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COLUMBUS - \$999,500

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UNDER CONTRACT COLUMBUS

EXQUISITE DESIGNER COLUMBUS MODEL WITH CUSTOM FINISHES THROUGHOUT. PRIVATE ELEVATOR THAT LEADS TO YOUR OWN FOYER.

CHELSEA - \$819,000

2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATHS WITH SPECTACULAR RIVER & POOL VIEWS FROM THIS HIGH FLOOR! FABULOUS FINISHES INCLUDING CREMA MARFIL MARBLE FLOORING THROUGHOUT. CUSTOM BUILT-IN CLOSETS AND DESIGNER LIGHTING.

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PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE OCEAN, INTRACOASTAL, RIVER AND CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE FROM EVERY ROOM. CUSTOM TRADITIONAL INTERIORS BY STEVEN G. WOOD FLOORS WITH ONYX INLAYS IN LIVING AREAS, CROWN MOLDINGS, BUILT IN CLOSETS AND MUCH MORE.

ASHLEY - \$1,595,000

DESIGNER MODEL WITH VIEWS OF THE NEW RIVER.OCEAN & CITY FROM EVERY ROOM, THIS MODEL FEATURES 3 BEDROOMS, 3.5 BATHS WITH BRAZILIAN CHERRY WOOD FLOORS THROUGHOUT. GOURMET KITCHEN, POGGENPOHL CABINETS, MEILE DISWASHER, WINE COOLER FHERMADORE DOUBLE WALL OVENS, 2 PARKING SPACES & MUCH MORE!

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JUST LISTED CHAMPAGNE - \$999,000

HIGH FLOOR 2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH WITH RIVER, OCEAN AND CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. 2 LARGE TERRACES, BUILT-IN BAR, LAUNDRY ROOM, CUSTOM LIGHTING AND MUCH MORE!

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2BR/2BATH - \$449,000

BRIGHT, AIRY NW CORNER OF THE SOUTH TOWER. WRAP AROUND BALCONY OVERLOOKING THE RIVER, POOL AND GARDEN AREA. SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN IS UPGRADED WITH LIMESTONE FLOORS IN LIVING AREAS. BEING SOLD FULLY FURNISHED.

PRICE REDUCED 2BR/2BATH - \$399,000

CORNER UNIT WITH WRAP AROUND BALCONY. SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN, & UPGRADED TILE FLOORS THROUGHOUT. OFFERS RIVER, POOL AND GARDEN VIEWS, 5 STAR BUILDING AMENITIES.

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2BR/2BATH

SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH FABULOUS CITY VIEWS. FEATURES INCLUDE GOURMET KITCHEN, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, SS APPLIANCES AND ITALIAN CABINETRY.

PRICE REDUCED 2BR/2BATH - \$329,000

SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH TILE IN THE LIVING AREA AND WOOD IN THE BEDROOMS. MARBLE BATHS, GOURMET KITCHEN, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, GARDEN VIEWS AND 5 STAR BUILDING AMENITIES.

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SOUTH EAST CORNER PENTHOUSE - \$2,275,000

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SEAVIEW

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SEAVIEW - \$639,000

RARELY AVAILABLE 2BR/2BATH SOUTHEAST CORNER UNIT. GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERTOPS. LARGE TERRACE WITH EXPANSIVE RIVER VIEWS. 5 STAR BUILDING AMENITIES.

PRICE REDUCED MOONGLOW - \$619,000

UPGRADED TURN KEY 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH CORNER UNIT WITH LARGE WRAP AROUND BALCONY. SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN WITH AMAZING VIEWS! CUSTOM LIGHTING AND BUILT-IN SURROUND SOUND.

SEAVIEW

RARELY AVAILABLE 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH WITH 2 BALCONIES. HIGH FLOOR WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF RIVER, OCEAN AND PORT EVERGLADES. DESIGNER APPLIANCES AND CUSTOM LIGHTING.

SEAVIEW - \$599,000

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH WITH VIEWS OF THE OCEAN, RIVER & CITY. SPACIOUS GOURMET KITCHEN, FULL SIZE W/D, 2 LARGE GLASS BALCONIES, TANDEM PARKING SPACE FOR 2 CARS.

PRICE REDUCED SEAVIEW - \$579,000

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH WITH BEAUTIFUL OCEAN & RIVER VIEWS, TANDEM PARKING SPACE FOR 2 CARS AND STORAGE INCLUDED, VERY OPEN AND SPACIOUS KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERTOPS.

JUST LISTED SKYVIEW - \$485,000

STUNNING SUNSETS FROM THIS HIGH FLOOR 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH. ENIOY VIEWS OF THE RIVER AND VIBRANT LAS OLAS FROM ALL ROOMS OF THIS SPLIT BEDROOM FLOORPLAN. FLOOR TO CEILING GLASS.

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SKYVIEW

2BR/2BATH WITH WOOD AND TILE FLOORING OFFERS A SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN. COMES FULLY FURNISHED W/RIVER VIEWS.

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3 BEDROOM/2 BATH - \$485.000

DIRECT RIVER VIEWS! NEWLY UPGRADED 3/2 CORNER UNIT. ALL NEW STAINLESS APPLIANCES, SIDE BY SIDE WASHER/DRYER, FRESHLY PAINTED. BRAND NEW CARPETING IN BEDROOMS. THIS IS A TRUE TURN KEY CONDO. PRIME PARKING SPACE AND STORAGE INCLUDED.



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oon Tunes along the Riverwalk was a success. It was great to see hundreds of people take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life and enjoy a relaxing afternoon outside along the New River listening to live music. The eight-week series ended Mar. 30, but we would love to see the series extended in the future.

As we look forward to the coming months, there are some exciting activities happening along the Riverwalk. On Apr. 9, we will be hosting the Chillounge Night in Huizenga Plaza. Chillounge Night was established in 2008 by Rainer Scheer. The goal of the event is to create a chic and unique night by transforming a simple outdoor space into a magnificent relaxation lounge, complete with day beds, sitting areas, live music, fashion shows, performers, and great food and drinks. Since its inception, Chillounge Night has hosted events in seven different cities and has drawn over 95,000 attendees. Chillounge Night also raised over \$112,000 for local charities. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is



BY BARBRA STERN Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair

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honored to be selected as the charity to benefit from this year's inaugural Chillounge Night Fort Lauderdale event.

Are you a burger aficionado? If so, we want to see you at the Riverwalk Burger Battle VII, Friday, May 13, from 6:30 - 10 p.m. in Huizenga Plaza. Burger Battle pits local restaurants against each other with the task of creating the best gourmet burger. Attendees get to vote for the best one! We encourage you to come out for a fun night on the New River and enjoy some burgers, a French fry bar, cocktails, beer, and live music. This is one of Riverwalk's signature fundraising events. We are pleased to report that this event sells out every year so get your tickets before they are gone. We do not sell tickets at the door. (1)

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BY GENIA **DUNCAN ELLIS** President/CEO. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale

embers, partners, sponsors, and donors are all means of funding for Riverwalk to continue the mission of oversight of public land, compliance with master plans, and activation. The three-square-mile district is teeming with things to do and see. The Riverwalk Ambassadors, which consist of great volunteers, are downtown on Saturday and Sunday and provide directions and information about the city and its many happenings. These volunteers make it happen!

Sponsors assist in the many events that Riverwalk hosts, off setting some of our costs and contributing back to the community. These are part of the backbone of our organization and assure that we can continue to offer the kinds of activations that have been requested by our friends, neighbors, tourist, and business partners.

Partners and organizations routinely participate in the planning of both hardscape and softscape improvements and provide a dedicated funding stream to assure that implementation can occur.

Some of our partners will be listed monthly so that you know who is invested in our community and making a difference.

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This partner recently assisted Riverwalk in acquiring a small used vehicle to be used for our events. Using their network of dealers, they assisted in locating the vehicle, checked it out for us, and assisted in the purchase. Partners like this are most precious to small organizations such as Riverwalk. JM Lexus has been a consistent and generous partner to Riverwalk and the City and currently is the host of the Sunday Jazz Brunch - a much loved and enjoyed long time event along Riverwalk.

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Our local partners, Alexa and Britt Lanier, owners of several Two Men and A Truck locations, have stepped up to be strong and supportive members of Riverwalk and were recently recognized with the Million Dollar Award for their Fort Lauderdale franchise by the national Two Men and a Truck organization. Having experienced first hand their attention to detail and high quality of service, we are most honored to have been selected as a partner. @



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• I am the vice president and cluster branch manager for HSBC USA. My parents

emigrated here from Cuba in the 1960s. A native Floridian, I was born in Miami. When I was at an early age, my parents moved to Hollywood, Florida where I attended Hallandale High School and then went on to college at Florida International University. As a testament to my preference for consistency, I married my high school sweatheart and we now have two amazing boys who are now also growing up in South Florida!

I have worked for HSBC Bank in Fort Lauderdale for over a year now. The bank is headquartered in London and operates in over 70 countries worldwide. Here in the U.S., HSBC has over 250 offices, two of which are located here in the Fort Lauderdale area.

My colleagues and I work with many domestic clients and have a high level of expertise with international clients. We take pride in offering our services to foreign nationals including personal residential mortgages and wealth management services. HSBC offers many unique benefits for clients that also work with us in their home country.

