

Adrienne Arsht Center

FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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CELEBRITY CHEF SERIES RETURNS!

**SEASON 2 FEATURES SIX WORLD-RENOWNED CULINARY STARS
LIVE ON STAGE!**

INGRID HOFFMANN & DAISY MARTINEZ - OCTOBER 16
ANTHONY BOURDAIN HOSTS JACQUES PÉPIN & ERIC RIPERT - NOVEMBER 13
EMERIL LAGASSE - JANUARY 9

Three-performance subscriptions available now!

Miami, FL August 4, 2009 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, in partnership with Johnson & Wales University, is excited to announce the return of the popular **CELEBRITY CHEF SERIES** for the 2009-2010 season. The three-part series, which is available now only on subscription, will feature internationally acclaimed chefs **Anthony Bourdain, Jacques Pépin, Eric Ripert, Emeril Lagasse, Ingrid Hoffmann, and Daisy Martinez** engaging in a series of intimate interviews, live cooking demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions with audience members on the John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall stage. Anthony Bourdain will host Jacques Pépin and Eric Ripert. A local chef or restaurateur from one of Miami's top-rated eateries will host the other two programs.

In addition, those who purchase VIP tickets will have the best seats in the house, exclusive access to a post-show cocktail hour and a photo opportunity with the evening's featured chefs.

"Our Celebrity Chef Series engages the audience with a unique opportunity to experience live on stage the unscripted, spontaneous side of their favorite culinary television personalities as they engage with fellow chefs and the audience," said M. John Richard, president and CEO of the Adrienne Arsht Center. "As sous chefs for the evening, Johnson & Wales students meet and work with the marquis professionals in the culinary arts."

The lineup for the **CELEBRITY CHEF SERIES** is as follows:

OCTOBER 16 - INGRID HOFFMANN AND DAISY MARTINEZ

8 p.m. - John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall

Two star Latina chefs share their food and lifestyle secrets to success. Colombia-born **Ingrid Hoffmann** stars on her Food Network series, "Simply Delicioso" (also the title of her best-selling cookbook), and hosts "Delicioso" on Galavision/Univision. A New Yorker of Puerto Rican heritage, **Daisy Martinez** wrote the multi-award-winning "Daisy Cooks! Latin Flavors That Will Rock Your World" and is the star of the Food Network's "Viva Daisy!"

NOVEMBER 13 - ANTHONY BOURDAIN HOSTS JACQUES PÉPIN AND ERIC RIPERT

8 p.m. - John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall

The one and only **Anthony Bourdain** host an exquisite evening with two celebrated master chefs. One of the world's best-known French chefs, Emmy winner **Jacques Pépin** has been honored with France's Légion d'honneur, cooked with Julia Child and is the author of "La Technique," widely considered the bible of the fundamentals of French cuisine. A chef and co-owner of New York's acclaimed Michelin 3-star-winning Le Bernardin, **Eric Ripert** is a frequent guest judge on Bravo's "Top Chef," and the mastermind behind a series of brief online cooking videos called "Get Toasted," which focus on easy and quick meals that can be prepared in minutes with a toaster oven. **Exclusively for the Adrienne Arsht Center's Celebrity Chef Series, culinary masters Pépin and Ripert will be surprised with a basket of mystery ingredients and face off in a simultaneous cooking demonstration live on stage.**

JANUARY 9 - EMERIL LAGASSE

8 p.m. - John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall

The series ends with a Bam! with **Emeril Lagasse**, celebrity chef, restaurateur, television star, bestselling author, James Beard Award winner, Johnson and Wales University graduate, and creator of the "New New Orleans" cajun and creole cuisine. The "Emeril Empire" of media, products and restaurants generates an estimated \$150 million annually in revenue. A prolific author, his latest book takes you outdoors with "Emeril at the Grill: A Grilling Book for all Seasons" (2009). Emeril will demonstrate some of his favorite recipes featuring South Florida ingredients.

The Adrienne Arsht Center is pleased to continue the partnership with Johnson & Wales University (JWU), a recognized leader in career education. College of Culinary Arts students from JWU have the monumental opportunity to work closely with the celebrity chefs throughout the series. Not only do JWU students have the opportunity to learn directly from role models within their industry, but

they also enjoy a family style dinner with the celebrity chefs before each show. Students will also prepare the chef's featured dish to be sampled at the post-show VIP cocktail hour, and a select group of high-achieving students will assist on stage during the cooking demonstration.

"We are very pleased the Celebrity Chef Series is returning to the Center, and that we are able to provide this once-in-a-lifetime experience to our students," says Loreen Chant, president of Johnson & Wales University North Miami Campus. "During the inaugural 2008-2009 series, 100 students had the opportunity to get up-close-and-personal with some of the greats within the culinary world, which is a dream come true for them."

The **CELEBRITY CHEF SERIES** is sponsored in part by the Viking Range Co.

TICKETS

Subscriptions for the three-part **CELEBRITY CHEF SERIES** range from \$69-\$600 and include priority seating and up to 10% off single ticket prices*.

Adrienne Arsht Center's Visionary Society members, Premier Seat holders and Encore Circle major gift donors can purchase subscriptions now. Subscriptions go on public sale on August 12. Individual tickets, if still available, go on sale on September 12 at 10 a.m.

To purchase tickets or for more information on subscriptions, please contact the Adrienne Arsht Center box office at 305.949.6722 or visit www.arshtcenter.org.

*does not apply to VIP tickets.

Editor's Note:

Related high-resolution photos are available upon request.

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About the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County

The Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is Miami-Dade County's largest ever public/private-sector partnership, comprised of an \$150 million private capital campaign conducted by the Performing Arts Center Foundation and public funding drawn primarily from the County's Convention Development Tax revenues, as well as the City of Miami Omni Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency. Greatly enhancing the artistic and educational opportunities in South Florida, the Adrienne Arsht Center will have significant and long-term economic benefits for the city and the region.

The Adrienne Arsht Center, designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli of Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, includes the 2,400-seat Sanford and Dolores Ziff Ballet Opera House, the 2,200-seat John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall, a 200-seat black box Carnival Studio Theater, the Peacock Education Center, a restored Carnival Art Deco Tower, and the Parker and Vann Thomson Plaza for the Arts, which unites the Center buildings across Biscayne Boulevard, providing a magnificent setting for outdoor entertainment and informal gatherings. The key members of the design team include theater planning and design consultant Joshua Dachs of Fisher Dachs Associates, Inc. and acoustician Russell Johnson of ARTEC, Inc., both of whom worked on the project since its inception.

The Adrienne Arsht Center is a Miami venue not only for its three resident companies (Florida Grand Opera, Miami City Ballet, and New World Symphony), but also for many smaller South Florida arts organizations that will perform in its theaters on a regular basis, as well as for the finest popular and classical performances from around the world. With state-of-the-art performance facilities in Miami for the first time, the Adrienne Arsht Center offers South Florida audiences the best and most diverse theater, music, and dance—with a dedication to entertain, challenge, and educate all segments of the community. For more information, visit www.arshtcenter.org.

About Johnson & Wales University

Johnson & Wales University (JWU), founded in 1914, is a nonprofit, private institution. A recognized leader in career education, we offer accredited degrees in business, hospitality, culinary arts, technology and education. With a diverse student body of more than 16,000 graduate and undergraduate students, representing all 50 states and 96 countries, JWU prepares graduates for personal and professional success by integrating rigorous academics and professional skills, community leadership opportunities and our unique career education model. The College of Culinary Arts, with 800 culinary arts students at the North Miami Campus, is a world-class culinary institution that offers two degree programs – baking & pastry arts and culinary arts.