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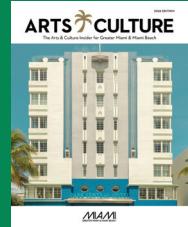
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ABOUT THE FRONT COVER

Art Deco, the iconic architectural style synonymous with Miami Beach, marked its 100th anniversary in 2025. South Beach's Art Deco Historic District showcases a collection of stunning Art Deco buildings, including the one at 640 Ocean Drive, which was designed by renowned architect Henry Hohauser and constructed in 1937.



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ART DECO AND MORE IN SOUTH BEACH

By Josie Gulliksen, Artburst contributor

The bright colors of historic Art Deco buildings dot the landscape in Miami Beach. While the exterior architectural details are striking, the interiors also hold treasures. Art Deco is easy to spot, with its eye-catching pastels as well as its geometric lines and curves, chrome accents and fountains. The world's largest concentration of Art Deco architecture can be found in South Beach's Art Deco Historic District, between 5th and 23rd streets, along Ocean Drive and Collins and Washington avenues.



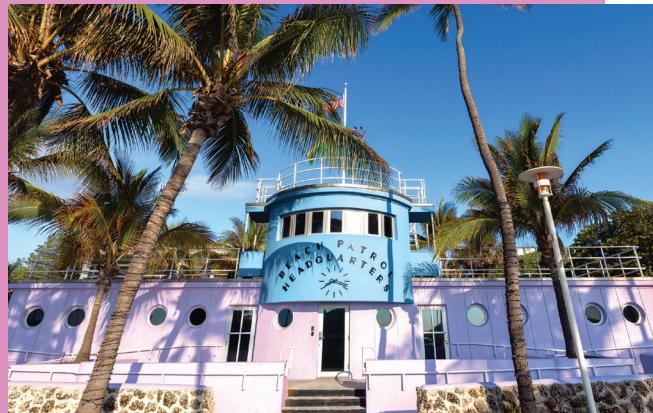
ART DECO TURNS 100

Through February 2026, **100 Years of Art Deco: A World Celebration in Miami Beach**, an open-air exhibition in **Lummus Park** along Ocean Drive between 11th and 12th streets, is showcasing more than 100 historic Art Deco images from around the world, including Miami.

You can also celebrate a century of Miami Beach Art Deco with a self-guided tour. Begin at 10th Street and Ocean Drive at the **Art Deco Museum and Welcome Center**, which is operated by the **Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL)**.

Inside, the **Art Deco Museum** regularly showcases rotating exhibitions highlighting the history of the architectural style that took hold in South Beach in 1925. You'll learn about the architectural masterminds behind these structures. The MDPL offers daily Art Deco walking tours as well as a self-guided Art Deco audio walking tour.

The tours offer insight into Art Deco buildings as well as the Mediterranean Revival and Miami Modern (MiMo) architectural styles that are prevalent in Miami Beach. MiMo buildings have angular designs and long runway balconies, while Mediterranean Revival-style structures have barrel tile roofs and rounded archways.

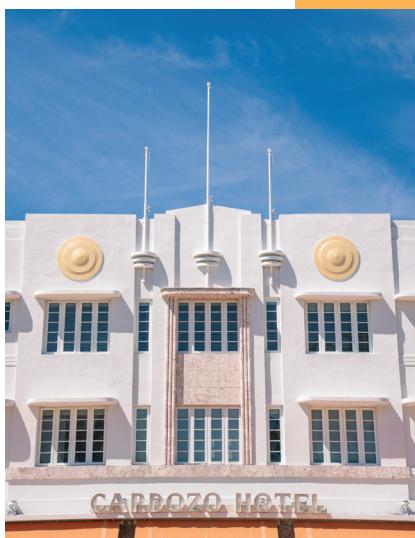


STAY IN THE HEART OF ART DECO

Unique architectural features are a main draw at hotels in the Art Deco Historic District. The exteriors feature a unique Art Deco style, known as Tropical Deco, that's exclusive to Miami. Look for elements that recall nautical designs as well as shading "eyebrows" – shelf structures placed above windows to provide shade. In hotel lobbies, terrazzo floors from the era feature Art Deco-inspired patterns. On the ceilings, chandeliers and light fixtures feature the streamlined design that was so daring for the time.

National Hotel Miami Beach is a classic Art Deco Historic District hotel, with an iconic pool and lobby that are a throwback to the elegance and style of the time. The **Cardozo Hotel**, designed by renowned Art Deco architect Henry Hohauser, is a classic example of his style.

Hotel Breakwater South Beach and **The Marlin Hotel** also evoke traditional Art Deco features.

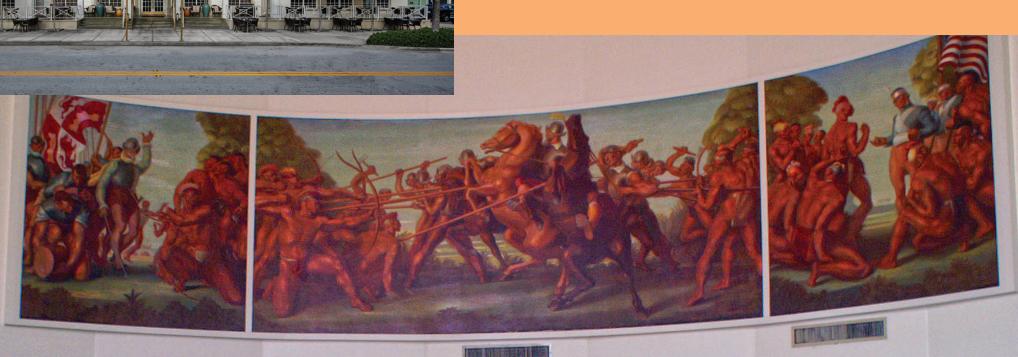


UNIQUE SIGHTS

In Miami Beach, even the lifeguard towers show off Art Deco pride, keeping the theme intact along the beach. They're colorful icons of Miami Beach that are always photo-ready. Not only do they aid in helping lifeguards protect swimmers, they're also artful symbols of the area's past and present. Designed by architect William Lane, the lifeguard stands flaunt a rainbow of colors and Art Deco design, reflecting the local lifestyle.



