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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR ANNOUNCES LIVE! ENTERTAINMENT
2012 LINE-UP**

The Fair to Host Exciting Acts for All Ages

MIAMI, FL – February 24, 2012 – The Miami-Dade County Fair is returning to South Florida with a thrilling LIVE! entertainment line-up for the whole family. Fairgoers can enjoy a wide variety of acts, from special performances by Grammy Award winning artists to wrestling matches featuring the stars of WWE and FCW. The LIVE! entertainment schedule will include:

- **Opening Day, Thursday, March 15**
 - First-ever **Long Skateboard Distance Race** will be held inside the fairgrounds beginning at 10:15a.m with a one mile race followed by a three mile race. For registration or more information, visit www.usdsa.org.
 - **Mixed Martial Arts World Champions**, featuring special guest Cyborg beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Extreme Zone.
 - Grammy Award Winner **Sie7e LIVE** in concert at 9:00 p.m. performing all his hits including “Tengo Tu Love”
 - Admission to The Fair™ on Opening Day is only \$5.00 per person. Guests 5 years of age and under are free every day.

- **Friday Nights ROCK! Presents:**

Friday, March 16

- The Stars of **WWE and FCW** featuring RAW Superstar Jinder Mahal and Smackdown Superstar Justin Gabriel in the Extreme Zone at 9:00 p.m.
- Active and retired military members and their immediate family receive free admission to The Fair on March 16th with the presentation of their military I.D. and the special Military Day coupon available at www.fairexpo.com.

Friday, March 23

- Multiple Grammy Award Winning Christian artist, **Israel Houghton** and **New Breed** in concert on The Main Street Stage at 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30

- Electronic bands **Breathe Carolina & The Ready Set** live and in concert on The Main Street Stage at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday Nights LIVE! Presents:

Saturday, March 17

- Professional boxing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Extreme Zone with special appearance and meet and greet with world champion **Yuri Gamboa** followed by **Frankie Ruiz Jr.** live and in concert at 9:00 p.m. on The Main Street Stage.

Saturday, March 24

- Grammy Award winner **Willy Chirino & The Celia Cruz All-Stars** live and in concert at 9:00 p.m. on The Main Street Stage.

Saturday, March 31

- Grammy Award Winner and Premio Lo Nuestro Award recipients **Chino y Nacho** live and in concert at 9:00 p.m. on The Main Street Stage.

• **Sunday FunDays A-Live! Presents:**

Sunday, March 18

- Cat in the Hat and The Green Zone

Sunday, March 25

- Dinosaur Train, The Tennis Smash Zone, The Green Zone and Disney's Florida Resident Interactive Area

Sunday, April 1

- Super Why, Disney's Florida Resident Interactive Area and The Green Zone

All concerts and special events are free with Fair admission.

Additional free ongoing entertainment at The Fair also will include:

- **The Garage: South Florida's place to hang out and be seen!** The Garage, located in the heart of The Fair's Midway and open until The Fair closes each night, will be home to the ultra-popular 'Game-Hype' system. Fairgoers will enjoy the latest in next-generation video game entertainment featuring live broadcasts from Miami's favorite radio stations and DJs, as well as giveaways by the Florida Marlins and the Miami Heat.

- **LIVE! BEFORE FIVE: More to love than ever BEFORE FIVE AT THE FAIR!**
 - New this year on the **Main Street Stage, Vocal Trash**, a unique musical act using everyday garbage items and the percussive power of STOMP, the vocal styling of The Nylons plus horns, acoustic guitars and a touch of comedy.
 - **The Oasis** hosts the return of the **Show Me Pig Races, Petting Zoo and Pony Rides** each giving guests an up-close look and interaction with their favorite barn yard animals.
 - **Hot Miami Ice** will dazzle audiences with an ice skating show set to Latin beats at the E. Darwin Fuchs Pavilion.
 - **Royal Hanneford Circus** returns with six all-new sensational acts in a spectacular European-style circus.

The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition is celebrating its 61st year and is ranked as the largest fair in Florida, hosting well over a half a million guests annually. The Fair™ is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching the community by promoting education and South Florida agriculture. In cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, The Fair annually showcases the artistic and academic talents of more than 45,000 students through competition and exhibitions. In its distinguished history, The Fair has donated more than \$8 million in scholarships, awards and cash premiums. The 2012 Fair runs March 15th through April 1st. For complete information, please visit www.fairexpo.com.

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