I joined Riverwalk so I can participate in the local community. Being in Downtown Fort Lauderdale provides a strong sense of community my business and the local team wants to participate in and give back to. I look forward to meeting everyone in the near future.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Donna Caccioppo, Ph.D. TRUSTED TEK, LLC

• Originally from New York, I moved to South Florida 38 years ago with my immediate family

when my parents decided that they had enough of the cold weather. I'll admit that I appreciated that decision as much as they did. After attending the University of Central Florida, I moved back to South Florida where I worked full time and continued my education. I earned a Ph.D. in computer science with a specialization in software metrics from Nova Southeastern University.

Having 30 years of experience within the IT industry, I have served in various management and leadership roles such as chief information officer (CIO) for start-up and Fortune 200 companies as well as the public sector.

In 2010, I founded Trusted Tek, LLC, a licensed and insured technology company that provides rapid onsite computer repair and maintenance services to local businesses in South Florida. Currently, I hold the position of president and CEO and manage the day-to-day operations of the company.

In addition to my personal hobbies of driving sports cars, traveling, working out, and spending time with friends and family, I have been affiliated with several organizations throughout Broward County. Currently, I am involved with the Women's Executive Club, Boardroom Professionals, where I co-chair the membership committee, and now Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. I joined Riverwalk to meet other professionals from the area and learn about their exciting businesses.

Get Involved!



STAFF PATRICK HARRIS RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST s the number of Riverwalk members continues to grow, I am constantly being asked about how people can get the most out of their membership. Realizing that everyone joins for different reasons, it can be difficult to point to a single answer to this question. For some members, they simply want to support Riverwalk's efforts in keeping the downtown vibrant and active. For others, it's the exclusive networking events that come along with being a Trustee member.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

Anne Sallee

FLORIDA RESTAURANT & LODGING ASSOCIATION

• I settled in Broward County in 1995 after living

in the Caribbean, Berlin, Germany, and 10 different states. I grew up in the U.S. Virgin Islands and now live in Oakland Park with my husband Steve. I am also the proud mom/stepmom to five amazing young adults and Meema to four grandchildren!

As the president of the Oakland Park Historical Society, I published the first pictorial history of Oakland Park just in time to celebrate the City's 80th birthday on July 1, 2009. I have also served on Broward County's Historical Commission and the Broward Women's History Coalition.

As a Florida registered paralegal with 25 years of experience, I bring a wealth of business, marketing, and legal experience to whatever I do. My experience in legislative advocacy and outreach and successful grant writing has come in handy for the various nonprofits I support.

These days you will find me out networking and advocating for the hospitality community as the regional director for the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association (FRLA). In this role I raise dollars for an education fund providing scholarships to Broward high school students, who plan to pursue a hospitality career. I also help FRLA members with the daily issues they encounter and communicate with legislators to advocate for the industry responsible for 25 percent of the tax revenue in Florida.

I joined Riverwalk to have an ear to the ground and to be tuned into the city core. To me, Riverwalk represents the essence of Fort Lauderdale – the Venice of America – and its vibrancy emanates from that special place where the water meets the land.

Then there is a whole other group of people – members and non-members alike – who want to be involved with Riverwalk at a more personal level. For this reason, we have formed a volunteer committee to help us make sure our events are properly staffed and run more smoothly. The committee is headed by Trustee member James Ferriero of Life First Financial and you can participate regardless of your membership level. In fact, you don't even need to be a member to take part! Volunteer opportunities are numerous and will encompass a variety of duties from event set-up and tear-down to working at a booth running games and other activities. There is literally something for everyone.

Our next big event is at The Color Run on Apr. 23 and we need help!

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Riverwalk is the charity for this event and we are required to recruit 200 volunteers. There are plenty of jobs available, including throwing color!

To volunteer for The Color Run or to become a part of our volunteer committee, please contact the Riverwalk office at (954) 468-1541. We look forward to having you involved with us!



RIVERWALK EXCLUSIVES



26th Annual Riverwalk Blues & Music Festival

STAFF: CRISTINA HUDSON PHOTOS BY JIM ZIELINSKI Blues lovers from all over danced on the Riverwalk at the 26th Annual Riverwalk Blues & Music Festival. This three-day concert featured 17 artists ranging from locals to Grammy Award winning acts. The festival included two days at Esplanade Park and a third free day at The Downtowner.

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open the restaurant here because it's a great opportunity to be near a growing population." Riga plans on creating an attractive outdoor space at the restaurant, an important component to place-making. The restaurant will feature Italian cuisine, sandwiches, live music, Sunday brunch and much more, so be sure to stop by in the coming months.

A buzzed about new restaurant will

Gastronomic Paradise

TRANSFORMING DOWNTOWN THROUGH FOOD

f the way to a person's heart is through their stomach, then it's little wonder why downtown is beloved by so many. Restaurants are vital to vibrant cities for many reasons and they serve as a key indicator of a place's vitality. As new dining variations emerge in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, the place is becoming a gastronomic paradise for all types of palates.

Restaurants and cafés daily serve as a meeting place, water cooler, and the place to celebrate and let loose after a long day. A 2014 study by urban design firm Sasaki and Associates surveyed urban dwellers and found food to be a major driver of the urban experience. Eighty-two percent of those surveyed flock to downtowns for their restaurants, and a new restaurant is the top reason almost half of those surveyed make the trip to the area and explore it.

One newcomer to the Downtown Fort Lauderdale dining scene is the forthcoming Via California Espresso Bar and Italian restaurant, set to open in the next couple months in the SunTrust Bank Building at 515 E. Las Olas Blvd. (954) 368-3795. I spoke to owner Don Riga about his new eatery and why he chose to locate in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Riga heralds from Toronto where Via California was originally located. "We always liked Fort Lauderdale and decided to



Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority

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often put an area on the map. Millennials are capitalizing on this concept while sharing expenses and resources through pop-up eateries. Similarly, The Restaurant People's TRP Taste will center on an experimental kitchen concept in the One West Las Olas building. These temporal eateries cater to the discerning palate and make dining a special event that precipitates diners to make the trek.

I asked Anna McMaster from South Florida Community Land Trust how she thinks downtown has been shaped by changing generational tastes. She said, "The millennial generation is absolutely shaping Fort Lauderdale's downtown. The city's core has become a destination unto itself and has grown up from the singularly-focused 'beach town' perspectives of yesterday. A lot of that has to do with millennials' urban expectations: we want unique experiences, walkability, diversity, and sustainability all wrapped together conveniently — and that's the environment that is emerging now. The next hurdle in maintaining that progress will be ensuring millennials aren't just visiting downtown but that they can reasonably afford to live there too."

As tastes evolve, so does Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Whether you are in the mood for food trucks, the traditional sit-down dining experience, or a pop-up restaurant, downtown's got what you're craving. Step outside your comfort zone and sample the adventurous new culinary world taking shape. (9)

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A Thriving Industry

THE CITY BENEFITS FROM FEARLESS RESTAURATEURS AND FOOD PIONEERS

estaurants can mean different things to different people. Whether you are seeking a romantic evening for two, a power lunch, a casual weekend drink outdoors, or a sizzling night on the town, Fort Lauderdale's restaurants provide the right environment to fit your mood.

To their employees, restaurants are job centers. Fort Lauderdale issued almost 425 restaurant business licenses in 2015. Approximately 70 of those were issued to new restaurants! This works out to more than 12 restaurants per square mile in the city.

To their patrons, restaurants are dining, social, and entertainment centers. Diners, cafés, fast-casual, and gourmet choices abound in Fort Lauderdale. As the saying goes, "retail follows rooftops," so as we see new residential development happening in our downtown core, we also enjoy an influx of new restaurant choices.

To neighborhoods, restaurants are a part of their underlying identity, reflecting their unique meaning, value, and character. Restaurants contribute to the activation of the community, creating a place for people to gather and play.

Our friends in California and professionals around the country know that restaurants fuel a city's energy. According to Scott Knies, executive director of the San Jose Downtown Association,



BY JENNI MOREJON Director, Department of Sustainable Development, City of Fort Lauderdale.



"In many ways, restaurants and food uses are the pioneers of any sort of urban renaissance – they come first before the soft-good retailers."

Once a high-end shopping destination and entertainment hub in Los Angeles, Westwood Village deteriorated into a collection of empty storefronts and forgettable shops and restaurants. But now, the foundation is being laid for a solid revival of the neighborhood through selectively chosen restaurants, says the *LA Business Journal*. The goal is not to recreate the old "flashy entertainment destination" that Westwood once was, but instead to create a collection of restaurants and stores that "can draw locals in full force and stay in business for years to come," says the *LABJ*.

"Mixed-use projects as a favored type of development, offer greater convenience for busy professionals and also appeal to both empty nesters and their young adult children by providing pedestrianaccessible retail, restaurants, parks, supermarkets, and offices." – *Emerging Trends in Real Estate*, Urban Land Institute and Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP.

According to Richard Florida, author of *The Rise* of the Creative Class, communities must provide a quality of life that will attract talented, educated people to live and work there. For cities seeking high-paying businesses with jobs in information technology, professional and technical services, health care, and environmental technologies – cities like Fort Lauderdale – restaurants are critical components of economic development strategies and revitalization initiatives.

