

CULTURE Spotlight



Oscar Fuentes writes poetry on the spot as part of last year's Miami Book Fair International.

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THE MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL RETURNS WITH A DYNAMIC LINEUP FOR EVERY LITERARY TASTE. **BY LAUREN BROWN**

"Where else will you find Luther Campbell, David Axelrod, and National Book Award winners all appearing during one week in downtown Miami?" asks Lissette Mendez, program director of the Miami Book Fair International, a yearly gathering of authors and book lovers, taking place November 15–22. "[It's] a community event created for everyone, with everyone in mind." Returning is the popular Evening With... series, this year featuring Patti Smith, Tom Brokaw, Jane Smiley, and others. Also on tap are readings and performances, the IberoAmerican Authors program, hands-on activities for kids during Generation Genius Days, and The Kitchen, offering demos and discussions for foodies and cook-book connoisseurs. More than 200 exhibitors from around the country will be on hand to sell books. And don't miss The Swamp, a pop-up lounge where, Mendez says, artists and performers will "explore the beauty, contradictions, uniqueness, and weirdness of life in the Sunshine State." *Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 NE Second Ave.; miamibookfair.com* **OD**

— film fêtes — AND THE WINNER IS...

This year the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival will present more than 100 independent films, as well as a number of special events, such as a series of foreign films accompanied by food, music, and fashion from their countries of origin. "This year's festival is truly a celebration of film, talent, and what FLIFF has always done best," says Gregory von Hausch, the festival's president and CEO, "uncovering foreign-language films that might never play here without us." November 6–22. *Cinema Paradiso in Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale; fliff.com*



NIGHTS OF PERFECTION

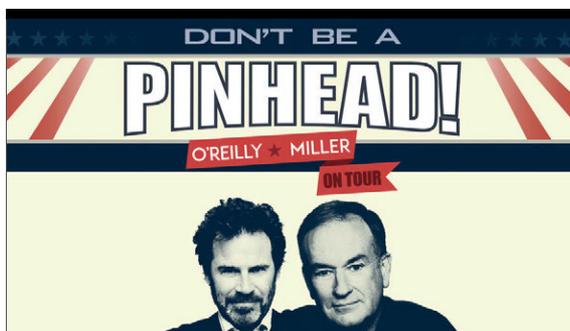
Miami City Ballet celebrates its 30th season with masterworks from George Balanchine (like *Swan Lake*, ABOVE) and Jerome Robbins. Also featured is *Viscera*, from hot new British choreographer Liam Scarlett. Through November 15. *2200 Liberty Ave., Miami Beach, 305-929-7000; miamicityballet.org*



A scene from *Strings*, directed by Richard Turley.

SHORT CUTS

Founded by actor/director William Vela, the Miami Short Film Festival attracts thousands of short-form aficionados and filmmakers to South Florida. Says Vela, "Firmly rooted in the local Coconut Grove community, the festival operates at the intersection of culture, entertainment, and experience." November 2–7. *miamishortfilmfestival.com*



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The 2016 presidential election is quickly becoming a dream come true for pundits and comedians alike (thank you, Donald Trump). So there's no better time to catch a local appearance by Fox News's Bill O'Reilly and conservative comedian Dennis Miller. The duo's latest tour is aptly titled "Don't Be a Pinhead," and their unlikely chemistry makes for an unforgettable night of acerbic riffs on all things political and cultural, as well as whatever story in the day's news has them fuming or scratching their heads. November 7. *Hard Rock Live, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, 800-745-3000; oreillymillertour.com*



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