Check out **The Betsy - South Beach** hotel's eye-catching egg-shaped outdoor art installation, "The Betsy Orb." It was designed by architect Allan Shulman in 2016 with a functional purpose – to connect two wings of the hotel. The giant oval often features projections, especially during **Art Basel Miami Beach**.



A post office may seem like an odd choice for sightseeing, but the **Miami Beach Post Office** on the corner of Washington Avenue and 13th Street is a gem of Streamline Moderne design, an Art Deco style that emerged in the 1930s during the Great Depression. The circular lobby has a working fountain, stunning murals and a starburst ceiling.



*Miami Beach Post Office
Photo by Daniel Di Palma*

MUST-SEES IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL

The front of **The Villa Casa Casuarina**

(the former Versace Mansion) on Ocean Drive is one of the most famous spots in the Art Deco Historic District. While the structure is Mediterranean Revival style, fashion designer Gianni Versace helped put the Art Deco historic district on the map when celebrities and artists flocked to his mansion in the 1990s. It's a boutique hotel now.



Located between 14th and 15th streets from Collins to Jefferson avenues, **Espanola Way** is the perfect place to explore Mediterranean Revival architecture. The pedestrian-only cobblestone streets are lined with boutiques, bars and restaurants. It was conceived in 1925 by developers William Whitman and NBT Roney. Architect Robert Taylor built it to resemble a Mediterranean Village.

Mac's Club Deuce, the oldest bar in Miami Beach, opened in 1933. The cash-only spot is known for the neon Art Deco sign out front, dive bar décor, a classic jukebox and relics on display from the television show "Miami Vice." The bar was featured in the show in the 1980s, and remnants of the pink and green neon that was used to dress up the set remain.



WHERE TO DINE



Puerto Sagua, which opened in 1968, is the Art Deco Historic District's oldest Cuban restaurant. The décor is simple, and the food is authentic and delicious. It's a comfortable and laid-back space to enjoy classics like ropa vieja and Cuban sandwiches.



News Cafe has been an anchor of the Art Deco Historic District since it opened in 1988. At the time, it was one of the only restaurants on Ocean Drive. The late fashion designer Gianni Versace was known to stroll from his mansion to the cafe every morning for breakfast.

Joe's Stone Crab has been a staple of Miami Beach since 1913, more than a decade before Art Deco took hold. Surrounded by Art Deco buildings, it's a popular stop for locals, tourists and celebrities. The classic red and green neon sign beckons diners to enjoy one of the destination's most iconic dishes: stone crabs.



The **11th St. Diner** is a fun spot with more than 100 menu items to choose from, including spiked milkshakes. It's housed in an Art Deco Paramount dining car that was built in New Jersey in 1948 and transported to Miami Beach in 1992. Its silver exterior gleams beneath neon lights.





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DISCOVER THE BEST MIAMI NEIGHBORHOODS FOR LATIN MUSIC

By Michelle F. Solomon, Artburst contributor

From the percussion-driven sounds of samba to the bouncy rhythms of bachata, Latin music in Greater Miami & Miami Beach is an education in regional influences. No other place in the United States offers such a variety of live Latin music. Some of the music has evolved, adopting what's become known as the Miami Sound, while other sounds remain steeped in the traditional. Here, it's not only about listening to live Latin music; it's an invitation to dance the night away while exploring the Latin clubs in Miami neighborhoods that create an authentic cultural experience.

CLASSIC SOUNDS IN LITTLE HAVANA

You'll find non-stop Cuban music and dancing in the heart of Little Havana's **Calle Ocho** (Southwest 8th Street), and **Ball & Chain** restaurant and lounge is the epicenter. Every day starting at noon, a live Latin music trio plays authentic Latin jazz. On the weekends, it's live salsa bands and Latin music classics. Venture outdoors to the Pineapple Lounge – the stage looks like a giant pineapple, hence the name. Its courtyard is the perfect place to give salsa, mambo or cha-cha dancing a try.



Havana 1957

Just a few blocks away on Calle Ocho is the cozy **Hoy Como Ayer**, where light bites like street corn, croquetas and empanadas as well as authentic Cuban cocktails are on the menu, along with live music. Things heat up in the evening with salsa bands playing Latin and tropical classics. At **Sala'o Cuban Restaurant**, enjoy a Cuban lunch with live music starting at noon every day, salsa classes, and live music shows every night, including Tropicana dancers on Thursdays and a tribute to Carnaval on Fridays, complete with performers in authentic costumes.



Calle Ocho Music Festival

Carnaval Miami is an annual celebration with events held all over Miami in February and March. The highlight is the grand dame of Latin music festivals: The one-day **Calle Ocho Music Festival**, the largest Latin music festival in the nation, which takes over 15 city blocks of the Little Havana neighborhood with music, food and folklore.

SOUTH BEACH BEATS



Mango's Tropical Cafe is a popular restaurant and nightclub on Ocean Drive that's known for live Latin music and dancing. One of its most popular dance experiences, the Sip & Salsa Party, takes place every night. A ticket includes salsa and bachata lessons, mojitos and Cuban party bites. After the lessons, you can continue to dance the night away because tickets include entry into Mango's live music venue.

Another Latin restaurant with live music in Miami Beach lives up to its motto: Cuban nostalgia served daily. It's certainly true. You'll feel like you've stepped back in time at **Havana 1957**, where the décor, Cuban fare and live dinner shows every Friday and Saturday with a live Cuban band recreate the feeling of 1950s Havana. Stay after the show for free salsa lessons.



REGGAETON, ALTERLATINA AND ELECTRONIC BEATS IN WYNWOOD

Every night is Latin music night at **El Patio Wynwood**, and while there's always a beat and a cool vibe, on Mondays it's bachata, merengue and Latin rhythms that draw the crowds to the dance floor. On Friday nights and all day on Saturdays, the sound mix is dedicated to Alterlatina, a confluence of genres that create Latin alternative music.

Album release parties, Latin concerts, deejays, fire dancers and a Mexican-Asian fusion menu make **Mayami Wynwood** one of the most happening Latin club spots. **Perro Negro** got its start in Medellín, Colombia. Now, the reggaeton music club has taken root in Wynwood, with an electric atmosphere.



