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THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES THE 2017 GOLDEN TICKET ARTS GUIDE FOR SENIORS

This year's Guide offers free tickets to cultural events for senior citizens.

MIAMI, November 1, 2016 -- The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs announces the release of the 2017 Golden Ticket Arts Guide, a catalog of free cultural events and activities for senior citizens in Miami-Dade County. Printed in English and Spanish, the Golden Ticket Arts Guide connects seniors with free cultural events presented by Miami-Dade County's finest cultural organizations.

The guide includes free admission to major cultural festivals, such as the Miami Book Fair International and the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, as well as admission to museums and gardens on specific days, such as Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, the Pérez Art Museum Miami and Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

The Golden Ticket Arts Guide is age-friendly, featuring large type calendar listings with detailed event descriptions. The guide is available to seniors who must be at least 62 years of age and are Miami-Dade County residents.

"Our free Golden Ticket Arts Guide offers extraordinary cultural opportunities to our most honored citizens, our seniors," said Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez. "I believe that all older adults in Miami-Dade County should be able to enjoy the highest quality of life possible and that includes access to our world-class arts and cultural institutions."

The Golden Ticket Arts Guide may be requested by calling (305) 499-8755. Copies of the Guide are available through the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Commissioners' offices, the Miami-Dade County Public Library System and through a network of senior centers. The Guide is also available online now at www.miamidadearts.org where seniors can find an event and print out a ticket.

"For more than a decade, the Golden Ticket Arts Guide has successfully connected seniors with our community's outstanding cultural offerings," said Michael Spring, Senior Advisor to the Office of the Mayor and Director of the Miami-Dade County Department of

Cultural Affairs. “With the Golden Ticket Arts Guide, seniors can choose from more than 150 arts events and enjoy great cultural experiences at absolutely no charge.”

It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, and/or any accommodation to participate in any Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs program or meeting, please contact Francine Andersen at 305-375-4634, culture@miamidade.gov at least five days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

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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 serves its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department also manages, programs and operates the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, a campus of state-of-the-art cultural facilities in Cutler Bay, as well as Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Joseph Caleb Auditorium and the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, all dedicated to presenting and supporting excellence in the arts for the entire community. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,000 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 Council on Arts and Culture, 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.