So on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale and our neighbors, congratulations to the fearless restaurateurs and food pioneers in our community and a big thank you for helping to make Fort Lauderdale the city you never want to leave. Now, off to my favorite restaurant. I'm hungry!!



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PARKLET. n. A parklet is a small public sidewalk extension, usually occupying two on-street parking space lengths, combining elements such as seating, trees, flowers, shrubs, umbrellas, bike parking or lighting. Parklets are intended to provide space for people to sit, relax, and enjoy the city around them.



City Crusin'

EXPLORING THE CITY FROM A DIFFERENT VANTAGE POINT

recently spent a not-so-lazy yet very enjoyable afternoon with my husband exploring the city by foot, bike, and boat. It started in the parking lot of my office building where we parked and unloaded our bikes. As I began pedaling, I could feel the change around and within me, experiencing the place I was traveling through with all my senses, unhindered by the confines of the car. I was feeling my lungs open up and my joints come to life as we peddled our way over to A1A for a ride along the ocean.

We took in the sights and sounds of people walking, skating, and playing on the street, on the sidewalks, and on the sand. We stopped to refresh ourselves with water before making our way over to Las Olas Boulevard. We quickened our pace to make it over the bridge where the people also seemed to move with more purpose as we traveled further west. We stopped again to take in the scene, this time our resting place was a parklet right in the middle of the action.

After rehydrating with a couple large glasses of water on this not-so-cool "winter" day, we indulged in a glass of cool, crisp white wine. Here, I couldn't help but put my "work hat" on as we observed people crossing both inside and



BY DIANA ALARCON Director, Transportation and Mobility Department, City of Fort Lauderdale



outside of the crosswalk across four lanes of traffic. It occurred to me in this location that it's simply not enough to put in the hard infrastructure. My observation underscored the importance of the City's new bicycle and pedestrian safety plan – Vision Zero: Safer Streets for Fort Lauderdale, geared toward achieving zero fatalities and severe injuries on city streets by implementing solutions in engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation ("5 E's.").

I began picturing this stretch of Las Olas in its near-future condition, with two lanes of traffic, roadway improvements to flush the vehicles out more quickly, enhanced walking and crossing conditions, and a dedicated bike lane. To my husband's relief, I resisted the urge to tell everyone I saw, "Just wait. You're gonna love it!"

We peddled on for a few more blocks, boarded the Water Trolley along with about 20 other Sunday afternoon explorers, and enjoyed the sounds and sights of Riverwalk from the New River. We crisscrossed the river while our bikes swayed on the bow of the boat. We disembarked at Esplanade Park and rode back to my office building to get in the car. More aware of the vulnerable users of the streets, we made our way home a little more slowly and cautiously and enjoyed the remains of the day with this lovely afternoon behind us. ^(III)



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Community Forum

THE GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROVIDES AN INFORMATION HUB FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

ort Lauderdale is a growing community and businesses are constantly looking to the chamber for forecasted economic trends, legislative actions, and business incentives. It is that collection of information that makes the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (GFLCC) unique.

Michael Reininger of Brightline recently spoke at a Downtown Council breakfast event and brought all up to speed on the plans for the multi-modal movements and developments associated with the train stations and local economic impact, including surround development. The audience was fascinated with the forecast of what is expected, when shovels will be in the ground, and how soon the opportunity for a ride will be coming. This addition to South Florida in our downtown core will make Fort Lauderdale a preferred destination with the ease of access to convenient transportation.

Select topics and quality speakers are offered through public events like this, which provide information regarding changes coming to the community. There is a transportation symposium that is being prepared and open to the public anticipated in April. Check the chamber web page for specifics at www.ftlchamber.com.







DUNCAN ELLIS Chair, Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Presentations of this sort are often offered. The chamber web page provides a host of upcoming events for members and the public. It should be a go-to resource for established businesses and start-ups in our city.

Chair Heiko Dobrikow and the executive committee of the board in partnership with President Dan Lindblade continue to map out processes that will improve the chamber experience and organize councils and committees to become more effective. This process will provide members with services that are integral to a business' success and continued growth.

Send your business questions and concerns to the chamber for up to date information. ⁽¹⁾





CULTURALLY SPEAKING



"Into the Pixel," Port Everglades exhibition

Into the Port and "Into the Pixel"

ARTWORK ENHANCES PORT EVERGLADES

ver the past few years Broward Cultural Division, in partnership with Port Everglades, has embarked on a creative and collaborative vision to enhance the many spaces at the port that service more than four million passengers annually. The partnership has resulted in commissioned works of art from international and local artists of renowned repute that are accentuating this worldwide seaport facility with beauty, color, light, and aesthetic appeal.

For example, "Forces of Nature," a pivotal port artwork by international artist Michele Oka Doner, was installed in 2009 and has become an iconic floor design, which is located in the atrium of the arriving passengers' ticketing area in Terminal 18. This 3,000 sq. ft. terrazzo composition contains a lively narrative with mother-of-pearl simulating trade winds that circle the earth.

Another noteworthy work of art, "Fata



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Morgana" by Ralph Helmick and Stuart Schecter, was designed, fabricated, and installed more than 12 years ago. This hanging mobile artwork, which represents an immense three-dimensional pointillist ship sculpture, was cleaned and rehung in 2013.

In 2015, a Dale Chihuly piece was added to the port's portfolio, which also includes artworks by Larry Kirkland (Cruising School) and Mark Fuller (Rainbows Swimming).

In direct relationship to this aesthetic and creative expansion, there are two new exhibitions, which opened recently at Port Everglades, one in Terminal 29 and one in Terminal 21. They are yearlong ventures of interesting backgrounds and partnerships. Broward Art Club's Laura Atria became the first artist to be selected in a new Emerging Artist Program at Port Everglades. The artist recently began the creation of "Ocean's Footprint" that will grace a wall in the terminal. The artwork will remain on view until 2017.

"Into the Pixel," Port Everglades

The national exhibition "Into the Pixel, An Exhibition of the Art of Video Games" at Port Everglades Cruise Terminal 21, consists of a group of artworks handpicked by the port and the division from the "Into the Pixel" national collection. The pieces are currently available for viewing by Port Everglades' passengers and the community by special invitation.

"Into the Pixel" is sponsored by the Entertainment Software Association (ESA) and the Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences to showcase visual storytelling created for video games from 2004 through to today. Sixteen winners are chosen annually by a panel of judges from both the field of video games and from art museums, and the winning artworks are displayed at industry tradeshows. ESA is making the artwork available to select public entities to promote video games as an art form, bring more attention to the skill and creativity of the artists, and highlight career options for those interested in this as a profession.

More than 20 Florida colleges and universities offer degrees in computer and video game design. Florida is a leader in the country in the number of video game education options for students and these schools are preparing new developers to help lead this growing industry. It is hoped that this empowering exhibition will support the continued creation of remarkable works of art.

The "Into the Pixel" exhibition will remain on view for the next year. 0



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Shaping the Future

BUDGET DECISIONS TO AFFECT REGIONAL ECONOMY

overnment continues to help and hurt our regional economy. While we push forward and enjoy 4.3 percent unemployment in Broward County, the state legislature may have missed a wonderful opportunity to solidify Florida as a go to state for business.

As I write this we are in the last week of the state legislative session and this is what we know.

- Two hundred and fifty million dollars for a Quick Action Closing Fund for Enterprise Florida was not funded. This would be used to attract new business and jobs to Florida. New York has a \$1 billion fund and Texas has \$500 million.
- Eight and a half million dollars to market Florida for business recruitment and expansion globally was reduced to \$6 million.
- 3. The reduction from six to five percent of the tax businesses pay on commercial leases did not make it into the budget. We have been unsuccessful for several sessions to get this passed. Other states, which are our competitors for economic development don't have this tax.
- Elimination of the tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment sales has survived at this point.
- Visit Florida funding has been reduced from \$80 million to \$74 million.





BY DAN LINDBLADE President/CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



- 6. QRT funding for CareerSource Florida will remain at \$12 million.
- 7. Expansion of the usage of the Tourism Development Tax (TDT) for police, fire, and rescue would be limited to three counties in the Panhandle. Currently the state statute does not provide for this use. We were opposed to the expansion because Broward County's \$54 million in TDT revenues are best used for marketing the destination, beach re-nourishment, and convention center expansion along with other items.

There may be some changes to the budget before it is passed. What is clear to many is that politics have changed in Tallahassee. We work very hard to identify individuals who are pro-business and free enterprise. There used to be a time when we could easily identify those who represented our same philosophy, but that is no longer the case.

What is clear is that we have a lot of work to do as a business community to make our voice heard. That means we will be asking you to participate in our government affairs actions and political affairs efforts. The risk if we don't engage is that other organizations and causes will have their message heard and we will be on the table instead of at the table.

Over the weeks ahead we will have discussions with candidates like those running for the new state senate district 34. We will also be debating a commercial real estate linkage fee for workforce housing, expansion of the TDT from five to six cents, a penny sales tax in Broward County for transportation, and a series of other items.

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- Enhance Riverwalk's identity as a vibrant, engaging, downtown Fort Lauderdale destination.
- Earn community service hours for your school, nonprofit, or philanthropic organization.