El Patio Wynwood

AUTHENTIC DOMINICAN SOUNDS IN ALLAPATTAH



For a taste of Dominican culture, the family-owned **Club Tipico Dominicano** serves traditional food and boasts a roster of top-notch Latin performing artists, plus deejays playing new and traditional bachata music. The elevated dance floor gets crowded on weekends, and the place is bursting with energy. For the complete Club Tipico experience, learn the key bachata dance moves on Fridays during Viernes Social.

DORAL DANCE PARTY

Latin street music and dancing go hand in hand at **The Doral Yard**. In the Backyard, live music performances light up the outdoor stage with non-stop rumba, flamenco, Venezuelan dance music and Latin funk. The Yard's free Noche de Tributo performance series offers sets honoring legendary Latin artists. Inside, you'll enjoy an array of different cuisines in the mini food hall, including seafood-filled coastal empanadas, traditional Venezuelan arepas and made-to-order churros over house-made scoops of ice cream.



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A photograph of a woman from behind, with her long dark hair flowing down her back. She is wearing a light blue, lace-trimmed top. Her arms are raised high above her head, and she is holding a glowing yellow and orange light stick. The background is a blurred concert stage with bright lights and other audience members.

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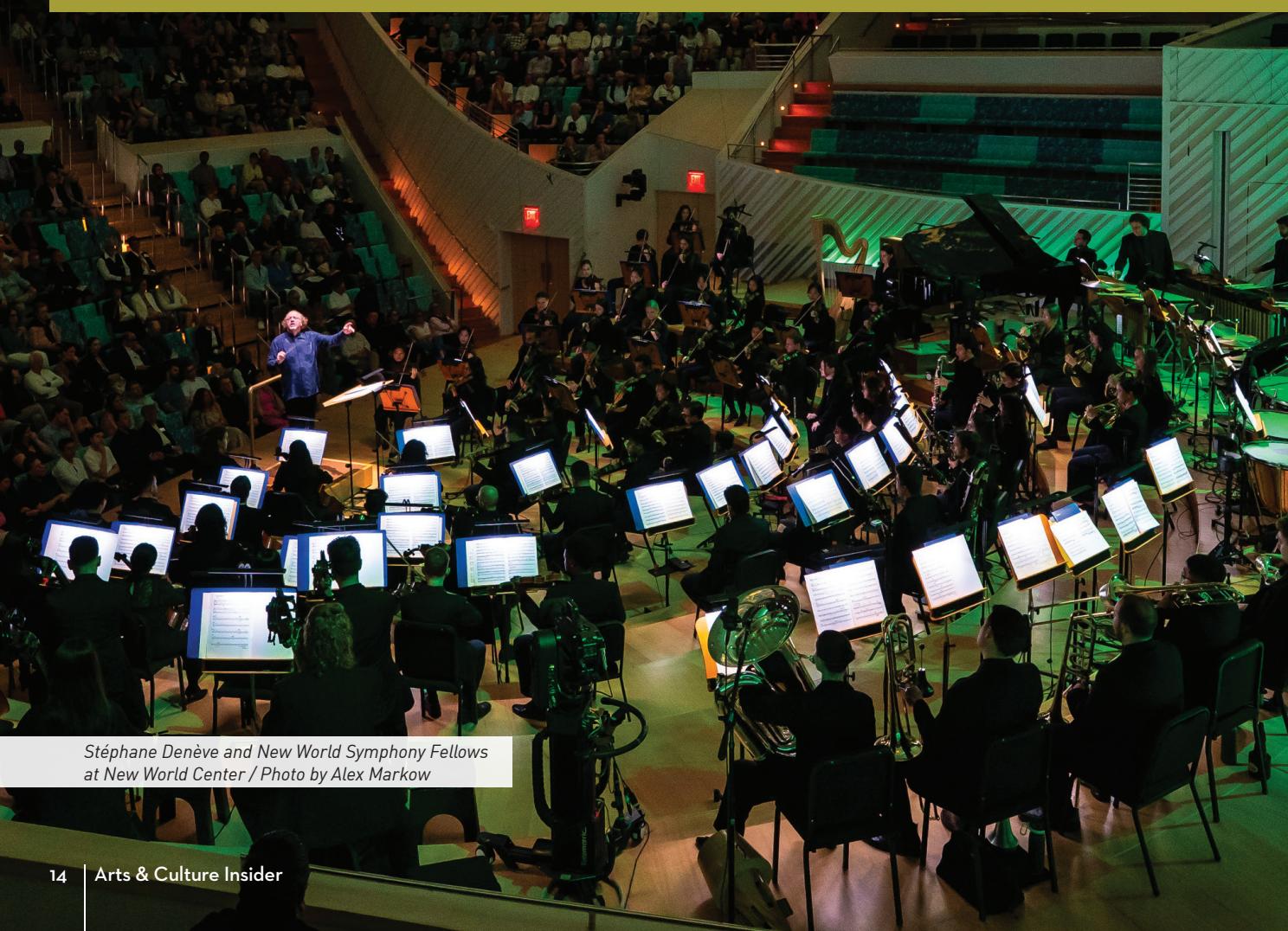


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CLASSICAL MUSIC IS A MAINSTAY IN MODERN MIAMI

By Michelle F. Solomon, Artburst contributor

Classical music takes to the outdoors in a place where the weather is welcoming all year long. Where else can you hear Beethoven on the beach or take in an orchestral concert on a giant screen in a park while relaxing in a lawn chair in the middle of winter? Indoors, there are spectacular performance halls where top-tier acoustics create an auditory experience akin to stereophonic sound. If you want to discover the classics, they come to life here. When you visit Greater Miami & Miami Beach, you'll find Grammy Award-winning local ensembles, world-class symphonies and Florida's longest-running professional opera company.



