 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. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, 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, The Children’s Trust, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Other support and services are provided by TicketWeb for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium and the Tourist Development Council.