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CULTURESHOCKMIAMI.COM CELEBRATING ITS 10TH SEASON OF CULTIVATING YOUNG ADULTS FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

MORE THAN 90 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS MAKE ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE TO 13-22-YEAR-OLDS AT ONLY \$5

(Miami, FL- September 8, 2014) CultureShockMiami.com announces the start of its 10th season on October 1, 2014 offering \$5 student tickets to performances provided by more than 90 organizations, including top music, theatre, dance, and performing arts presenters in Miami-Dade County. Tickets are on sale now through www.cultureshockmiami.com or at www.TicketWeb.com. In addition to performing arts, students can get two-for-\$5 or free admission passes to many South Florida museums, landmarks, and cultural destinations.

Tickets through CultureShockMiami.com, which are often for the best available seats, may be purchase free of any taxes, fees, or surcharges. A student must use the first ticket purchased, but the second ticket can be used by a person of any age.

Throughout the season, new blocks of tickets from shows and venues all over Miami-Dade will be added to the CultureShockMiami.com website. Ticket buyers are encouraged to check regularly to see what becomes available.

CultureShockMiami.com, a program of the Department of Cultural Affairs of Miami-Dade County, provides an affordable and attractive way to encourage high school and college students ages 13-22 to buy tickets to the rich variety of cultural events. The program is designed to introduce this next generation of audience members to live arts and cultural experiences at the age when they are beginning to make their own decisions about entertainment options. Based on research that shows most people begin their appreciation for the arts at a young age, CultureShockMiami.com is founded on the premise that when kids make the arts a regular entertainment choice, they are more likely to become the full-price ticket buyers and subscribers of the future.

CultureShockMiami.com's Program Partners include South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, TicketWeb.com, the Miami-Dade County Public School System and area colleges and universities.

10th Season Highlighted by Top Quality Theater, Dance, and Music and the Visual Arts For its 2014-15 season, CultureShockMiami.com will present and co-present seven productions spanning the different disciplines of the arts of theater, dance and music as well as spectacles of sight and sound. All of its productions will be held at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay.

CultureShockMiami.com's first full production on October 11 is The Intergalactic Nemesis: Target Earth, which brings to its audience a live –action graphic novel and extraordinary science fantasy.

Throughout the season, students will look forward to programs ranging from Shakespeare and classical ballet to Irish dancing and mime.

These special events will be announced on the CultureShockMiami.com website later in the season.

Throughout the year, many Miami-Dade museums and cultural sites make two-for-\$5 admission passes available to CultureShockMiami.com visitors. They include The Wolfsonian, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science, Miami Children's Museum, Perez Art Museum Miami, HistoryMiami, Zoo Miami, Bass Museum of Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, and many more.

SCHEDULE OF CULTURE SHOCK MIAMI PRESENTS (All shows at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center)

Culture Shock Miami Presents The Intergalactic Nemesis: Target Earth

A Live-Action Graphic Novel

Saturday, October 11, 8PM - Main Stage

\$5 tickets for ages 13-22 at CultureShockMiami.com

Full price Tickets: \$20-\$30

As seen on Late Night with Conan O'Brian! Gamers and graphic novel fans along with theater and radio fans will all enjoy the telling of an all-ages adventure story set in the 1930s, The Intergalactic Nemesis mashes up comic-book and radio-play formats into a one-of-a-kind theatrical experience, a new art form, the Live-Action Graphic Novel.

Culture Shock Miami Presents The StepCrew

Friday, January 23, 8PM - Main Stage

\$5 tickets for ages 13-22 at CultureShockMiami.com

Full price Tickets: \$15-\$35

The StepCrew is a sensational new, Celtic inspired evening with six of the most charismatic dancers performing today. The StepCrew is the first of its kind to combine three unique styles of dance; Irish Step, traditional tap dancing, and the extraordinary Ottawa Valley step dancing. The performance includes a five piece Celtic band and vocalist.