Stéphane Denève and New World Symphony Fellows
at New World Center / Photo by Alex Markow



New World Center WALLCAST® concert at SoundScape Park
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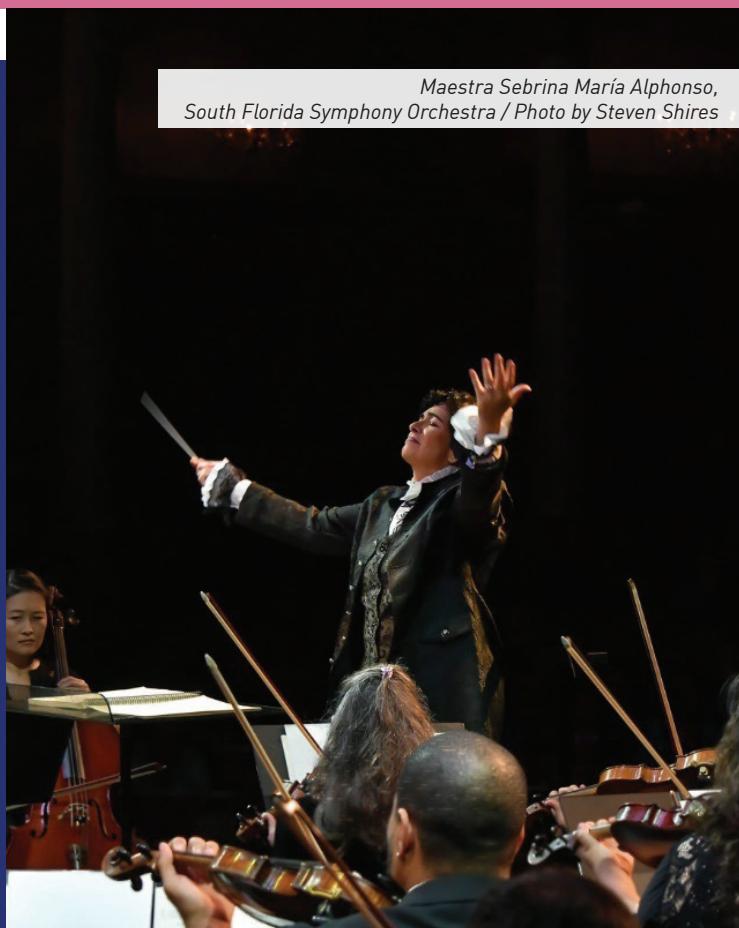
NEW WORLD SYMPHONY

Classical music concerts have gained a reputation over the years as being intimidating – picture men in tuxedos and women in ball gowns and tiaras – but that was then, and this is now, especially in Miami. None of that applies to the **New World Symphony**, with its come-as-you-are approach and – for certain shows – “pay what you want” concert tickets. Its **New World Center** performance space is a can’t-miss attraction. The South Beach music hall was designed by architect Frank Gehry. It’s acoustically awesome, thanks to five huge sails above the stage that help render pitch-perfect sound and allow for dreamy video projections. Want to enjoy the show while lounging on the grass, kicking back in shorts and flip flops? On certain Saturday nights throughout the season, New World Center’s 7,000-square-foot exterior wall simulcasts **WALLCAST®** performances in adjacent **SoundScape Park**. Bring a picnic, sprawl out on a blanket, and enjoy classical music under the stars.

MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (MISO) AND SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Miami has two major symphony orchestras. **Miami Symphony Orchestra (MISO)**, led by music director and CEO Eduardo Marturet, is the official symphony orchestra of the City of Miami. It performs at various venues around town. For a smaller, more intimate experience, the **MISO Chamber Music Series** is held at the symphony’s headquarters in the Miami Design District. **South Florida Symphony Orchestra**, founded by Maestra Sebrina María Alfonso in her hometown of Key West, plays its concerts in Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Key West. While its repertoire doesn’t skimp on the classics, there are a good number of pops concerts, including the popular **Holiday Pops concert**.

Maestra Sebrina María Alfonso,
South Florida Symphony Orchestra / Photo by Steven Shires



THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

Miami also gets its fair share of world-class visiting orchestras. **The Cleveland Orchestra** sticks around for more than just one-and-done concerts. It has been in residency at Downtown Miami's **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts** every year since 2007, when the venue officially opened. The orchestra plays a series of shows there every January; one incentive, no doubt, is the chance to escape the cold Cleveland winters. Under the direction of Franz Welser-Möst, the orchestra performs public concerts and free concerts for school kids. Orchestra members also mentor and coach high school musicians. For the January 2026 Miami season, renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman joins the orchestra to perform music from iconic film scores.



Conductor Franz Welser-Möst, The Cleveland Orchestra

SERAPHIC FIRE

With 16 full-length albums, two Grammy Award nominations and recordings debuting on the top 10 of Billboard's classical chart, the homegrown vocal ensemble **Seraphic Fire** has grown by leaps and bounds since it was founded in 2002. Co-founder and artistic director Patrick Dupré Quigley selects lesser-known works and offers audiences a short educational prelude before each piece, making the shows a well-rounded experience. But don't get the idea that Seraphic Fire only dusts off historical pieces. The group collaborated with Shakira on the opening track of her "Oral Fixation Vol. 2" album in 2005 and became the first classical ensemble to be featured on a Billboard 200-rated album (Shakira's album reached No. 5) since the Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos Abbey were sampled on Enigma's "MCMXC a.D." album.



Seraphic Fire
Photo by Alex Markow

NU DECO ENSEMBLE

When conductor Jacomo Bairo and composer-arranger Sam Hyken conceived **Nu Deco Ensemble** in 2015, they envisioned a 21st-century orchestra: agile and experimental, while maintaining the classical ensemble tradition. By fusing classical techniques with popular styles such as pop, jazz, funk and electronica, they've turned a new generation on to classical music, especially in their live collaborations with artists like Wyclef Jean, Macy Gray, Kimbra and Ben Folds. Their genre-bending creations, such as a reimagining of the songs of English electronic band Depeche Mode, can be heard on Spotify and other streaming music platforms, but seeing the ensemble live is an unforgettable experience.



DRANOFF 2 PIANO FUSION

Two pianists play as a duo or in collaboration with other musicians from places like South America, Africa, the Caribbean and Europe, incorporating different styles and genres. It's exciting to watch, and it's the foundation of the Miami-based **Dranoff 2 Piano Fusion**. It was imagined and made a reality by the late Loretta Dranoff, who was inducted into the Miami-Dade Arts Hall of Fame as an inaugural member in 2025. Loretta and her husband, Murray, built their musical careers as a two-piano team, making appearances around the world. She built the first international competition, held in Miami, dedicated to the art of dual pianism. The world's best pianists come to Miami and debut pieces commissioned by Dranoff2 Piano Fusion that are specifically written for dual pianos.



