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**South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center Named Best Theater for Drama by
Miami New Times, Best of Miami**

(MIAMI, June 17, 2014) – South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center is named Best Theater for Drama by *Miami New Times* in their annual Best of Miami series which comes out this week. The publication cites the Center’s role in providing a home for the South Florida-based New Theatre as one of many important contributions that the Center has provided to the cultural community. New Theatre recently relocated to South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center after losing its performance space.

The article also mentions the Center’s programming choices. “...the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC) has already done plenty since its 2011 grand opening to prove its worth to taxpayers. It has delivered a winning combination of jazz, classical, and dance shows with a heavy emphasis on Latin American and Caribbean troupes,” wrote *Miami New Times*.

“We are so proud of this recognition and are committed to continuing to provide diverse, affordable and outstanding programming for audiences of all ages,” said Mayor Carlos Gimenez.

Click to see the full article: <http://www.miaminewtimes.com/bestof/2014/award/best-theater-for-drama-4129194/>.

The South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, designed by an internationally-acclaimed design team that includes Arquitectonica International, Inc. (architects), Fisher Dachs Associates, Inc. (theater design), Artec Consultants, Inc. (acoustics), and AMS Planning & Research Corp. (theater management), provides, for the first time, a state-of-the-art cultural venue and community gathering place in the southern part of Miami-Dade County. Located at 10950 SW 211th Street in Cutler Bay, the Center is an integral part of the economic and cultural development of the area, offering quality artistic programming and community accessibility. The Center features prominent works of art created by Miami artist Robert Chambers who was commissioned by Miami-Dade County’s Art in Public Places program to design a kinetic light wall and sculptures for the theater.

The South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center is managed by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, with funding support from the Office of the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners. The Center is dedicated to presenting and supporting arts and culture and providing access to the arts to the entire Miami-Dade County community. More information about the Center and its programs can be found at www.smdcac.org.

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