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Around the World in Fort Lauderdale

EAT YOUR WAY THROUGH THE CITY'S GLOBAL CUISINE SCENE

WRITER ANDREA RICHARD | PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY



n Fort Lauderdale, foodies and diners alike can whet their palates with international grub without traveling too far. The cuisine scene in our tropical, urban city offers the hungry an array of adventurous food options, from delightful citrus-soaked ceviche to spicy Caribbean fare that's so hearty and delicious, your belly and tastebuds will scream out in thanks. If tastebuds were able to talk, of course.

While there are nearly a zillion restaurants to choose from, *Go Riverwalk Magazine* curated this tasty guide of five restaurants to help you stamp your passport without having to go the distance. Forks up, folks.

Bring on the Pho

Pho, a bowl full of noodles, meat, and vegetables soaked in a rich broth, is traditionally made with beef and tripe – the ultimate thrill for the adventurous eater. Not quite looking to bulge outside your comfort zone? That's okay. Pho is also served with meatballs and chicken at this cozy Lauderdale-By-The-Sea eatery. In addition, Basilic Vietnamese Grill offers an extensive menu featuring items such as vermicelli noodle dishes, curry noodle duck soup, and seafood curry.

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Take Them to the Greek

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"Gnaughty Gnocchi" preparation (top) and final dish (bottom) at Hot & Soul



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Skip on over to Las Olas Bouvlevard and order a dish or two at SuViche, a contemporary sushi and ceviche spot, deriving its name 'su' and 'viche' as a mashup. First opened in 2010 in Brickell, Miami, it has since expanded across South Florida. Chef Jamie Pesaque serves a creative menu straight out of Lima with a modern twist. There's a lineup of exotic pisco-infused cocktails, a Peruvian grape brandy, to wash down the delicate, lime marinated, traditional ceviche. The sushi rolls are quite impressive, such as the steak roll – an avocado, cucumber roll served with sautéed steak with a side of a lomo style sauce.

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A Cold Cuts Revolution

THE HISTORY OF CHARCUTERIE AND ITS MODERN-DAY RENAISSANCE

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND | PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY

f you were to walk into a kitchen 1,000 years ago, the presence of hanging meats wouldn't have alarmed you. The practice still happens today, but is less reminiscent of a butcher shop, and incorporates storage that is more hygienic according to current standards. It's a gourmet craft, a trendy one even.

Instituted to preserve food in the absence of refrigeration, the practice of salting or smoking meats is known as charcuterie, a sophisticated sampling option for savory palates. Market 17 executive chef Lauren DeShields says, "It's an ever-changing process and at the same time, it hasn't really changed too much. It's something that's been done for so long."

Walk into some Fort Lauderdale restaurants – Louie Bossi's, Burlock Coast at the Ritz-Carlton, Mod Wine Lounge, Market 17 and as of a few months ago, the French restaurant The Boarding on Las Olas Boulevard, formerly Cheese Culture – and you'll see it on the menu.

The Boarding wine director, Christina Curcio, says wine and cheese pairings are as much about science as art. Charcuterie follows suit but leaves room for a more creative approach, which relies mainly on taste. The Boarding offers a selection of three different charcuterie and cheese boards selected at the chef's discretion.

"If there's a salty meat we tend to put it with a fruitier or sweeter wine, verses a smoky meat. We have *Speck*, which is a similar cut to prosciutto but it's smoked, so it goes awesome with red wine. Pork based meats or even beef meats have that sanguine, irony characteristic so French and Italian wines, which are a lot subtler, go awesome with it." The Boarding has approximately 70 different wines in-house, about 75 percent of them French.

Amongst the smokier charcuterie options is their *Jamón Ibérico de Bellota*, also known as Iberian ham, or *pata negra*, a fine Spanish product made from the highest grade ham from free range black Iberian pigs, who feed on a finishing diet of black acorns, which ultimately is the reason for the meat's nutty, salty, sweet flavor. Once the meat is salted (one day per one kilo of meat), it is removed and dried for two years or more depending on the cut and is usually stored underground in cold climates.



Left - a charcuterie, cheese, and wine board from The Boarding; two right photos - Louie Bossi's high tech, Italian made smoking cabinet with a climate control system for producing dry aged meats; and a housemade salumi assortment served with bread sticks, olives, and marinated giardiniera

Importing charcuterie is common, but housemade, cured meats are popping up on local menus. Closer to home, Louie Bossi's features a salumi (Italian word for cured meats) section of their menu with *finocchiona*, *piccante, tartufo, soppressata, n'duja, coppa*, and *mortadella*, with all but the last being made in-house. A selection of three starts at \$16. Also featured are dry aged and cooked and brined prosciuttos. Experience a prosciutto tasting for \$27.

One thing that charcuterie requires is time but the process isn't identical in every case. "It's really something else," says DeShields. "I've tried with my cooks to make a 'Charcuterie Basics' but there are so many variables that even still to this day I have trouble or I come up with things like, 'Gosh, what happened here?"

Market 17's menu boasts charcuterie made in-house through an equilibrium cure – treated with 3.5 percent

the weight of the meat in salt. DeShields learned the charcuterie craft when she worked at Namu in San Francisco, but Market 17's housemade program was in place before she joined the restaurant staff in 2012.

Every other week the restaurant gets in a full pig that will undergo a primal cuts breakdown, European style, which is more charcuterie friendly. Whatever they're

> not using for dining room service, they pack, salt, and cure for their housemade charcuterie. Selected tenderloins are salted and packed for *lonza*, the Boston Butt for *coppa*, or ham as prosciutto, which, after being salted in the refrigerator for a month or two according to size, occupies the curing chamber for 400 days.

> "When [the prosciutto] comes out, it only lasts the restaurant not even a month and then it's gone. We try to keep the prosciuttos going but we don't always have enough space to keep them on the menu year round," DeShields says.

The key is to stagger the production. Diners see *lonza*, which takes about three months in the curing chamber, or *culatello*, which takes five to six months, more often on the menu as compared to prosciutto, which appears fewer times during the year.

Based on availability, diners can choose a three (\$15), five (\$25), or seven (\$32) selection platter, complemented with housemade beer mustard, seasonal chutneys, and pickles, among other condiments. Managing partners and sommeliers Kirsta and Aaron Grauberger provide wine pairing suggestions.

"The meats are rich, they're salty. So with chutney, it adds something sweet," DeShields says. "It adds a bit of everything. You have your sweet, your savory, your sour, your fatty. Charcuterie is preserving meats, and the chutneys and the pickles are the way of preserving the vegetable or the fruit, so it's beautiful utilizing everything and being sustainable."

To learn more about the science of pairings and charcuterie menu options, visit www.market17. net and www.facebook.com/ theboardinglasolas and stay tuned for The Boarding's wine and cheese pairing classes, coming soon.



ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION: The idea is simple, but the practice isn't. Sometimes it's hard to find common ground with strangers, peers, or even family members. But, maintaining a light-hearted and fun conversation throughout an evening is necessary in creating a relaxed and inclusive environment. Steer clear of hotly debated topics like politics, religion, and law. Instead, try asking about one's hobbies or upcoming vacations.

INSTEAD OF REACHING, ASK: Being seated near a basket filled with freshly baked breads and fully-filled salt and pepper shakers is more a fantasy than a reality, especially at large dinner parties. When seated around a table, particularly one with more than six chairs, it's important to ask for something rather than reach. Make sure to pass dishes counter-clockwise thereafter.

USE YOUR NAPKIN: Sometimes things get a little messy – be it balancing a drink in one hand and a small bite in the other, or munching on a plate of baby back ribs. Make sure to have a few spare napkins at cocktail events and a larger one to place over your lap at sitdown dinners. It's easy to forget to use it, but remember, it's there for a reason. At the end of dinner, fold the napkin and leave it tidily on the table.

DON'T USE YOUR UTENSIL LIKE A SHOVEL: Think about how toddlers use utensils. With all their might, they grab a fork, spoon, or knife, and form a fist to keep it from slipping away. While it's socially acceptable for young children, it's frowned upon among adults. For reference, try to hold a knife and fork with the handles in the palm of the hand, using the forefinger on top, and the thumb underneath. Start with the utensil that is farthest from your plate and work your way toward the center of your place setting. If stemmed glasses are used, make sure to hold yours by its stem too.

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WRITER CLARISSA BUCH



EVEN IF IT'S NOT YOUR FAVORITE, MAKE SURE TO NIBBLE: Out of politeness to the host, try to nibble on each dish offered. Though everything might not be to your liking, it's polite to make an attempt to eat a small amount of what is presented. BRING A GIFT: Whether it is a large dinner party or an intimate sit-down, bringing a gift for the host or hostess is always a good idea. The best gifts are usually food or drink-related, like a freshlybaked cake or pastry, or a bottle of wine or champagne. Though it might not be used during the event, make sure to bring enough for the expected amount of attendees just in case.

WAIT TO EAT: Though you might be starving, make sure to refrain from eating until all guests are seated at the table. Oftentimes the host or hostess will insist that the guests start without them, but don't make the mistake of listening, even if other diners begin to eat. If you are at a buffet or a cocktail-style party, it is not necessary to wait for every guest.

AVOID SLOUCHING: Slouching is often associated with laziness and disregard. At any dinner or social event, make sure to sit or stand using the highest form of posture. Avoid placing your elbows on the table as you eat too. However, it is okay to prop them on the table while conversing between courses.