*Orchestra Miami at Banyan Bowl,
Pinecrest Gardens*



ORCHESTRA MIAMI

Artistic director Elaine Rinaldi formed **Orchestra Miami** in 2006 with the goal of bringing families together to enjoy classical music. Its **Family Fun Concerts** at **Pinecrest Gardens** bring classical music to life for young audiences. The orchestra focuses on building community through concerts that are affordable for all. A highlight of its season is **Beethoven on the Beach**, a free concert series at various locations.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S FROST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The **University of Miami's Frost Symphony Orchestra** presents its season at the Frost School of Music's on-campus **Maurice Gusman Concert Hall** in Coral Gables. The orchestra is made up of 80 to 100 students from the undergraduate and graduate schools. Catching a performance is a great way to see the next generation of orchestral musicians and spend time on the beautiful campus.



FLORIDA GRAND OPERA

Yes, **Florida Grand Opera** is one of the oldest opera companies in the United States and the oldest performing arts organization in Florida, but Miami's classical music opera company isn't stuck in the past. Its past is quite impressive, though. Luciano Pavarotti made his U.S. debut in 1965 in the company's production of "Lucia di Lammermoor." Maria Todaro, the company's general director, is redefining the opera-going experience to make it more appealing to a new generation. She recently reimagined the opera "Carmen," casting Julia Lemigova of "The Real Housewives of Miami" in a small role that helped draw large audiences. If you've ever wanted to see opera but were wary of its stuffiness, FGO wants to reinvent how everyone, especially younger generations, experiences opera. In fact, social media posts are encouraged during its shows (at intermission, of course).



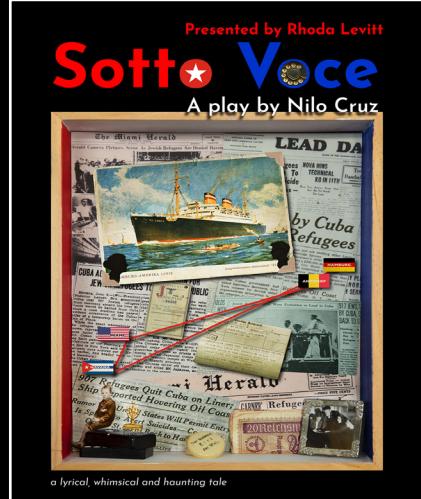
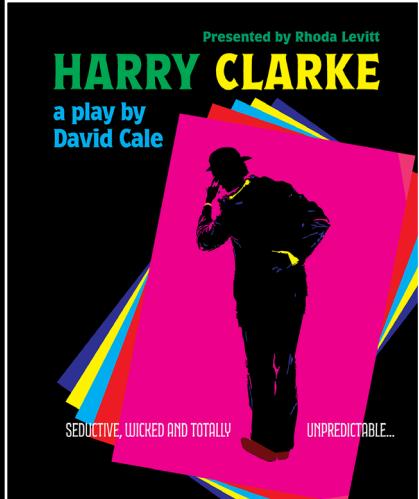
MIAMI BEACH CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

If it's summer, it's time for the **Miami Beach Classical Music Festival**. Starting in late June, there are free performances in just about every corner of Miami Beach featuring young classical musicians who have been accepted to spend their summer as part of this elite training program for those who want to pursue careers in the performing arts. The festival's robust programming spans eight full weeks during which it presents 70 public summer performances that include four symphonic concerts, five full opera productions, 20 operas, seven student and faculty recitals, chamber music, Zarzuela and musical theater. Performances take place at different locales in Miami Beach, including a series on Ocean Drive at **The Betsy - South Beach** hotel. The festival has also been making inroads into creating immersive experiences with its space symphonies, which feature a projected backdrop and a symphony performing rich cinematic scores.



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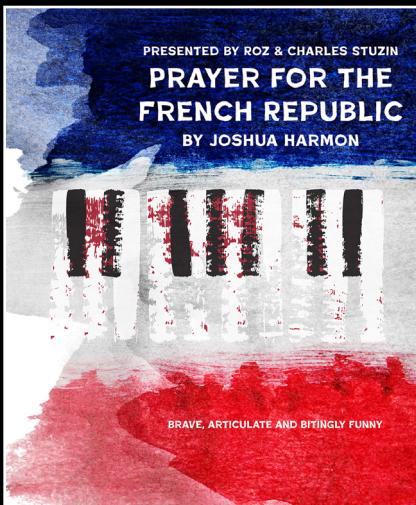
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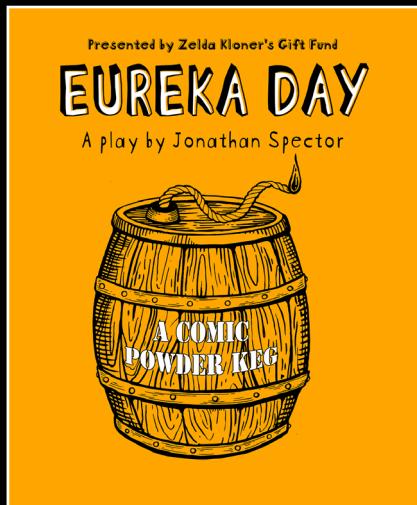
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MUSIC FESTIVALS AND MIAMI: THE PERFECT MATCH

By Sergy Odiduro, Artburst contributor

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Whether you're seeking the exciting grooves of soul or funk music, the cool and laid-back vibe of jazz, the thrill of techno or exciting international sounds, Greater Miami & Miami Beach has a music festival that can fit the bill. Many of Miami's music festivals have a local neighborhood flavor. With year-round warm weather in Miami, there's plenty of musical magic outdoors where you can sway to the tropical vibes.

