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#### HISTORIC OVERTOWN'S SOUL BASEL IS BACK WITH FOUR AMAZING EXHIBITS AND NUMEROUS EVENTS

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**MIAMI, FL – NOV. 22, 2016** – Historic Overtown's Soul Basel is back with four amazing exhibits and a great line up of events for art enthusiast descending on Miami for the annual Art Basel festivities. Soul Basel is a collaborative effort between the Southeast Overtown / Park West Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), local organizations and the GMCVB Art of Black Miami to showcase Black art exhibitions in Overtown during the world-renowned Miami Art Basel Week, held November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Dozens of Black Art from world-renowned and emerging artisans will be on display at various locations: including the iconic Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater Cultural Arts Complex, the Former Clyde Killens Pool Hall, the Overtown Performing Arts Center and the Ward Rooming House. The galleries include: The Art Africa Miami Arts Fair 2016, presented by the Urban Collective, the Visions of Our 44<sup>th</sup> President Barack Obama exhibit presented by the Black Archives History & Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. and the Urban Experience, presented by Eye Urban TV. In addition to showcasing exciting works of art, each gallery will feature a series of programming and events that incorporates the new trend of visual art that is music, entertainment, film, and fashion. There will also be a series of guest lectures and a youth workshop.

Soul Basel is a marketing vehicle in partnership with local organizations and the GMCVB Art of Black Miami aimed at bringing awareness to Black art and highlighting Overtown during Miami Art Basel week. The art galleries are funded and or supported by the CRA and City of Miami Commission Chair Keon Hardemon, who is also the Chairperson of the CRA. The CRA's goal during Art Basel is to attract local residents and visitors to the various art and culture facilities in Overtown.

FREE trolley rides are available and will loop from Overtown to Wynwood with stops at each of the art galleries in Overtown. For more information, log onto the CRA's website at [www.miamicra.com/seopwcra](http://www.miamicra.com/seopwcra) or [www.experienceovertown.com](http://www.experienceovertown.com).

## HISTORIC OVERTOWN'S SOUL BASEL ART EXHIBITIONS

### Visions of Our 44<sup>th</sup> President Barack Obama

Organized by the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

Presented by the Black Archives History & Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc.

*Visions of Our 44<sup>th</sup> President is a collective sculptural show created to recognize and celebrate the historical significance of the first African American President of the United States of America, Barack Obama.*

The Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater Cultural Arts Complex | Secured Parking: \$5.00

819 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33136 | P: (786) -708-4610 | Hours: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

\$20 general admission | \$15 Seniors 62+ | \$15 Students with ID

Free Admission for Black Archives Members, Active US Military with ID and Children age 6 and under

### Art Africa Miami Arts Fair 2016 - AFROTOPIA

Presented by the Urban Collective/ Art Africa Miami

*In its 6th year, Art Africa Miami presents AFROTOPIA, a prospective thought on the world as we would want to see it.*

*The future is a site that does not exist yet, but one to be configured in a mental space. It is about investing in it through thought and imagination. Don't miss the longest running art fair during Art Basel Miami whose mission is to solely promote the fine works of talented artists from the Diaspora. Join Art Africa Miami as we continue our journey to claim our space!*

The Former Clyde Killens Pool Hall

920 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33136 | P: (954) 283-7195 | Hours: 12:00 am – 8:00 pm

Early registration is FREE | \$10 at the door

### Urban Experience II: The Block Party

Presented by Eye Urban TV & Jacksons Soul Food

*A 3-day outdoor art exhibit that will meld food, music and entertainment with eclectic blends of contemporary art intermixed with street art.*

925 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Court, Miami, FL 33136 | P: (786) 843-8335 | Hours: 6:00 pm-12:00 am

FREE Admission

### #OurVoiceMatters

Presented by Urgent, Inc.

*Urgent, Inc. will present a multimedia exhibit of youth photography, art and media which document young people's ability to critically examine complex sociopolitical and economic systems that impact their everyday lives. The exhibited work is the product of Urgent's Film Arts Culture Coding Entrepreneurship (FACE) Program and Rites of Passage (ROP) Media Project. Contributing teens rise out of Miami's cultural communities of Historic Overtown, Liberty City and Little Haiti. Presented by The Children's Trust.*

Ward Rooming House Gallery

249 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33136 | [www.urgentinc.org](http://www.urgentinc.org)

Hours: M-F 3:00-6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm, Sunday 12:00pm-3:00pm

FREE Admission for school age youth and select viewing days | Fee Applies for Special Events

**A GLANCE AT THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016**Visions of Our 44<sup>th</sup> President Barack Obama | Black Tie Opening Reception | 6p-12a**

The Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater Cultural Arts Complex | 819 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33136  
\$100 Black Archives Members | \$150 Non-Members | Attire: Presidential Chic | Secured parking: \$5.00  
P: (786) -708-4610

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016**Folklife Fridays Outdoor Marketplace | 11a - 4p**

9<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Mall, N.W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue | P: (786) 488-4972

*Folklife Fridays is an outdoor marketplace featuring live entertainment, tasty cuisine and arts and crafts that's free to attend. Presented by New Washington Heights CDC*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art of Conversation | 7p-11p****Reception hosted by City of Miami Commission Chair Keon Hardemon, the Southeast Overtown / Park West Community Redevelopment Agency and Headliner Market Group.**

The Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater Cultural Arts Complex | 819 NW 2nd Ave., Miami, FL 33136

*Art of Conversation is a networking event for Generation X and Millennial influencers to connect over their appreciation for the arts. The Art of Conversation will feature a special Sip & Swirl component where guests will have the opportunity to not only admire art, but also create their own masterpieces. With Guidance from professional artists paired with a glass of complimentary wine, participants can have fun creating individually unique paintings while making connections with other professionals in the Miami area. Guests can look forward to cocktails, tapas, interactive activities, the live sounds of DJ Fly Guy, a surprise guest host, and much more!*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016**Art Show Presented by One Tribe | 5p-8p**

Overtown Performing Arts Center | 1074 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Miami | P: (786) 843-8335  
\$25.00

*Hip Hop Show starring a vision artist, featuring local rappers and actors.*

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**THE SOUTHEAST / OVERTOWN PARK WEST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The Southeast Overtown / Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”) is one of three community redevelopment agencies within the municipal boundaries of the City of Miami. The CRA was created in 1982 to promote and encourage the redevelopment of the Overtown and Park West communities (redevelopment area). The main objective of the CRA is to spearhead new development and redevelopment efforts that accomplish beneficial revitalization within its boundaries. The CRA’s main mission is to enhance the quality of life, improve the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the residents and stakeholders in the redevelopment area.