NO TEXTING: At the dinner table, cell phones should be nowhere to be found. In most cultures, it is rude to talk on a phone or text while in the company of others. It is best to keep your phone on silent to avoid disrupting fellow guests with a ring or a vibrate. Once dinner has finished and you're a few steps away from the table, then it is okay to check any messages.

SEND A THANK YOU NOTE: No matter how small or large a food-centric event might be, if you were personally invited, it's encouraged to send a thank you note. Address the host or hostess, thank him or her for the dinner or party, and add a short, personal anecdote at the end – be it your favorite dish from the night or a moment you two shared. Keep it brief, but make it sincere. Try to send a note one to two days after the event.



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POPULAR SINCE THE MID 1800s, SALT THERAPY IS HELPING TO IMPROVE LUNG FUNCTION AND ALLEVIATE AILMENTS

WRITER CLARISSA BUCH

or Jamie Stafford, staying healthy and experiencing salt therapy are one in the same. She is the owner of The Salt Suite in Fort Lauderdale, which opened in December 2015, so it's no surprise that she's an advocate for the age-old treatment. But, Stafford says her enthusiasm for the healing regimen runs far deeper than just owning a franchise of the Florida-born company.

"If it was up to me," she says, "Id open one in every hospital. There are so many benefits to the salt. It's incredible. The testimonials from the people who walk in here are unbelievable. People feel like they're getting their lives back."



and more, you'll see it popping up in hotels and cruise ships because of how many therapeutic benefits the salt has."

Salt therapy, also known as halotherapy, became popular in the mid 1800s in Eastern Europe when Felix Bochkovsky, a Polish health official, noticed that salt mine workers rarely suffered from respiratory conditions. Bochkovsky believed that inhaling the salt frequently alleviated potential problems for workers.

Though unrefined rock salt is primarily made up of sodium chloride, also present are manganese, magnesium, calcium, and sulfates in various concentrations and they are known to have therapeutic benefits. Using a halogenerator, which breaks down salt particles, a session of therapy can reproduce the



same therapeutic environment that the salt mine workers accidentally had. The dry salt aerosol, made up of microscopic salt particles, is circulated throughout the room. The salt particles are almost undetectably absorbed and inhaled by clients during a session. Stafford says all guests have to do is sit back and relax.

"It's really a fun and relaxing thing," she says. "Kids having a session can play in the salt in a big, salt sandbox. And adults can sit in one of our big recliners, listen to an iPod, read a magazine, and just relax."

Most clients report a bevy of improvements in overall lung function and assistance with allergy and asthma complications, breathing difficulties, stress, fatigue, and snoring.

It's been used for hundreds of years in Europe, and is commonly prescribed as a medication for breathing problems and skin ailments, but encouraged for maintaining general health too. "Pollution is everywhere," she says, "So it's good just to come in even if you don't have a health condition."

"Over time it's evolved to what it is today," she says. "And now it's slowly making its way to the west from the east. More Stafford says sessions usually take about 45 minutes to an hour. Individual sessions cost \$35, and memberships start at \$79 per month.

"There's really nothing to lose by trying a session," she says. "It's all natural, the first one is complimentary, and everyone says how amazing they feel afterwards. There's no reason not to do this."





Top and bottom - Rhythm & Vine garden; right - the crowd sips drinks from Rhythm & Vine's Airstream bar

R&V

THERE'S NO PRESSURE AT THIS LOCAL DEN AND GARDEN. MEET UP, HANG OUT, #JUSTCHILL

WRITER PETE STEVENSON **PHOTOGRAPHY** ANDRES FINASKE

FEATURE



ortland is cool. Boulder is cool. Austin is cool. And now Fort Lauderdale may be the new hotspot for coolness, because of places like Rhythm & Vine. Located in the Flagler Village area of Fort Lauderdale, Rhythm & Vine opened just over a year ago, and is like nothing else currently downtown.

"We wanted to do something different for the local market, something different than what currently exists on Las Olas, Himmarshee Street or at the beach," says owner David Cardaci. It is a unique get-together space, split into two distinct areas that effortlessly flow into each other. First is the outdoor garden, which is a serene and relaxed environment set on a lawn and speckled with an assorted mix of retro décor, large picnic tables, and a vintage Airstream trailer converted into a bar. The garden space also provides access to local food trucks. The food truck schedule is in effect during Rhythm & Vine's open days, Wednesday through Sunday.

While the garden is light and airy, the indoor den is a cool, sexy, high-energy lounge, embracing a recycled-chic look and feel. In fact, the bar in the den was created with repurposed shipping containers. The décor is also art-driven and incorporates the works of multiple local artists.

Whether inside or out, you have access to a wide variety of handcrafted cocktails, craft beers, and other libations. In addition to local food and art, Rhythm & Vine provides local entertainment. "On Thursday we usually provide live entertainment from a local artist and then local DJs rotate through on the weekends," said Cardaci.

Located near many high-end rentals and condos, which rarely provide that relaxed, backyard experience





we all crave, Rhythm & Vine is an oasis for locals looking to get away from crowds of tourists at our favorite restaurants or increasing traffic to get to the beach. Cardaci wanted to create an easy access, neighborhood space with a "chill environment where you can feel comfortable whether you are dressed up or in your bathing suit and flip flops."

Cardaci, who also owns The Whole Enchilada on Federal Highway nearby, was turned on by the vibe of the Flagler Village area. Originally, he was simply looking to open a spot that offered only beer and wine. However, it evolved quickly and organically into what it has become today – a distinctive destination for locals, embracing local food and entertainment and giving local artists a place to showcase their work in a relaxed atmosphere.

As the words above the den bar read: "I'd rather be someone's shot of whiskey than everyone's cup of tea," which is true of Rhythm & Vine. It's such good whiskey, you should put down your cup of tea and give Rhythm & Vine a shot. ⁽¹⁾



Reakthru Beverage, formerly Premier Beverage Company, has supported the Las Olas Wine & Food Festival since its inception and has been the title sponsor since 2002. Now in its 21st year, they are turning up the heat and showing Fort Lauderdale residents and visitors why this is the premier culinary pairings event of the area. The festival is bringing a bigger and better experience to this year's attendees. Taking place on Friday, Apr. 29, the festival is hosted by William Hill Wines, New Amsterdam Vodka, and Woodford Reserve and benefits the American Lung Association.

At one of the only nights Las Olas Boulevard closes down for foot traffic, guests will have an ultimate wine and foodie experience while spending the night sipping and sampling through the various, exclusive festival activation tents on the five main streets and private coves along Las Olas Boulevard.

Guests can enter and sample 200+ world class wines and cuisines from 50+ restaurants. This year, learn tips and tricks during culinary and mixology demos from industry experts, relax in luxury lounges, enjoy live entertainment, and ultimately treat your inner epicurean to new tastes from all over the world.

What makes this year different? Here are the top 10 reasons why the 21st Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival will be one for the books.

It is all about the guest experience. Multiple registrations will be placed at the SE Eighth Avenue and SE 10 Terrace intersections to ensure that all Las Olas Wine & Food Festival attendees have an easy experience right from the start. Flash your phone or bring your tickets so you can pick up your credentials, grab your wine glass, and take on the festival.

Live entertainment will keep you dancing throughout the evening. Get your groove on with one of South Florida's top DJs from Irie Entertainment, then continue your way down Las Olas and listen to some live bands, a guitarist, and a sprinkle of jazz at the Mercantil Commercebank lounge.

The private VIP pavilion on the festival grounds will open at 6:30 p.m. and will host the only full bars available as well as a wine connoisseur experience by VIP pavilion host Yangarra Wines. Meet and greet the 2016 Australian Winemaker of the Year, Peter Fraser. Learn about this portfolio that is 100 percent biodynamic and dry-farmed, consistently named "Best of Nation" at the San Francisco Wine Competition.

Relax in the festival's luxury lounges. Supporting title sponsor New Amsterdam and hosting sponsor Mercantil Commercebank will be presenting two of the **five major side street coves** at the festival site. The lounges will feature comfortable seating, photo booths, and more. Listen to jazz beats by an acclaimed South Florida saxophone player at the Mercantil Commercebank lounge and enjoy the event's signature cocktail, the Las Olas Mule, at the New Amsterdam lounge. Just flash your festival badge to gain access.

Is whiskey your thing? Brought to you by supporting title sponsor Woodford Reserve, the Woodford Reserve Lounge, hosted by Stache, 1920's Drinking Den, is a luxury experience where you can sip Old Fashioneds and Manhattans. As a credentialed guest you can enter this speakeasy, which will feature bartenders and musicians, courtesy of Stache.

The official auto partner of the festival, **Cadillac** will be offering a luxury experience in their private lounge on SE Eighth Avenue. View the showcase of the first ever CT6, which combines advanced technology with unique design.

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino -Hollywood is bringing you a true showcase cove along Las Olas Boulevard featuring their resort's newest culinary innovation – Kuro. Named by Zagat as one of its "Top 10 Restaurants to Try Now" and by New Times Broward-Palm Beach as "Best New Restaurant in Broward 2015," Kuro has made a splash with its new-style Japanese cuisine.



