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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Miami Beach Kicks Off Third Season of “Arts in the Parks”** *-- Free Cultural Performances throughout the City --*

**Miami Beach, FL** – Miami Beach’s “Arts in the Parks,” a free family-friendly arts program at a city park, launches its third season with a full weekend of performances. The series kicks off Saturday (November 1) evening on Lincoln Road with a musical comedy street theater performance from Spain and continues on Sunday (November 2) afternoon with a concert at Flamingo Park.

“Our residents wanted more free cultural activities in the community and we listened,” said Miami Beach City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez. “Miami Beach already offers a diverse range of cultural arts activities and events, and the new season of ‘Arts in the Parks’ program further increases Miami Beach’s role as a leading cultural arts city.”

#### **2008/2009 Schedule**

Saturday, November 1, 5:00 p.m.  
Euclid Oval on Lincoln Road  
EL DESAHUCIO  
Musical comedy street theater from Spain produced by Centro Cultural Español

Sunday, November 2, 3:00 p.m.  
Flamingo Park, Meridian Avenue + 12 Street  
FRANK LONDON’S MAGIC CITY MUSIC MAYHEM with special guest stars  
Produced by The Open Tent

Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
North Shore Open Space Park, Collins Avenue + 81 Street  
GROUND UP AND RISING “THINKING ON YOUR HEAD, STANDING ON YOUR FEET” IMPROV COMEDY SHOW FOR KIDS!

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January 9 – 10 – 11, 7:00 p.m.  
Flamingo Park, Meridian Avenue + 12 Street  
Shakespeare’s MACBETH  
Produced by Shakespeare Miami

Saturday, February 28, 4:00 p.m.  
North Shore Open Space Park, Collins Avenue + 81 Street  
RUMBA! The Afro-Cuban Music and Dance Experience  
Produced by FUNDarte

Saturday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.  
North Shore Open Space Park, Collins Avenue + 81 Street  
Donizetti's ELIXIR OF LOVE [L'Elisir d'amore] with full cast and orchestra  
Produced by Miami Lyric Opera

Saturday, May 30, 6:00 p.m.  
Flamingo Park, Meridian Avenue + 12 Street  
Animate Objects Physical Theater's ATLANTIS: a spectacular underwater  
journey with aerialists and stilt walkers

"Arts in the Parks" launched in 2006 as a result of community surveys and focus groups that indicated residents would like to see more free cultural events. Miami Beach "Arts in the Parks" events feature a variety of cultural offerings such as concerts, plays, musical performances and other acts, and are free and open to the public.

The Miami Beach "Arts in the Parks" program hopes to increase the community rating of cultural activities, which is part of the City's overall strategic plan. This year, the number of performances was reduced due to budgetary constraints.

For more information on "Arts in the Parks," go to [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov) or call Gary Farmer at 305.673.7577.

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