SOUTH BEACH JAZZ FESTIVAL

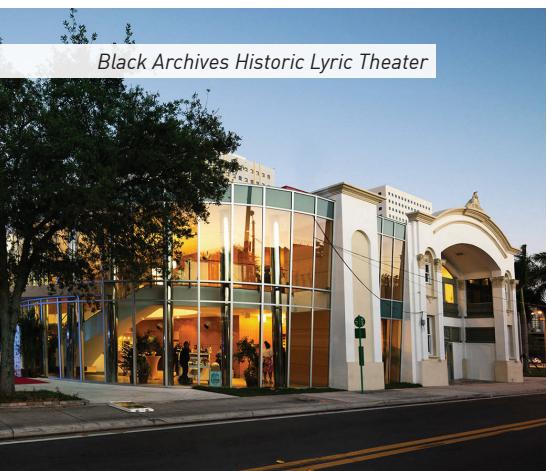
Early January



It's jazz, jazz and more jazz at the **South Beach Jazz Festival**. The four-day event features locally and internationally renowned artists performing in various locales in Miami Beach. Whether you're in the mood for bebop, big band, Dixieland, fusion or swing, you'll find it here. The festival was founded by R. David New, an artist who became blind as an adult. His not-for-profit organization, Power Access, produces the event. Each festival features one or more performers with disabilities. The majority of the shows at the South Beach Jazz Festival are free.

MELTON MUSTAFA JAZZ FESTIVAL

Late February/Early March



The **Melton Mustafa Jazz Festival** is where it's at when it comes to getting deep into the raw, unfiltered sounds jazz music has to offer. Jazz enthusiasts make their annual pilgrimage to the festival every year in the Historic Overtown neighborhood, which was once referred to as the Harlem of the South, where legends like Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Nat King Cole performed. Hosted by the **Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater**, the festival is a tribute to the timeless legacy of trumpet player and Miami music educator Melton "Shakir" Mustafa. Musical performances take center stage, but workshops, poetry slams and masterclasses also strike a chord.

MONTREUX JAZZ FESTIVAL MIAMI

Late February/Early March

The **Montreux Jazz Festival** Miami takes place at **The Hangar** at **Regatta Harbour** in Coconut Grove. Curated by multi-Grammy Award winner Jon Batiste, the event captures the spirit of the iconic Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, featuring outstanding musicians and spontaneous jam sessions. For three days, top-tier musicians and passionate fans come together for unforgettable performances in a scenic waterfront setting. In addition to memorable performances by Jon Batiste & Friends, past acts have included Janelle Monáe and Darryl Hall.



"Yerbagüena" at Flamenco Fest Miami

FLAMENCO FEST MIAMI

Late February/Early March

The **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts** in Downtown Miami is home to **Flamenco Festival Miami**, a contemporary salute to this style of music that hails from southern Spain. It's a veritable who's who of award-winning vocalists, guitarists and dancers that runs the gamut from the most traditional to the most daring and avant-garde. Past performers who have graced the center's stage include leading flamenco megastar Eva Yerbabuena, her husband, musical director and guitarist Paco Jarana, and internationally renowned dancers extraordinaire Alfonso Losa and Patricia Guerrero. If you've never experienced flamenco, this is where to get a true feel for the rich cultural art form; if you're already a fan, this is a flamenco feast that will knock you off your feet.

JAZZ IN THE GARDENS

Early March

There isn't a better way to bring in the spring season than to spend it at the **Jazz in the Gardens Music Fest** at **Hard Rock Stadium** in Miami Gardens. Despite the name, jazz isn't the only thing on the menu. Music lovers are treated to a wide-ranging variety of sounds, including jazz, of course, but also Afrobeats, rhythm & blues, reggae, gospel and hip-hop. Opening acts offer the audience a dynamic preview of up-and-coming talent, and the headliners are always household names. Past performers include neo-soul singer Erykah Badu, R&B stars New Edition and Toni Braxton, rappers Ja Rule, Fat Joe, Remy Ma, Slick Rick and Doug E. Fresh, dancehall reggae star Beenie Man, and the legendary Lauryn Hill. The lineup never disappoints.



GROUNDUP MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mid-March



Established in 2017 by Miami arts veteran Paul Lehr and Snarky Puppy bandleader Michael League, the **GroundUp Music Festival** is held at the **Miami Beach Bandshell** in North Beach. The festival is a celebration of the deep connection between artist and audience, showcasing a dynamic mix of musical styles and genre-defying performances. With over a dozen acts playing together in collaborative sets, the event offers a rich and immersive experience. Attendees can also take part in daily workshops and master classes led by the five-time Grammy-winning ensemble Snarky Puppy and special guests, providing close-up access to world-class musicians. Late-night jam sessions keep the party going long after the main shows end.

ULTRA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Late March

Downtown Miami's **Bayfront Park** plays host to **Ultra Music Festival**, an annual outdoor electronic music festival that serves as the big finale of **Miami Music Week**. It's three full days of the top names in EDM (electronic dance music) performing on multiple stages. The festival attracts more than 150,000 fans from around the world. Ultra is known as the place where the top acts in EDM show off what's new and trending in the scene.



HAITIAN COMPAS FESTIVAL

Mid-May

The music draws big crowds at the **Haitian Compas Festival**, a celebration of Haitian culture and community. Hypnotic rhythms, pulsating guitar riffs and romantic lyrics draw adventurous newcomers and longtime fans. The event is a loud, fun and boisterous crowd-pleaser that caters to those who appreciate the hard-hitting and authentic sounds from the Caribbean island. It's an entire weekend of parties, food, art and music. The event isn't over when the festival ends at night. **Insider's advice:** Follow the crowds as they make their way to the many after parties.

III POINTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mid-October

Experience the vibrant energy of the Wynwood neighborhood at the **III Points Music Festival**. Celebrated for its cutting-edge lineup and immersive art, III Points spans five city blocks at **Mana Wynwood**, blending hip-hop, house, techno, rock and experimental sounds. Perfect for music lovers and cultural explorers, the festival transforms Wynwood into a sonic playground with top-tier performances and bold visual art.



GOSPEL FEST MIAMI

Ongoing

Gospel Fest Miami, which evolved from the **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts'** Free Gospel Sundays series, is a six-month-long celebration of the best gospel choirs and the biggest voices in gospel music. In 2025, the festival launched the **Arsht Gospel Choir Invitational**, an annual event held in February, where gospel choirs compete in front of a panel of judges. The live audience of gospel music lovers cast their votes for their favorite choir. The fest branches out into the community with events at locations throughout the destination.