This year's "**Best of the Best**" **competition** will feature land, sea, and pub grub categories and each grouping will showcase two restaurant chefs going head to head on the live demo stages on the festival site. Chefs will whip up their signature dishes for a panel of media judges who will ultimately crown the champions. The "Best of the Best" competition will be hosted by DJ Irie. Who will win? Find out on Apr. 29 at 10 p.m.

This year, **Crown Wine & Spirits** will be creating the ultimate pop up shop on site, hosted by supporting title sponsor William Hill Winery. As part of your festival ticket benefits, you can sample any of the 80+ wines available throughout the event space and bring the wine tear sheet to the Crown Wine & Spirits shop to order your favorite, which will be delivered directly to your home the week after the event. Visit any of their 13 Fort Lauderdale locations prior to the event to redeem a special 20 percent off discount code.

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Nostalgia by the Sea

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WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND





CHEF EXCLUSIVE

When did you realize that you wanted to become a chef?

When I was young, my first job was working in a kitchen and I loved it and I never wanted to do anything else. I had been working in kitchens for like, four or five years and I didn't have any professional training. Where I was from at that time, up in the north Pan Handle of Florida, there's not a huge restaurant scene. So I decided to come down to South Florida and go to Le Cordon Bleu. My grandmother was a chef. My mother always cooked, so I've always been around food and it just was natural.

What is your favorite part of Fort Lauderdale's culinary scene?

It's very vibrant. You can get so many different types of food. There are so many different cultures that meet down here.

What is your favorite cocktail on the menu?

It's tough to pick a favorite. The Aviator is probably the most popular. They did a cocktail with Panther Coffee [the Midnite Panther], which [is] probably my favorite.

ame drop the Ritz-Carlton and opulence usually comes to mind. Burlock Coast Seafare and Spirits, opened last fall on the ground floor of the newly renovated Fort Lauderdale Beach hotel, is classy, accented with décor that reminds you of the sea. With the ocean at its front door, Burlock Coast is also a nod to rum running during the country's Prohibition era in the 1920s and to those that perpetuated the then contraband industry, namely bootlegger Bill McCoy.

"McCoy always sold the best product," says Burlock Coast's chef de cuisine Gavin Pera. "He never compromised on quality. He always made sure that what he told people he was giving them was really what it was and people respected him for it."

The restaurant's namesake comes from McCoy's liquor storage contraption called the burlock. The package housed





the smuggled product in a pyramid formation in order to maximize space on the transporting boat. "The name is really about [McCoy's] quest for quality and never compromising on that and his innovation. It's really a cool part of Fort Lauderdale's history," Pera says.

The street side restaurant is intended to be as much for the local as for the hotel guest. Walking in from the A1A sidewalk, you're met with the hostess, standing at an island table under a cage-like chandelier. Depending on availability you either sit at the open waiting area to the right or you're escorted to your seat, most likely in the main dining room. Pera says the best seat in the house is at the indoor-outdoor bar, which overlooks A1A and the Atlantic Ocean. Two private dining rooms and tables in the wine vault and "Rum Room" are also available.

Then there is the marketplace on Burlock Coast's south side. The front serves as the restaurant's raw bar – fresh oysters and hand-cranked sliced charcuterie come from here – and it occasionally houses the restaurant's breakfast buffet, usually available on the weekends. On the other side, you can actually order market items to go. It's a unique aspect



DINING DESTINATION



Lobster Pasta

Ingredients:

1 quart lobster stock (or any seafood base from your local market) 1 quart heavy cream ¼ lb. brie 4 oz. truffle oil 1 – 1½ lbs. dry pappardelle pasta

Method:

Reduce the seafood stock or broth in a large sauce pot until it is 34 of the original amount, about one cup of liquid. Add the cream to the pot with the truffle oil and reduce by 1/4 until the sauce has thickened. Once the sauce has reduced, remove pot from heat and add the brie (cut in chunks) and let it steep for 20 minutes. Use an emersion blender, or a regular blender to puree the sauce, which will thicken further. Strain through a fine strainer and season with salt and pepper to taste. Boil pasta according to manufacturer's directions.

To Serve:

Divide into portions and serve the sauce over the pappardelle. Serve the pasta with butter poached lobster, spinach, tomatoes, and asparagus. It also goes well with mushrooms. Use shrimp as a substitute if you prefer. of the restaurant in that it pairs an informal, grab-and-go atmosphere with the high-end backdrop of oceanfront fine dining.

Guests can order juices, pastries, salads, and gourmet sandwiches before they head out for a stroll along the beach or sit in the café like seating area, with views of the marketplace counter, busy with displayed artisan breads, gelato, and desserts like freshly fried donuts, key lime pie, and cheesecake.

Retail shelves line the wall behind marketplace seating. Diners can purchase ingredients like quality dry pastas, soy sauce, Burlock Coast's branded olive

oil, and the very same BLiS nine-year-old sherry maple vinegar Pera cooks with. BLiS ages its product in barrels formerly used for maple syrup, which previously housed bourbon. The result is a smooth vinegar that Burlock Coast uses in some of its salad dressings. "If people love to cook, [the marketplace] is actually a really great spot to come and get high-end cooking [ingredients,]" Pera says.

Some menu items are also available for purchase. If you ordered the cheese plate at the restaurant, buy it by the pound at the marketplace. Rum enthusiasts can peruse the nearby "Rum Room" and purchase anything from Caribbean rum to Japanese whiskey.

The restaurant's food and retail items form a unique amalgam that was hand-selected and vetted. During Burlock Coast's design phase, Pera says that they took a sampling of locally purveyed goods. "We wanted to find Miami's best vineyards and artisans," like Zak the Baker bread, Panther Coffee, charcuterie from Miami Smokers. "They have a great following so it's kind of cool for our guests to be able to come here and get a taste of what South Florida really has to offer.

Burlock's menu was determined in the same way – informed sourcing, local when possible. "It's a commitment to me to use local people that have a shared passion for food and respect for the product that they put out. It means a lot to me," Pera says.

Dishes are built around available ingredients, many of which Pera says require little embellishing. Their short rib is from Seminole Beef, chickens and eggs from Lake Meadow Naturals, pork loin from Palmetto Creek Farms, New York strip steak from Niman Ranch. Being supplied with whatever is seasonally available makes some aspects of the menu unpredictable and Pera likes it that way. "We work with all the different farms we can. We let the farms dictate to us what goes with that steak." This week your New York strip could come with carrots, next week it could be turnips. ④

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Your Next Cocktail

A HANDCRAFTED PISCO SOUR

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN | PHOTOGRAPHY JASON LEIDY

his homegrown handcrafted spirit has been in South America for more than 300 years, and has exploded throughout the South Florida cocktail scene. After hours of research and tastings, here are some reasons to switch out whiskey or amaretto in your next sour.

Pisco is a clear, grape-based, distilled spirit that is similar to brandy. It sits between unflavored vodka and botanical gin. Some liken it to grappa, but it is much smoother and softer tasting. Like tequila, piscos come in three variations:

- 1. Puro: single varietal
- 2. Acholado: blend of two or more grape varietals
- **3. Mosto Verde:** distilled from partially fermented, fresh-pressed grape juice

The origin of the Pisco Sour is hotly debated, with both Peru and Chile claiming it as their national cocktail. The two kinds of pisco and the two ways to prepare the Pisco Sour are distinct in both production and taste. Try one yourself and tag @mymixologista to share your comments.

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Shake up a Pisco Sour

RECIPE CREATED BY NICK NISTICO, CORPORATE BEVERAGE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST AT BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE FLORIDA 2 oz Pisco Portón 1 oz fresh lime juice 1 oz simple syrup 1 egg white

Shake all ingredients without ice first to create a froth.* Shake with ice and strain into a martini or coupe glass (pictured). Garnish with freshly grated cinnamon or a dash of bitters.

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- Barrel aging allowed

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For additional events, check the Greater Fort Lauderdale events calendar: www.goriverwalk.com/events/greater-fort-lauderdale-event-calendar



Slow Burn Theatre Company:

"Spring Awakening" Through Apr. 6 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

Diego and Drew Say I Do

Through Apr. 10 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

The Current Residents of **Bonnet House by Photographer** Larry Singer

April Broward County Main Library www.broward.org/library (954) 357-7443

Leadership Broward Foundation Annual Fun Lunch

Apr. 1 The Signature Grand www.leadershipbroward.org (954) 767-8866



Art and Soul Apr. 1 A salute to the visual performing arts. Galleryone Double Tree Suites by Hilton www.bfabroward.org (954) 940-5344

Ry Cooder, Sharon White, and **Ricky Skaggs' "Music for Good** People" Tour Apr. 1

Guitarist Ry Cooder has joined forces with bluegrass icon Ricky Skaggs and his wife Sharon White, of '80s country band The Whites Cooder-White-Skaggs. White's father, Buck, of The Whites, and Cooder's son Joaquim, are also part of the country dance band. Parker Playhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

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Auctions America Fort Lauderdale Sale

Apr. 1 - 3 Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center

www.auctionsamerica.com

Building Broward Exhibition Apr. 1 - 23

This exhibition, a series of photographs on panels, represents some of the most prominent examples of architecture throughout the county, charting its growth from the settlement of Fort Lauderdale into its most current iterations. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library



Apr. 2 & 3

This two-day event, produced by Howard Alan Events, brings together 300 of today's top local, regional, and national artists. Las Olas Blvd. from SE Six Ave. to SE 11th Ave. (561) 746-6615 www.artfestival.com

Flora & Fauna Classes - What is That Plant?