Culture Shock Miami Presents Ballet Memphis

Saturday, April 25, 8PM - Main Stage

\$5 tickets for ages 13-22 at CultureShockMiami.com

Full price Tickets: \$25-\$45

Identified as a “national treasure” by the Ford Foundation, Ballet Memphis annually produces more original work than any other company of their size and continues to breathe new life into the arena of classical ballets. Ballet Memphis has helped redefine Memphis’ cultural landscape and evolved into a groundbreaking, nationally sought-after company. Performances include 'Devil’s Fruit" By Julia Adam; “Party of the Year” By Matthew Neenan; and “In Dreams" By Trey McIntyre.

This presentation is made possible with the support of the New England Foundation for the Arts’ (NEFA) National Dance Project Presentation.

SCHEDULE OF CO-PRODUCTIONS WITH SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

****** (Insert) Rabib Fusion October 4th 8PM (FREE) SMDCAC Plaza**

Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca

Saturday, November 15, 8PM - Main Stage

\$5 tickets for ages 13-22 at CultureShockMiami.com

Full price Tickets: \$27.50-\$47.50

Under the direction of Martín Santangelo, the award-winning Noche Flamenca has become Spain's most successful touring company. Formed in 1993 by Santangelo and his Bessie award-winning wife, Soledad Barrio, the company regularly tours throughout the globe. Hailed by critics everywhere for its transcendent and deeply emotional performances, Noche Flamenca is recognized as the most authentic flamenco touring company in the field today. Santangelo has successfully brought to the stage the essence, purity, and integrity of one of the world's most complex and mysterious art forms without the use of tricks or gimmicks. All aspects of flamenco – dance, song, and music – are interrelated and given equal weight in the presentations of Noche Flamenca, creating a true communal spirit within the company - the very heart and soul of flamenco.

The Improvised Shakespeare Company

Saturday, February 14, 7:30PM and 9:30PM - Black Box Theater

\$5 tickets for ages 13-22 at CultureShockMiami.com
Full price Tickets: \$15

Based on one audience suggestion (a title for a play that has yet to be written) The Improvised Shakespeare Company creates a fully improvised Shakespearean masterpiece before your eyes. Nothing is planned-out, rehearsed, or written. All of the dialogue is said for the first time, the characters are created as you watch, and if ever you're wondering where the story is going...so are they! You've never seen the Bard like this before!

Peking Acrobats

Saturday, February 21, 8pm - Main Stage

\$5 tickets for ages 13-22 at CultureShockMiami.com
Full price Tickets: \$20-\$35

Since their Western debut in 1986, Peking Acrobats® have redefined audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics. They perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs; they are experts at trick-cycling, precision tumbling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. They defy gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control. They push the envelope of human possibility with astonishing juggling dexterity and incredible balancing feats, showcasing tremendous skill and ability. They are masters of agility and grace. Often accompanied by live musicians skillfully playing traditional Chinese instruments and high-tech special effects that coalesce with the music and awe-inspiring feats to create an exuberant entertainment event featuring all the excitement and festive pageantry of a Chinese Carnival!

Mummenschanz

Saturday, February 28, 3PM and 8PM; Sunday, March 1, 3PM - Main Stage

\$5 tickets for ages 13-22 at CultureShockMiami.com
Full price Tickets: \$15-\$35
Family Series

In the wordless universe of Mummenschanz, the ordinary becomes extraordinary when common materials, everyday objects (like toilet paper) and colorful abstract shapes and forms like the famous "Clay Masks," "Slinky Man" and "Giant Hands" spring to life. By creating a playful yet compelling experience through the inventive use of shadow, light, and creative manipulation of objects, Mummenschanz offers timeless insight on the human condition. The result is a visually stunning spectacle of that transcends cultural barriers and sparks the imagination.

ABOUT CULTURE SHOCK MIAMI AND WWW.CULTURESHOCKMIAMI.COM

Culture Shock Miami was inaugurated in 2005-06 by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, with a generous grant from The John S. & James L. Knight Foundation. Since then, it has sold almost 50,000 tickets through its website www.CultureShockMiami.com. A core group of arts organizations participate regularly in the program, including Actors' Playhouse, Adrienne Arsht Center, Cleveland Orchestra Miami, Dranoff 2 Piano Foundation, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Florida Grand Opera, Miami City Ballet, New World Symphony, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, and ZooMiami. 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.

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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