SOUNDS OF LITTLE HAITI

Third Friday of Every Month

Since 2015, the **Sounds of Little Haiti** music festival, produced by the Route 1804 Foundation, has provided a bit of a twist when it comes to showcasing music that highlights Haitian culture. Instead of focusing on only Haitian Compas music, it offers a broader range of authentic rhythms: Haitian folk music, songs infused with Afrobeats and Rara, as well as Haitian street festival music and Voodoo-inspired tunes. The free event, which also features deejays, local vendors and food trucks, is held at the **Little Haiti Cultural Complex**.



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WHERE TO CATCH DANCE PERFORMANCES IN MIAMI (AND MAYBE LEARN SOME STEPS, TOO)

By Michelle F. Solomon, Artburst contributor



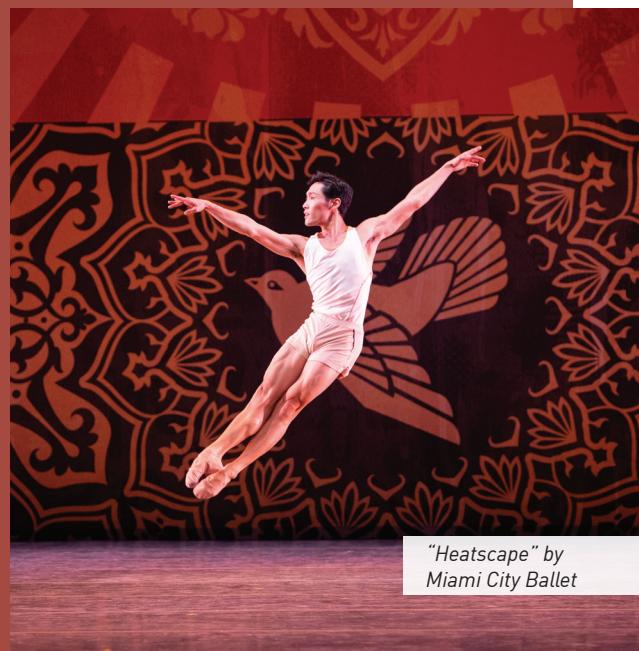
"Carmen" by
Miami City Ballet

Greater Miami & Miami Beach has a dance community that runs the gamut from its internationally known ballet company to contemporary, modern, flamenco and Caribbean collectives, as well as plenty of places where visitors can kick up their heels and take a dance class. Whether it's seeing a lively dance performance or taking to the dance floor at a salsa studio, dance in Miami is as high-energy as the destination itself.

SEE THE PROS IN ACTION

MIAMI CITY BALLET

Miami City Ballet is celebrating 40 years with a season that highlights the key to its staying power. What makes MCB so exciting year after year is its ability to transcend every genre of the art form – from its dedication to the masterworks of George Balanchine to its reimagining of “The Nutcracker” every holiday season with a tropical flair, as well as presenting exciting world premieres by some of the most renowned international choreographers in dance today. At its Miami Beach headquarters, MCB’s professional school is a training ground for dancers who come here from throughout the world. Most MCB performances take place at the **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts** in Downtown Miami.



*“Heatscape” by
Miami City Ballet*



DANCE NOW! MIAMI

On the contemporary dance front, **Dance NOW! Miami** has been a staple of the destination’s dance community for more than 25 years. The innovative dance collective collaborates with other international companies from Portugal, Italy and Mexico, creating original works that can be seen on Miami stages and abroad. Co-founders and artistic directors Hannah Baumgarten and Diego Salterini have earned a worldwide reputation for their original choreography. Each year, the company produces the **Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler** – a buffet featuring ballet, modern dance and flamenco performed by companies that come to Miami from all over Florida. The show is usually staged in October.



PETER LONDON GLOBAL DANCE COMPANY

Trinidad and Tobago native Peter London founded **Peter London Global Dance Company** to create opportunities for dancers from all backgrounds. The company primarily performs London’s original choreography, which is steeped in rich multicultural heritage, as well as new works by Miami’s emerging dance voices. Many performances are held outdoors, at venues like the **Miami Beach Botanical Garden** and the **Miami Beach Bandshell**, offering a chance to commune with Miami’s tropical landscape.

KAREN PETERSON DANCERS

Karen Peterson is known far and wide as a pioneer in mixed-ability dance, inspiring companies to follow the path forged by her company, **Karen Peterson Dancers**. For three decades, the company has brought together dancers and choreographers with and without disabilities. She choreographs duets where one dancer is in a wheelchair and the other is not, in what can only be described as poetry in motion. Her annual **Forward Motion Festival**, usually held in March, showcases physically integrated dance companies from around the world, featuring performances, master classes and workshops.



"Blink" by
Karen Peterson Dancers



BALLET FLAMENCO LA ROSA

Ilisa Rosa, artistic director of **Ballet Flamenco La Rosa**, creates flamenco with flair. The company is prolific in its presentation of flamenco – a combination of singing (cante), dance (baile) and instrumental music (toque). With her roots in theater and dance, Rosal's signature is adapting well-known literary works to flamenco. "En el Abismo" is inspired by Emily Brontë's "Wuthering Heights," "Travesía" was born from Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night," "Verano y Humo" is based on "Summer and Smoke" by Tennessee Williams, and "El Conde Drácula" fuses flamenco and Bram Stoker's famous work. Performances take place at venues throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach. Ballet Flamenco La Rosa also has a dance school that teaches music and theater.



SANCTUARY OF THE ARTS

Housed within the **First Church of Christ Scientist** in Coral Gables, the **Sanctuary of the Arts** is a haven for dance. Its choreographic ensemble training and audition program prepares dancers for professional careers with top companies. There's a summer dance program for young dancers and adult dance classes for the community. All classes are held in the state-of-the-art dance rehearsal studio. Local and visiting professional dance companies also present work up close and personal in the intimate 314-seat sanctuary theater.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

When in Rome... well, when in Miami, learn to dance and maybe make some new friends while you're here.

DANCE ARTS MIAMI

Dance Arts Miami hosts weekly socials at its dance studio in Little Haiti. Show up solo – there are plenty in the group eager to learn salsa, too, so it's easy to get paired up – or bring a dance partner, but no experience is needed to take part in the salsa dance lessons. There are also group and private lessons in bachata, a dance and music style originating from the Dominican Republic.