Anr 3 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens www.bonnethouse.org

Slice of Life - Memoir Writing with Anita Mitchell

Apr. 4 Broward County Main Library www.broward.org/library (954) 357-7443

South Florida Symphony Orchestra: Spring is in the Air

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Apr. 5 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

Concert Under the Stars Featuring Florida Grand Opera Apr. 7

Concerts under the stars on the beautiful Bonnet House estate include wine, cookies, and coffee in the ticket price. The evening's activities take place in and around the house with the concert taking place on the veranda beneath the moon and stars. Bonnet House Museum and Gardens www.bonnethouse.org (954) 703-2614

Downtowner of the Year Award

Apr 7 Since 1979 the Downtown Business Council has bestowed this honor on numerous community leaders who have continually demonstrated leadership, direction, and community involvement within the City of Fort Lauderdale. This year, Courtney Callahan Crush will be recognized. **Global Event Center** (954) 462-2570

Pastel Painting Workshop with Barbara Dix

Apr 7 and 8 Bonnet House Museum and www.bonnethouse.org (954) 703-2606

Salon des Refuses

Broward Art Guild www.browardartguild.org

AFWC Charity Wine Gala

Apr. 8 Hyatt Regency

Celebration

Event highlights include tastings restaurants and a vast array of wines and spirits from around the world. There will also be an assortment of craft beers to taste, a silent auction and a complimentary Riedel wine glass for every guest. Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 712-1172

Ustad Zakir Hussain, Master of Percussion in Collaboration with the Duncan Theater

Apr. 8 Broward County Main Library www.apaiart.com

Style & Substance Champagne **Reception and Luncheon**

Apr. 8 The Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale Beach www.sota.org (954) 644-9049

Pilobolus Apr. 8 and 9

For more than four decades, the Pilobolus dance troupe has enthralled audiences with jawdropping athleticism, mesmerizing transformations, and gravity-defying choreography. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

Broward's Beautiful Wildflowers with Richard Brownscombe Apr 9

Broward County Main Library www.broward.org/library (954) 357-7443

Live from South Florida, It's Saturday Night

Apr. 9 Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina www.gildasclubsouthflorida.org



Chillounge Night Apr. 9

The evening will showcase live band performances from local artists, a dazzling fashion show, a captivating daybed parade, and a colorful Brazilian Samba Troupe. Chillounge Night will bring the graceful AeroSphere Aerial Balloon Performance from Nock Productions to hover over the plaza. Huizenga Plaza (941) 448-0995

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Midsummer Night's Dream" Apr. 9 and 10 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.miamicityballet.org (305) 929-7010

A Photography Exhibit by Allan Pierce "Poseidon" and Chris Lopez "Geometrico" Apr. 9 - 29 Broward Art Guild www.browardartguild.org

Paula Poundstone Apr. 10 On stage with a stool, microphone and a can of Diet Pepsi, Poundstone's razor sharp wit and spontaneity immediately connect with audiences. Parker Plavhouse (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Paradise Lost: Reflections on Florida's Environmental History - Jack Davis

Apr. 11 History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431

Knitting and Crocheting with Larisa Baltin

Apr. 11 and 25 Broward County Main Library www.broward.org/library (954) 357-7443

Nights in the Gardens of Spain **100th Anniversary Performance** Apr. 12

Acclaimed pianist Joaquin Achucarro will perform de Falla's Nights in the Gardens of Spain under the baton of Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese. Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 335-7002

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Advice Straight Up Expert Speaker Series Apr. 12

Dr. Robert Yonover is the CEO/ Founder of SEE/RESCUE® Corporation. Learn how to find your creative inspiration and how to market your business locally, nationally, and globally on a shoestring budget. Urban League of Broward County www.advicestraightup.com (954) 399-2849

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Broadway Across America: Dirty Dancing - The Classic Story On Stage Apr. 12 – 24 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

Gold Coast Jazz Society: Bria **Skonberg Quartet**

Apr. 13 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (800) 745-3000

Abba The Concert

Apr. 13 Parker Playhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

ArtServe Presents "Inside/ OUT: Art as Healing Therapy" Apr. 13 - May 13

Members of more than a dozen local non-profit organizations, as well as local artists, veterans, and ArtServe members will exhibit art that expresses their emotions, grief, pain, hopes, fears, and rejuvenation. ArtServe www.artserve.org

(954) 462-8190

Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222



The Fifth Annual Delish Apr. 14

The Gallery of Amazing Things www.arcbroward.com (954) 746-9400

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Helping Turn Lives Around Luncheon Apr. 14 Children's Home Society of South Florida

www.chsfl.org

The Jungle Book: An Imax 3D Experience[®]

Apr. 14 - 28 Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)



Annual Pineapple Jam Dinner and Auction Apr. 15

Enjoy an evening at Broward County's oldest and most historic home with a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner, live auction, house tour, and more. All proceeds benefit educational programs and preservation of Stranahan House. Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736

Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Apr. 15 Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Amy Helm & The Handsome

Strangers Apr. 15

Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

How to Manage High Conflict **People in Family Court**

Apr. 15 Broward County Bar Association Conference Room www.browardbar.org/calendar (954) 832-3618

Outre Theatre Company: "Goblin Market"

Apr. 15 - 17 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

Tortuga Music Festival Apr. 15 - 17 Fort Lauderdale Beach www.tortugamusicfestival.com

"Your Take on History"

Contest & Exhibit Apr. 15 - Jun. 15 History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

"100 Years of Broward Education" Exhibit

Apr. 15 - Oct. 1 Celebrating the Centennial of Broward County Schools with images from 1899 through the present. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431

Chopin for All

Apr. 16 Broward County Main Library www.broward.org/library (954) 357-7443

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Apr. 16 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

59th Annual Pioneer Women of Fort Lauderdale Luncheon Apr. 16

Tropical Acres Restaurant (954) 564-2293

Disney's Choo-Choo Soul "With Genevieve!"

Apr 16 Parker Plavhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

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Apr 16 Parker Playhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

"Behind The Lens": An Evening with Henry Diltz and Pattie Boyd Apr 16

"Behind the Lens" is a live show presented by artists themselves as they share their stories and iconic images with audiences nationwide. Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

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Jungle Book Meet the Animals

Apr. 16 and 17 Museum of Discovery and Science www.mods.org (954) 467-MODS (6637)

Las Olas Sunday Market -Earth Day Festival

Apr. 17 Enjoy live entertainment, raw foods demonstrations, group yoga classes, and more! Las Olas Boulevard – Stiles Plaza (954) 426-8436

Wanda Sykes

Apr. 17 Hard Rock Live www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

Apr. 18 Historic Stranahan House Museum www.stranahanhouse.org (954) 524-4736

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Darren Criss - Hosted by Seth Rudetsky

Apr. 19 Darren Criss is widely known for playing Blaine Anderson on Fox TV's hit musical comedy/drama series "Glee." Parker Playhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

Junior Achievement of South Florida

Apr. 19 Business Hall of Fame www.jasouthflorida.org

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For Jesse Cook, music has been a journey - sonically and literally. Over the years, he's taken his music and tried to cross-pollinate it with music from different parts of the world. Parker Playhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

NAEMI Presents Women Artists Apr. 21

NAEMI is dedicated to discovering, studying, promoting, exhibiting, and preserving the art of those struggling with mental illness throughout the world. Broward County Main Library www.broward.org/library (954) 357-7443

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Up Close and Personal - Ivann

Apr. 21 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale www.venetianartssociety.org

Art of Wine and Food Series "Sonoma Superstars" Apr 21

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500

Spring Into Art Auction

Apr. 21 Presented by the FTL Woman's Club in conjunction with Hamilton Fine Art and Auctions. ArtServe

(954) 761-9407 www.fortlauderdalewomansclub.com

Earth Day - Ron Bergeron & Everglades Restoration

Apr. 22 History Museum Fort Lauderdale www.flhc.com (954) 463-4431

One Night of Queen

Apr. 22 Parker Playhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222



The Color Run[™] Tropicolor World Tour Apr. 23

The only question is, "Are you ready for the craziest, colorful, 5k of your life?" You bet you are! The Color Run™ 5k is a one-of-a-kind experience that is less about speed and more about enjoying a color crazy day with your friends and family. Huizenga Plaza

www.thecolorrun.com/locations/ ft-lauderdale/ (954) 468-1541

New River Raft Race Apr. 23

Esplanade Park www.newriverraftrace.com

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Blue Wild Ocean Adventure and Marine Art Expo Apr. 23 and 24

Florida's only consumer water sports event to feature exhibits, demos, and marine art. Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center www.thebluewild.com

Symphony Serenades @ Sunset with Gold Coast Jazz Society

Apr. 24 Symphony of the Americas musicians join Gold Coast Jazz Society's music director for an eclectic evening of jazz favorites. Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six www.sota.org

(954) 335-7002

La Croix Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Fort Lauderdale 5K Apr. 24

