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BE THERE, THE FAIR—AND CELEBRATE!

Featuring a LIVE Country, Disco, Christian and TWO Latin Concerts, Ice Skating, Circus, Drummers, Pirates of The Sky & Much More!

ALL NEW 21 Days of Fun Starts on March 17th

MIAMI, FL – March 2016 – Now in its 65th year, The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition presents amazing entertainment acts for the whole family to enjoy. LIVE music concerts, pirates, petting zoo, interactive entertainment and much more. All shows are **FREE** with admission. For showtimes, please visit www.fairexpo.com.

ENTERTAINMENT ALL 21 DAYS:

CELEBRATION ON ICE

- Professional performances by male and female star soloists with talented skaters performing together for a production with elaborate costumes, lighting, sound, special effects, on ice.

PIRATES OF THE SKY STUNT SHOW

- High risk and extreme danger 80 feet over head - breathtaking and dangerous aerial stunts in this action-packed-themed production.

BREAKS8

- Mix of break dancing, gymnastics, all while on roller skates with high energy and plenty of crowd interaction.

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS

- Entertaining children and adults of all ages under the red and white big top tent with different performers and NEW lineup.

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THE PROCRASTINATORS

- Outrageous drummers turn five-gallon water bottles, barstools and pots & pans into legitimate musical instruments while jumping, sliding, twisting and stomping their way through fast and furious rhythmic fun.

BEER HAVEN

- Craft beer experience with 60 beers on tap, outdoor seating and an educational 18 ft. trailer with a 5-barrel brewery system called the Great American Beer Station - the largest mobile brewery in the world.

OPA OPA SALOON

- Guests will be able to sample a fine craft beer selection, a variety of wine, as well as Sangria, homemade with fresh fruit. Visitors can also try wine-based margaritas or a refreshing Piña Colada, along with the signature Opa Watermelon or Blue Moon craft beers.

COWTOWN

- This hands-on entertainment experience will have kids enjoying live cows and a goat's exhibit, as well as an opportunity to learn how to make ice cream, cheese, butter and soap. NEW activities taking place at Cowtown this year include Broom Making and Leather Craft Demonstrations.

SHOW ME SAFARI PIG RACES

- Watch your favorite little ham race its way to the finish line everyday at The Oasis.

PETTING ZOO & PONY RIDES

- Kids will enjoy meeting all the friendly animals at the petting zoo and going on fun pony rides. Come meet a baby zebra, camel, sheep, alpaca, goats and pigs.

SAND SCULPTURE

- Witness a 100-ton sand sculpture taking shape. Guests can interact and speak with sculptors as they design this unique fair-themed sculpture. It will be completed by April 6th.

LASER SHOW

- The Youth Fair is celebrating 65 Years of Smiles by bringing two laser shows to the main stage every night (except concert days where there will only be one show). Enjoy a show complete with laser beams, visual effects, fog, and images choreographed to classic songs.

BUTTER SCULPTURE

- Guests can come out and enjoy original 800-1,000 pound butter sculpture while it is being created. Come back to The Youth Fair after March 27th to see the final product. Sculptors are available for meet and greet with guests.

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LIVE CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES:

Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m. - CHRISTIAN CONCERT featuring MercyMe:

- MercyMe is an American contemporary Christian band, originally formed in the mid-1990s. The band released their first album, *Almost There*, which propelled them into the mainstream spotlight with the hit "I Can Only Imagine". The album sold more than 2 million records and earned the band an American Music Award nomination.

Friday, March 25, 8 p.m. – COUNTRY CONCERT featuring Love and Theft and Jessie James Decker:

- Love and Theft is an American country music duo composed of Stephen Barker Liles and Eric Gunderson, who both sing lead vocals and play guitar and are widely recognized for their hit "Angel Eyes."
- Jessie James Decker is an American country pop singer-songwriter and reality T.V. personality. She stars with her husband Eric Decker in the E! reality *show Eric & Jessie: Game On*.

Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m. – LATIN CONCERT featuring Oscar D' Leon, Hansel and Sonora Carruseles:

- Salsa classics take the stage to dance the night away with their greatest hits with stars from Venezuela, Cuba and Colombia.
- Oscar D' Leon, maestro of Salsa, will be performing his hit favorites.

Saturday, April 2, 8 p.m. – DISCO CONCERT featuring VILLAGE PEOPLE WITH TAVARES:

- VILLAGE PEOPLE have a variety of disco and dance hits, including "Macho Man", "Go West", "In the Navy", and "Y.M.C.A.". They have sold more than 100 million records worldwide.
- Tavares are an American R&B, funk and soul music group, widely recognized for their hit "Heaven Must Be Missing An Angel."

Saturday, April 9, 8 p.m. – LATIN CONCERT featuring Willy Chirino, Aymee Nuviola, Jeimy Osorio and Celia Cruz All Stars:

- This high-energy line up will be celebrating the music and legacy of Celia Cruz.
- Grammy winner, Willy Chirino celebrates 40 years in the music industry and more than 30 albums released to date.
- Celia Cruz All Stars brings back to life part of modern and classic Queen of Salsa's repertory.

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STROLLING ENTERTAINMENT:

- The Fritters
- Tadpole & Katie the Clowns
- Light Up The Night Robots

The Youth Fair runs from March 17 – April 10, 2016, except March 28-29 and April 4-5 at Tamiami Park, which has been its home for 44 years, located at Coral Way (SW 24th Street) & SW 107th Avenue.

Gates open at 3:00 p.m. March 17, 18, 30, 31, April 1, 6 & 7. Gates open at 12, noon all other operating days. Admission at the gate is \$14 with free admission all day, every operating day for guests 5 years and younger and 65 years and better. Admission is also free all day for active duty and retired military personnel (with valid military ID) on Opening Day, March 17 and each Wednesday. Returning in 2016 is The Youth Fair 21-Day Admission Pass, which allows guests to pay \$25 for one admission each operating day and includes one free Souvenir Cup. Additional discount offers and coupons are available at www.FairExpo.com. Parking is free every day, all day. The Pay One Price Unlimited Ride Card is \$28 weekdays, \$35 on weekends at the fairgrounds.

The Youth Fair offers many amenities for families including stroller and wheelchair rental, lost and found, paved walkways, convenient sitting areas, lush landscaping, restroom and diaper changing facilities and more. Sponsors include Coca-Cola, South Florida Ford and Sedano's Supermarkets. For more information, visit www.FairExpo.com or call (305) 223-7060.

About the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition (The Youth Fair) is the largest charity event in South Florida. The not-for-profit association is dedicated to promoting education and agriculture while showcasing and rewarding youth achievement and providing quality family entertainment, all without taxpayer dollars. The annual Youth Fair exhibits more than 53,000 student projects to more than 650,000 Youth Fair guests and awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to students. To date, The Youth Fair has presented well above \$10 million to the Miami-Dade community. It was recognized as the 2015 Leisure & Entertainment Services Firm of the Year by the Latin Builder's Association, was named as the 2015 Non-Profit Organization of the Year by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the 2015 Diamond Award for Outstanding Hospitality Entity by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. The Fair Exposition Center, which is the second largest convention center in Miami-Dade County, hosts an additional 70 community events each year. Visit fairexpo.com or call 305-223-7060.

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