MIAMI BAILA DANCE STUDIO

One of the liveliest spots for salsa lessons is **Miami Baila Dance Studio** in Little Havana. The dance school is one of the only places to learn Casino Rueda. In this Cuban group dance, a caller gives commands for partner switches and synchronized moves, in a rhythmic combination of Afro-Cuban and salsa styles.

MID EAST PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Belly dancing in Miami? The **Mid East Performing Arts Academy**, at **Miami Dade College's** main campus in Kendall, has been teaching belly dancing and other authentic Middle Eastern moves for almost three decades. The academy offers classes through the School of Education and Professional Development at Miami Dade College, but you don't have to be enrolled at the school to learn how to shake your booty and your belly.



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TOP MIAMI ART MUSEUMS TO VISIT

By Shayne Benowitz

From contemporary art museums with glorious bayfront views to boundary-pushing immersive experiences and historic landmarks reimagined as modern art institutions, Greater Miami & Miami Beach offers an incredible variety of art museums. Whether you're an art aficionado or a casual explorer, these inspiring spaces are waiting to be discovered.

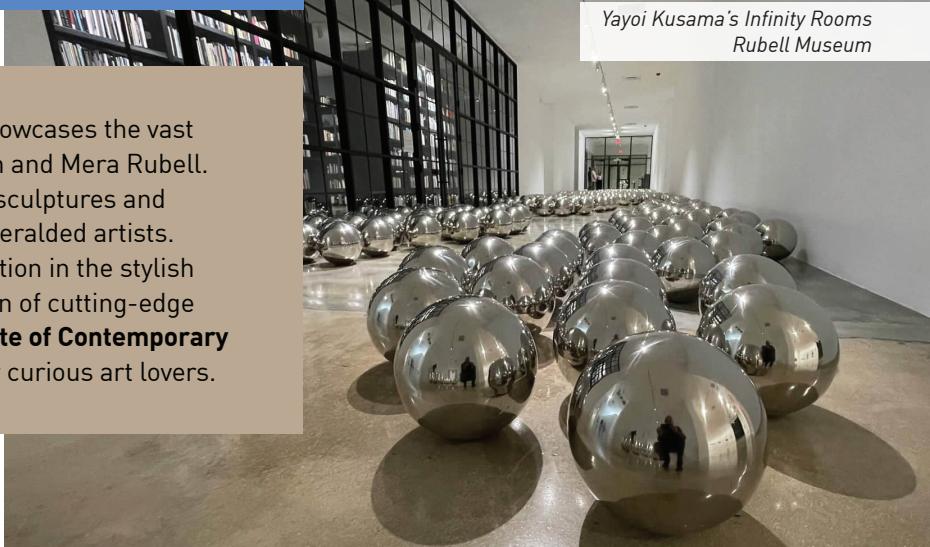


ENJOY CONTEMPORARY ART & BREATHTAKING VIEWS

Pérez Art Museum Miami was designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architects Herzog & de Meuron, who drew inspiration from the iconic Stiltsville homes built offshore of Miami in the 1930s. Overlooking Biscayne Bay in Downtown Miami, the structure, with abundant outdoor space where you can marvel at the views, is worth the visit alone. Inside, the museum's thought-provoking contemporary collection and visiting exhibitions focus on international art of the 20th and 21st centuries from the perspective of the Americas. It's also home to **Verde**, a lovely on-site cafe with more inspiring views.

DISCOVER CUTTING-EDGE ARTISTS

The **Rubell Museum** in Allapattah showcases the vast and highly regarded collection of Don and Mera Rubell. Expect to see large-scale paintings, sculptures and photographs from more than 1,000 heralded artists. With free admission, an alluring location in the stylish Miami Design District and a collection of cutting-edge contemporary art, visiting the **Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, (ICA Miami)** is a must for curious art lovers.



*Yayoi Kusama's Infinity Rooms
Rubell Museum*

EXPLORE SOUTH BEACH'S MODERN ART INSTITUTION



Set inside a landmark Art Deco building from the 1930s that's on the National Register of Historic Places, **The Bass** is a South Beach institution dedicated to modern art. Arriving at the museum, located in picturesque **Collins Park**, is part of the experience, with public art on display outside, including Ugo Rondinone's "Miami Mountain" totem of massive, neon-painted limestone boulders and Sylvie Fleury's "Eternity Now" neon sign on the museum's facade.

INTERACT WITH MIND-BENDING ART

For a one-of-a-kind, immersive art experience, **Superblue** is a boundary-pushing, 50,000-square-foot art space in Allapattah with a labyrinth of interactive mirrors, light displays and digital art. It features work by world-renowned contemporary artists, including James Turrell's transcendent light installation, JR's monumental photo mural and Es Devlin's mirrored labyrinth. You'll interact with truly cutting-edge art that can be mind-bending.



Es Devlin's mirrored labyrinth



LEARN MORE ABOUT MIAMI'S HISTORY AT THE WOLFSONIAN-FIU

Situated in a historic Art Deco building in the heart of South Beach, **The Wolfsonian-FIU** is a museum, library and research center with an intriguingly specific scope and mission. The collection of over 200,000 artifacts, photographs, design objects and artworks dating from 1885 to 1945 sheds light on the compelling influence of art and design and examines the essence of modernity. Curators work with a collection of historical advertisements, posters, clothing, photographs and film to design their exhibitions.

BOLD PERSPECTIVES IN CONTEMPORARY ART



Celebrated for its bold and forward-thinking exhibitions, the **Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami (MOCA)** features thought-provoking installations every year, always aiming to present fresh perspectives on contemporary art. The museum houses a permanent collection of over 400 works by renowned artists like Keith Haring. The popular **Jazz at MOCA** series offers free, live jazz performances in the museum's open-air plaza on the last Friday of each month.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN HAITI'S RICH CULTURAL HISTORY

For over 20 years, the **Haitian Heritage Museum** in the Miami Design District has been committed to highlighting and preserving Haiti's rich cultural heritage through art, historical artifacts, music, film and literary works. Designed as a mecca for those outside of and within the Haitian diaspora, it's a hub for cultural exchange, education and community programming, with exhibitions that highlight everything from Haiti's important historical figures to contemporary artists.





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