Since it was established in 2011, Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Fort Lauderdale 5K has raised more than \$600,000 to date for MADD Broward & Palm Beach. Huizenga Plaza

www.walklikemadd.org (954) 448-7880

Eliane Elias

Apr. 24 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

An Evening with Garrison Keillor

Apr. 25 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

STEM Home School Classes -Into the MODS Jungle Apr. 25 Museum of Discovery and Science

(954) 467-MODS (6637)

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Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice - The IMAX Experience®

Through Apr. 28 Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

Frank Caliendo

Apr. 28 A comedian, actor, and impressionist Caliendo is well-known for his impressions of famous actors Morgan Freeman, Al Pacino, Robin Williams, and Robert DeNiro. Parker Playhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

Basket Weaving Workshop

with Mary Catello Apr. 28 and 29 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2608

Boston

Apr. 29 Hard Rock Live www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

Las Olas Wine and Food Festival Apr. 29

Presented by Breakthru Beverage, New Amsterdam Vodka, and William Hill Winery, this year's Las Olas Wine & Food Festival will feature five blocks of sips, samples, and more. Las Olas Blvd. between SE Sixth Ave. and SE 11 Ave. www.lasolaswff.com

A Beautiful Planet 3D

Apr. 29 – Dec. 31 Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

Jack & Jill Flip Flops on the Dock Apr. 30

The Lauderdale Yacht Club www.jackandjillcenter.org (954) 463-8772

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Apr. 30 Esplanade Park www.salvationarmyflorida.org



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Fort Lauderdale Takes Steps for Crohn's and Colitis Apr. 30 Huizenga Plaza (561) 218-2929

March of Dimes' March for **Babies - Broward County 2016** Apr. 30 Nova Southeastern University www.marchofdimes.org/florida

The Gypsy Kings Apr. 30 Hard Rock Live www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

Author Meet and Greet -

Naomi Hirahara Apr. 30 Broward County Main Library www.broward.org/library (954) 357-7443

Eighth Annual Dancing with the Stars

Apr. 30 The Pantry of Broward www.thepantryofbroward.org

Earth and Space Weekend

Apr. 30 and May 1 Museum of Discovery and Science www.mods.org (954) 467-MODS (6637)

Historic Walking Tour

Through May 1 on Fridays Explore historic buildings and hear tales of the many characters who built Fort Lauderdale. History Museum Fort Lauderdale www.flhc.org (954) 463-4431

Flora & Fauna Classes -**Gardening for Butterflies and Birds** May 1

Bonnet House Museum and Gardens www.bonnethouse.org/calendar (954) 563-1554



Junie B's Essential Survival **Guide to School** May 1

Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

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Mindbender Mansion

Through May 1

Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 467-6637

Pirate School: The Science of **Pirates!**

May 3 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

Captain America: Civil Way: The IMAX Experience[®] May 5 - 26

Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater (954) 463-IMAX (4629)

Bill Burr

May 6 Hard Rock Live www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

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Kentucky Derby Event with Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club and Parks & Recreation May 7

History Museum Fort Lauderdale www.flhc.com (954) 463-4431

Black and White Gala

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May 7 Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six www.browardedfoundation.org (754) 321-2030

Impractical Jokers "Where's Larry Tour" starring The Tenderloins

May 7 Broward Center for the Performing Arts

www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

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The Arts Radio Network and The Broward Center Present: "Little Women"

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May 7 Come see the golden age of radio brought back to glorious life on stage, featuring some of South Florida's finest actors. Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

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Museum of Discovery and Science www.mods.org

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Broadway Across America:

May 10 - 22

Gold Coast Jazz Society: Giacomo Gates & Gold Coast **Jazz Society Band Trio**

Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

RuPaul's Drag Race



Riverwalk Burger Battle VII May 13

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May 14 Broward County Main Library www.broward.org/library (954) 357-7443

Center for Independent Living of Broward 25th Anniversary Mav 14 Broward Center for the Performing Arts

www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

Asian Pacific American

Heritage Celebration May 14 and 15 www.mods.org (954) 467-MODS (6637)

Arts Ballet Theatre: Spring Gala

Mav 15 Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

Bellissima: Italy and High Fashion 1945-1968

Through June 5 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500

"Covered in Time and History: The Films of Ana Mendieta"

Through July 3 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale www.moafl.org (954) 525-5000

Chuck Close Photographs Through Aug. 28

This comprehensive survey of the work of Chuck Close, one of today's most important contemporary artists, explores how he has pushed the boundaries of photographic methods and approaches. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500

William J. Glackens: A Modernist in the Making

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Through Aug. 31 NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale www.nsuartmuseum.org

National Parks Adventure 3D

Through Sept. 30 National Parks Adventure takes audiences on the ultimate off-trail adventure into America's aweinspiring great outdoors. Museum of Discovery and Science www.nationalparksadventure.com

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2016 Fort Lauderdale Air Show May 7 and 8 Fort Lauderdale will be the first civilian air show in history to feature an F-35 flight performance.

Fort Lauderdale Beach www.FortLauderdaleAirShow.com (877) 377-8499

Super Heroes Weekend

May 7 and 8 (954) 467-MODS (6637)

Historic Preservation -

May 9 Explore the significant local architectural styles and current efforts to preserve local buildings that best represent those styles. History Museum Fort Lauderdale www.flhc.com (954) 463-4431

Beautiful - The Carole King Musical

Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

May 11 www.browardcenter.org

May 11 Parker Playhouse www.browardcenter.org (954) 462-0222

This sizzling event will pit several top burger joints and restaurants against one another as they show

scenic New River. Huizenga Plaza (954) 468-1541 ext. 205

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Seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Riverwalk Water Trolley travels along the New River from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts to Stranahan House. There are four stops on the north side of the river and four on the south side. Passengers ride for free. (954) 761-3543 www.riverwalkwatertrolley.com

Full Moon Mangrove Tours

The night of the full moon Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (954) 566-0660

JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch

First Sunday of the month 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Riverwalk Park (954) 828-5363

River Ghost Tours

Sunday night Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

Las Olas Sunday Market

Sundays • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plaza at YOLO (954) 462-4166

Frank Loconto and Friends at Mango's

Second Sunday Mango's on Las Olas Boulevard (954) 684-1399

Chair Yoga with Ester

Mondays Follow the yoga instructor at your own pace. No experience needed. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

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Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month Chris Monteleone hosts the forum for musicians, singers-songwriters, bands, spoken word artists, comics, painters, and sketch artists. ArtServe (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

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English Café Tuesdays

Learn English in a friendly environment. Broward County Main Library

(954) 357-7439 www.broward.org/library

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Brush up on your Español. Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7439

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Crossroads Café Wednesdays

www.broward.org/library

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(954) 357-7439 www.broward.org/library

Broward Means Business Second Wednesday of the month Business networking event with presentations on local business topics. History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.flhc.org

Behind the Scenes Private Living Quarters Tours

Second and fourth Wednesday of the month Bonnet House Museum & Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees/

Free First Thursday Starry

Nights Thursdays This is a free event. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 262-0245

Live Animal Shows

Fridays Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (954) 566-0660

Ranger Guided Walks

Fridays Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (954) 566-0660

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Friday Night Sound Wayes Music Series Fridays through Nov. 18 The Hub by Fort Lauderdale Beach www.fridaynightsoundwaves.com

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First Fridays: Book Event and Pickers Sale First Friday of the month

Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443

Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

Second Friday of the month Feldman Park (754) 800-9765

Historic Bike Tours

Saturdays and Mondays History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431

Historic Segway Tours

History Museum Fort Lauderdale

New River Ferry: Bridges, Boats and Beginnings (Historic Boat Tour)

History Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.flhc.org

Yoga by Donation

Third Saturday of the month History Museum Fort Lauderdale

Flagler ArtWalk Last Saturday of the month

Docent Guided House Tours Ongoing Historic Stranahan House Museum

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Cardio Mix with Josh Hecht

Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Times and dates subject to change depending on weather restrictions. Esplanade Park (954) 232-7737

Segway Fort Lauderdale

Everyday • 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Take a one- or two-hour Segway tour in Fort Lauderdale on the Riverwalk. No experience, balance, or coordination needed. Training provided. One-hour tour: \$59 per person; two-hour tour, \$89 per person. Call for reservations (954) 304-5746 www.segwayfortlauderdale.com

Photography Classes on the Riverwalk

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Richard Del Ponte



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ichard Del Ponte has used his unique painting style to bring liveliness to some of Florida's most wellknown buildings. Del Ponte creates unique works of art inspired by local buildings such as Riverwalk's Briny Pub. He refers to his style of painting as "unexpected color." "I gravitate towards bars for some reason," he says. "I do a little performance for the guests and I complete the painting in front of them." Though his favorite mediums involve canvases and watercolor paints, he has been garnishing our streets with chalk art for the past 20 years.

Del Ponte's artwork has been exhibited in some prominent Fort Lauderdale buildings. Some of his murals

are inside of the Las Olas Riverside Hotel. He is also responsible for the silhouette-style mural on the side of the Downtowner. "They just gave me one color to use… like a Bansky style."

To the aspiring artist, Del Ponte advises that having business cards and a strong online presence will help grow your career. "There are some periods in time when you won't have any money," he says. "Even the great artists have their ups and downs."

Richard Del Ponte loves to teach and inspire others with his paintings. Visit his website at www.delpontestyle.com for information about his classes and artwork. (9)

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