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DanceAfrica Miami is back

Show returns this weekend for the first time since 1997

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DanceAfrica is heading down from New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C. to debut in South Florida next Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex. The show is sponsored and awarded to Delou Africa by the Knight Foundation. DanceAfrica was last hosted in Miami in 1997 at Miami Dade College's Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

DanceAfrica Miami will debut Aug. 5-7 at the seventh annual African Diaspora Dance and Drum Festival of Florida. The festival lineup includes festival activities and workshops at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex and a concert extravaganza at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

DanceAfrica Miami is being presented to the community through a series of cultural, artistic and educational events.

Similar to the success that DanceAfrica New York has enjoyed over the past 39 years at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the festival has the potential to boost South Florida's profile as a premier cultural arts destination festival.

The African Diaspora Dance and Drum Festival of Florida will feature African, modern, and Caribbean dance, live music, international dance choreographers, a global bazaar and artisan marketplace, a health fair, and a Children's Village. The festival program includes a concert extravaganza featuring New York's Forces of Nature Dance Theater, which celebrates African dance and educational programming in the U.S. and abroad.

The festival will also feature world-renowned performers and talented local artists representing Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

Dance Ensemble.

The nationally recognized DanceAfrica festival network was created during the 1960s under the artistic direction of nearly four decades, DanceAfrica has grown as a movement to showcase the rich social, religious, and ceremonial through performance, art, film, and community events.

The evening will be hosted by South Florida's daughter of poetry, Rebecca "Butterfly" Vaughns.

The concert will be at the Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Place, Miramar. Box office hours are Tuesday

Immediately following the concert, Delou will host a gala reception fundraiser to benefit their ongoing program include Pantastick Steel Orchestra, Fun Generation costume mask showcase for the 2016 Miami Broward One DJ Bunny. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

Cost to attend the concert at 8 p.m. is \$35 per person; for the concert and reception, the cost is \$45. To attend the concert at 10 p.m. and continues until 1 a.m., the cost is \$25 per person.

For info & tickets: www.addff.DelouAfrica.org

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