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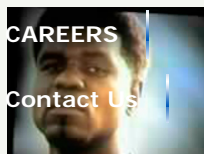
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Community Calendar

May 2 - 22, 2009



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Saturday, May 2

Deeper Than Rhyme: Good food and affordable drinks - is there any better way to spend an evening? Yes, according to Will Da Real One, the South Florida poet of "HBO's Def Poetry Jam" fame. Will is tossing out great spoken word performances with his fourth project, Deeper Than Rhyme at the Literary Cafe, 933 N.E. 125th St., in North Miami. The event starts at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, but if you rising wordsmiths/spoken word artists get there early enough, your entry is free. For more information, please log onto <http://www.myspace.com/literarycafe-poetrylounge>.

Gospel Hip Hop Florida: The Gospel Hip Hop Cultural Showcase (GHCS) is looking for 10 aspiring artists. One grand prize winner could receive a prize package including a \$500 cash prize and a performance at the upcoming GHCS concert. Auditions will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club at 3025 W. Broward Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. Remember to bring your original song with a background track and a picture, or simply submit all songs, lyrics, pictures and videos to www.sonicbids.com/ghcs. For more information, please visit www.gospelhiphopfl.org.

BLOGS

Saturday May 9

"Which Way is Out?": When was the last time you talked about love, race, immigration and prejudice...and laughed about it? Somehow playwright Basil Dawkins' play *Which Way is Out?* tackles all four issues with a sensitive yet humorous twist. The play follows the highs and lows of Monica, who meets and marries an American and decides to leave her native Jamaica for the land of milk and honey. The show will take place Saturday, May 9 at the North Miami Beach Performing Arts Center, 17011 N.E. 19th Ave. in North Miami Beach. The second performance takes place on Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day) at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts, 2855 Coral Springs Dr. in Coral Springs. The show starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 10. Roses or carnations will be handed to all the mothers in attendance. Tickets are \$35 for the balcony and \$40 for reserve orchestra seats. For more information, please call 305-405-2712.

Sunday, May 10

Women of Excellence Awards and Mother's Day Concert: The 17th Annual Women of Excellence Awards and Mother's Day Concert comes to the Grand Ballroom of the Faith Tabernacle Center, 7100 Oakland Park Blvd. in Sunrise. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the door. This year features the talents of Candy Isaacs, Dr. Norris Weir, and Al Anthony & The Millennium Band. The show starts at 5 p.m. For more information, please call 954-437-6987.

Wednesday, May 13

Nicole Henry: Almost Like Being in Love: Nicole Henry, who is considered by many to be the Whitney Houston, Diana Ross and Pattie Labelle of jazz (you have to see it to believe it), is coming for one night only to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are \$35 and \$40. The show starts at 7:45 p.m. For

more information, please call 954-462-0222.

Sunday May 17



Pink Tea Ceremony: The Church of the Open Door in Liberty City celebrates its 41st Annual Pink Tea Ceremony at the Historic Lyric Theater, 819 N.W. 2ND Ave. in Miami. This year's fundraiser features Samuel Eudovique (tenor) and Marshall Davis (dancer) in "A tribute to Sammy Davis Jr." A single ticket costs \$45, or buy three for a total of \$99. The show starts at 4 p.m. For more information, please call 305-759-0373.

Saturday, May 22


Mike Epps: Okay, by now most of us know about the (dismal) state of the economy, (possible) swine flu outbreak, and how our own love lives are in the dumps. So why focus on any of that for yet one more evening. Turn off the TV and hold all your calls while you come out and see actor and comedian Mike Epps for his only Miami performance! While starring in movies such as *Next Friday*, *Friday After Next* and *All About the Benjamins* introduced Epps to a wider audience, the man remained a stand-up comedian at heart. Epps brings his brash, confrontational routine focusing on urban cultural behaviors to the Fillmore Miami Beach Jackie Gleason Theatre, 1700 Washington Ave. in Miami Beach. Ticket prices range from \$36.50 to \$56.50. The show starts at 7 p.m. For more information, please call 305-673-7300.

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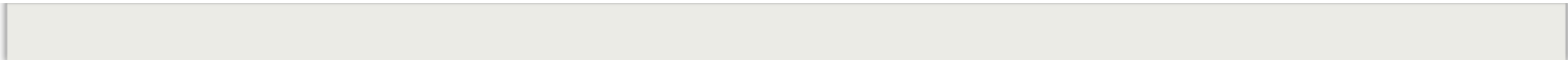
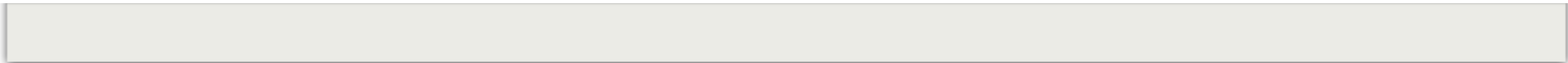
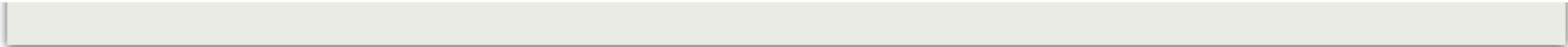
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