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(Pictured is Host [Vanessa Bell](#) Armstrong)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR GOSPEL HIP-HOP SHOWCASE & SUMMIT AT THE MIRAMAR CULTURAL CENTER ON MAY 22 & 23

The City of Miramar presents the 1st Annual Gospel Hip-Hop Cultural Showcase & Summit on Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd at the Miramar Cultural Center/ArtsPark.

In partnership with Dunamis Power Productions, this two-day event promises to stimulate, educate and uplift with aspiring and independent Hip-Hop/Gospel artists, featuring national artists "The Ambassador" and "Dooney Da Priest" along with two-time Stellar Award winner "Da' T.R.U.T.H." Proceeds benefit Multiple Sclerosis.

On May 22, from 7 - 9:30 p.m., there will be a talent show where contestants compete for a cash prize of \$500, a limousine ride and free entry to Saturday's Concert, a Red Carpet interview during the pre-show and the opportunity to perform on stage with national artists.

On Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be workshops and breakout sessions where participants will learn about artist development, protecting your art through copyright, marketing strategies and other discussions. A box lunch will be provided.

Saturday evening's performance begins with the Red Carpet Preshow "Dress to Impress but Cover the Rest" from 7 - 8 p.m. with DeeJay Inger Reid from WEDT 99 Jamz Sunday Morning Gospel. The concert is immediately following from 8 - 10:30 p.m. and features Da' T.R.U.T.H.; Grammy Nominee Ambassador Dooney Da Priest to perform his hit "Pull Up Your Pants," and Grammy Nominee & Gospel Legend Multiple Sclerosis Spokesperson and Mistress of Ceremonies [Vanessa Bell](#) Armstrong.

"By bringing this show to our city, we hope to provide an incentive for youth and young adults to create and perform original positive or inspirational music," said Edna La Roche, marketing manager of the Miramar Cultural Center/ArtsPark.

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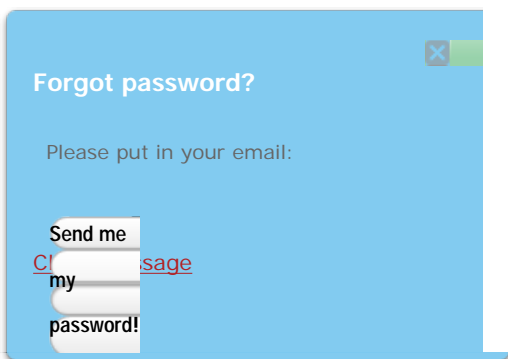
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For additional information, call 954-658-5791 Joy Veasy, or email at veasyj@gmail.com.

Tickets are on sale now. Call 954-602-4500, visit www.MiramarCulturalCenter.org or stop by the box office located at 2400 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL 33025 at Red and Hiatus Roads. Box office hours are Tuesdays-Fridays, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and three hours prior to Showtime.

The Miramar Cultural Center ArtsPark, in partnership with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, is a collaborative effort of many who share a fundamental commitment to the arts as essential to building a strong and vibrant community. The project is funded in part by Broward County through the Broward County Board of Commissioners with proceeds from 2000 Safe Parks & Land Preservation Bond. The Center also acknowledges the support of the State of Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida [Arts Council](#), and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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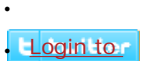
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Manhattan's Teleprompter channel. At this time he directed the Johnny Specca musical, SEX IS...? at the Lincoln Center Library Theater. Beau has performed Off-Broadway in FAT FELL DOWN, The Comic Strip Theater's LITTLE LULU AND THE INVISIBLE INK and WILL THE REAL ZOOPEMAN PLEASE STAND UP. Around the country he has delighted audiences with his performances in ANYTHING GOES, THE APPLE TREE, GUYS & DOLLS, and HELLZAPOPPIN! He sang for New York audiences at such cabarets as The Duplex and Upstairs at the Downstairs. He has had numerous television appearances but is most proud to have been a winning contestant on the game shows JACKPOT and THE \$20,000 PYRAMID.

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