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## **Inauguration event scheduled for the new Westchester Cultural Arts Center**

***At the main entrance to Tropical Park on Friday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m.  
Bird Road (SW 40 Street) & SW 79 Avenue***

(Miami – June 24, 2021) – With the support of Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Javier D. Souto, District 10, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department are hosting an inauguration event and ribbon cutting for the new Westchester Cultural Arts Center located at the main entrance of Tropical Park, 7930 SW 40<sup>th</sup> Street. The event is being held on Friday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony, a musical presentation by the Roxy Theatre Group and building tours.

“I am proud to have championed the construction of Westchester Cultural Arts Center, which will present exciting cultural programs for the entire family throughout the year. It has been a long road to get to this point, and I am confident that this new and beautiful facility will quickly become an invaluable cultural resource for our community,” stated Miami-Dade County Commissioner Javier D. Souto, District 10.

Funded by the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond program, the Westchester Cultural Arts Center will provide cultural programming and instruction focusing on Hispanic arts and culture. The Center was designed by Zyscovich Architects and features a 200-seat Studio Theater and support spaces, including a lobby area which will serve as an art gallery. The state-of-the-art center was built by TGSV Enterprises, Inc., a construction company selected through a competitive process. The Center will open officially in the fall of 2021 and offer exciting cultural and recreational programs at Tropical Park, one of the County’s most popular recreational resources and principally serve the families and children in the western region of Miami-Dade County.

For more information about the Westchester Cultural Arts Center and the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs visit [www.miamidadearts.org](http://www.miamidadearts.org).

### **About Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs**

The [Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs](http://www.miamidadearts.org) and the Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity, and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting equitable opportunities for artists and cultural

organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. 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, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Peacock Foundation, Inc., and The Jorge M. Pérez Family 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.

### **About Miami-Dade Parks**

[Miami-Dade Parks](#) is the third largest county park system in the United States, consisting of 270 parks and 13,573 acres of land. It is one of the most unique park and recreation systems in the world.

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