

Paint Party!

PREPARE TO DANCE, GET MESSY, AND TURN YOURSELF INTO A WALKING WORK OF ART AT THE ANNUAL LIFE IN COLOR FESTIVAL. BY LAUREN BROWN

Hailed as "the world's largest paint party," Life in Color is an art installation, music festival, and dance bash all rolled into one unforgettable experience. "Although we do over 100 shows in 35-plus countries throughout the world, our Miami show is the one where we unveil our new productions, book the biggest lineup, and blast the most amount of paint," says Sebastian Solano, Life in Color's CEO. "It's bigger than anything because it's our home." This year's installment, to be held on January 16, boasts an eclectic lineup of performers, including Ruby Rose, Big Sean, and Steve Aoki. "This event has also been nominated for best music event of the year at the International Dance Music Awards," Solano adds, "and that's exactly what we will deliver to our hometown!" Sun Life Stadium, 347 Don Shula Dr., Miami; licmiami.com



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CHOCOHOLIC'S DREAM

Chocolate lovers, unite! Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's 10th International Chocolate Festival, taking place January 22-24, is guaranteed to satisfy your sweet tooth—and so much more. "From the seed to the chocolate bar and everywhere in between, our distinguished scientists, chefs, horticulturists, and chocolatiers will accompany you on an educational and gastronomical experience into the world of cacao and chocolate," says Noris Ledesma, Fairchild's curator of tropical fruit. "A must-see for all ages, the Living History of Cacao and Chocolate interactive display is not to be missed." Other highlights include tasty treats from international artisanal chocolatiers, cooking demonstrations by local chefs, and even workshops on how to grow and harvest cacao. 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, 305-667-1651;

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Fairchild's International Chocolate Festival offers an abundance of opportunities to learn about cacao





FAB FOUR

Get your culture on at the Coral Gables Festival of the Arts, a weekend-long event celebrating the visual, culinary, performing, and musical arts and showcasing masters in those four categories from all over the world. Admission is free for the fine art show; tickets to "The Art of Wine & Spirits" are \$59. January 23-24; coralgablesartfestival.com



RUN LIKE THE WIND

The annual Miami Marathon, which begins at AmericanAirlines Arena and ends at Bayfront Park, is just one of many race-related events happening the weekend of January 22-24, including the Tropical 5K, a health and fitness expo, and the Finish Festival, where you can enjoy fresh food and beverages with runners at the finish line. themiamimarathon.com

// cruise control // SOUNDS ON THE SEA

If you want to see Kaskade spin live when he hits Miami, you better have your life jacket. He'll be appearing as part of Holy Ship!, a three-night cruise with top electronic artists, leaving from Miami on January 3. The cruise's itinerary includes parties, theme nights, and activities hosted by the performers. "There's an incredible vibe on Holy Ship!," says Kaskade. "I was a stowaway last year and did a surprise performance—it was unreal! Can't wait to go off with the Ship Fam once again." holyship.com OD

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