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LAST WEEK OF REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2013 SESSION OF "ALL KIDS INCLUDED - YOUTH ARTS IN THE PARKS" PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES

Deadline to Register is this Monday, September 2, 2013

(Miami – August 29, 2013) This coming Monday, September 2, 2013, is the deadline to register for the "All Kids Included - Youth Arts in the Parks" program presented by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and Miami-Dade County Park, Recreation and Open Spaces Disability Services, in partnership with Arts for Learning and Project AWWOL - A World WithOut Labels. "All Kids Included - Youth Arts in the Parks" is an inclusive, socially-oriented arts program for children and youth with and without disabilities that takes place on Saturday mornings, beginning with a parent orientation on September 7 and running through December 14, 2013.

- WHO: **Children and youth with and without disabilities, ages 6-17**. Youth with disabilities are welcome through the age of 22.
- WHAT: Youth Arts in the Parks Fall 2013 Art or Creative Expressions Club is a program where youth can have fun, make friends, make art and be creative! No prior art or creative expression experience is required. This fun and educational program teaches kids of all abilities visual arts or creative expression in a social setting, led by professional artists/art teachers, certified instructors and disability experts.
- WHERE: There are three convenient locations to choose from.

Visual Arts – Camp Matecumbe, 13841 SW 120 Street, Miami

Visual Arts – Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Avenues, Miami

Creative Expression – Miller Drive Park, 5510 SW 94 Court, Miami

WHEN: Parent Orientation: 10 AM, Saturday, September 7, 2013

Classes are held Saturdays from 9:30 AM – 11:00 beginning September 14th and run through December 14th, 2013

COST: First child - \$30, Siblings - \$15. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch - \$15. Must show proof at time of registration. All fees will be collected at the orientation on Saturday, September 7, 2013 - 10:00 AM.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, September 2, 2013

For more information, contact Dia Carter Webb, Arts for Learning (305) 576-1212 Ext. 24 / <u>Dia@A4LMiami.org</u> or visit <u>www.miamidadearts.org</u> to download program registration forms.

Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Submitting a registration form does not guarantee admission and participation in the program. Priority consideration is provided to students from the "Youth Arts in the Parks" waiting list. Only forms that are fully completed will be accepted.

Youth Arts in the Parks was developed by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs as part of its "All Kids Included - Accessible Arts Experiences for Kids" (AKI) program. AKI is made possible with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, and in part through grant funding provided by The Children's Trust. The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County by making strategic investments in their future.

For more information on the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs please visit <u>www.miamidadearts.org</u>.

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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.

111 NW 1ST Street, Suite 625 Miami, FL 33128 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).