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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# BE THERE, THE FAIR—AND BE ENTERTAINED!

Featuring a LIVE Country, Freestyle, Disco and Latin Concerts, Magic Show, Circus, High Dive Daredevils, Juggling, Butterfly Exhibit, Beer Haven & Much More...

# 21 Days of Fun Start on March 12th

*MIAMI, FL – February 24, 2015 –* Now in its 64<sup>th</sup> year, The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition presents amazing entertainment acts for the whole family to enjoy. LIVE music concerts, death-defying stunt shows, petting zoo and strolling entertainment and much more. All shows are **FREE** with admission. For showtimes, please visit <a href="https://www.fairexpo.com">www.fairexpo.com</a>.

# **ENTERTAINMENT ALL 21 DAYS:**

# **ODYSSEY: A MAGICAL JOURNEY**

 Odyssey is an exciting, magical journey through space and time that you'll never forget. The all-new production for 2015 features spectacular illusions you won't want to miss. Enjoy original grand illusions, hilarious moments of comedy magic, stunning costumes, and a finale you won't see coming. Located at the Fuchs Pavilion.

# ARCTIC GAMES HIGH DIVE ACT

 Humans cleverly dressed as Penguins perform real Olympic dives and stunts from over 80' above the pool at the Extreme Zone.

# **ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS**

 The celebrated Royal Hanneford Circus entertains "children of all ages." This year's performances feature astounding Aerialist Perch, the Cube Act, Grandma The Clown, the Gaucho Act and Mayya and the Housecats.

# STREETBREAKZ

- An interactive show with powerful stunts, high flying acrobatics and amazing breakdancing routines.
- As seen on Ellen DeGeneres, Monday Night Football and BET Spring Fling.

# BRUCE SARAFIN "THE WORLD'S RECORD JUGGLER"

• Featured in the Guinness Book of World Records for his juggling acts, which include juggling chainsaws, saw blades and machetes!

# **BEER HAVEN**

- Craft beer experience with 60 taps with a Beer Festival every Saturday. Admission to the Beer Haven Festivals on March 14, 21, 28 and April 4 require purchase of separate festival admission. For prices, visit <a href="https://www.fairexpo.com">www.fairexpo.com</a>.
- Outdoor seating and LIVE entertainment daily.
- An educational 18 ft. trailer with a 5-barrel brewery system called the Great American Beer Station will show guests how beer is made. It is the largest mobile brewery in the world.

# **OPA OPA SALOON**

- The Opa Opa Saloon is back with its comfortable country setting, now located next
  to the Crazy Mouse roller coaster on the midway. 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 try the brand new wine based margaritas or even a refreshing Piña Colada, along with the signature Opa Watermelon or Blue Moon craft beers, both served cold in harmony with slides of their corresponding fruit. Catering to local tastes is the Big Rod Coconut Ale from Miami Brewing Company and the Lagunitas IPA.
- If you're stopping by the fair, swing by this comfortable lounge, beat the heat and enjoy the game. There's never a lack of good company at the Opa-Opa Saloon.

# **COWTOWN**

- This hands-on entertainment experience will have kids enjoying a live cows and goat's exhibit, as well as give them the opportunity to learn how to make ice cream, cheese, butter and soap. You'll even learn how to shell corn with an old-fashioned hand grinder and how to make syrup from sugarcane.
- The "farmstastic" show will be live in the World of Agriculture Tent.

#### SKYRIVER BUTTERFLY EXHIBIT

 Visitors will be able to walk among butterflies and participate in the unique opportunity of feeding them.

# SHOW ME SAFARI PIG RACES

- Pigs can't fly ...but they sure can run.
- 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.

# **LIVE CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES:**

# Friday, March 13, 8 p.m. - COUNTRY CONCERT featuring Rodney Atkins.

 Rodney Atkins – This Tennessee native has an impressive track record in the Country music industry, with six number one hits from his first three albums and has sold more than four million singles in the past five years alone.

# Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m. – FREESTYLE CONCERT featuring Shannon, Judy Torres, Johnny O and Nice & Wild:

- Go back in time with this awesome line-up of some of the most popular artists in 80's Freestyle music.
- If you liked *Come Into My Arms* by Judy Torres, *Let The Music Play* by Shannon, *Diamond Girl*, by Nice & Wild or *Fantasy Girl* by Johnny O, this concert is a must see.

# Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m. - KOOL & THE GANG:

- This American jazz, R&B, soul, funk and disco group has sold over 70 million albums worldwide, has earned two Grammy Awards, seven American Music Awards, 25 Ten R&B hits and 31 gold, and platinum albums.
- Responsible for songs like *Celebration, Cherish, Jungle Boogie, Summer Madness, Open Sesame* and *Ladies' Night.*

# Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m. – BRANDON HEATH and Opening Act, DANNY GOKEY

 These contemporary Christian artists will uplift and inspire crowds with their engaging performances.

# Saturday, April 4, 7 p.m. – OSCAR D' LEON AND GENTE DE ZONA:

- The high-energy line up will be playing Latin favorites in both Salsa and Reggaeton styles.
- The popular chart-topping group Gente de Zona has recorded with such artists as Enrique Iglesias, Pitbull, Sean Paul and Chino y Nacho. They have won several Latin Grammy, Latin Billboard and Premio lo Nuestro awards.

# STROLLING ENTERTAINMENT:

- The Fritters
- Tadpole & Katie the Clowns
- Bruce Sarafian "The World Record's Juggler"

"This is without a doubt the most wide-ranging and overall best concert and everyday entertainment package The Youth Fair has had for its guests in decades," said Bob Hohenstein, president and CEO. "And always every concert and every show is free with admission."

The Youth Fair runs from March 12 – April 5, 2015, except March 16-17 and 30-31 at Tamiami Park which has been its home for 43 years, located at Coral Way (SW 24<sup>th</sup> Street) & SW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Gates open at 3:00 p.m. March 12, 13, 18, 19, April 1 & 2. Gates open at 12 noon all other operating days. Admission is \$12 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 12 and each Wednesday. NEW in 2015 is The Youth Fair Fun Card, which allows guests to pay \$25 for one admission each operating day, plus includes one free Souvenir Cup. Additional discount offers and coupons are available at <a href="https://www.FairExpo.com">www.FairExpo.com</a>. Parking is free every day, all day. The Pay One Price Unlimited Ride Card is \$28 weekdays, \$35 on weekends.

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, KIA 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 Fair & Exposition, known for generations as The Youth Fair, is a private, not-for-profit organization that has donated more than \$10 million in scholarships, awards and cash premiums to Miami-Dade students and is dedicated to supporting education and South Florida agriculture. Now in its 64<sup>th</sup> year, The Youth Fair runs from March 12 – April 5, 2015, except for March 16-17 and 30-31. **The 2015 Youth Fair will take place at Tamiami Park, which has been its home for 43 years.** For more information, please visit www.fairexpo.com or call (305) 223-7060.

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