**SEPTEMBER IS A BUSY MONTH**

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SEPTEMBER serves up something for everyone! We've got the NBA playoffs happening, a Hispanic Heritage Month, Hunger Action Month and more. Miami's fall festivals are popping up in September too!

**FALL EVENTS**

Miami Children's Museum is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a month-long virtual party sponsored by Florida Dairy Farmers. Yes, the whole month of September! MCH has curated a wide variety of activities that celebrate Hispanic culture and street food in the hopes that Hispanic Americans have made in the United States. You can join in the fun and learn some impressive things about Hispanic culture in the process. Put on your dancing shoes and take some dancing lessons with Dama, a Miami-based 7-string band that will lead you through a virtual dance party. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/culture.

**FALL EVENTS**

Miami Beach Film Festival

Jillian Kincaid, a Miami-based photographer, brings us a Miami-based film festival. The 15th annual Miami Beach Film Festival is the largest film festival in South Florida and the region's most respected film event. The festival features a diverse lineup of films from around the world, including independent, documentary, and short films. Kincaid's work explores themes of race, identity, and social justice, and this year's festival will feature a special screening of her latest documentary, "The Color of Water." For more information, visit MiamiBeachFilmFestival.com.

**FALL EVENTS**

**RESTORE PLAY**

The "Faded" plays "Faded," a one-woman show about the life of a female Latina boxer who tries to overcome the challenges of living in a world that doesn't always see her as an equal. The play is performed by Miami-based actress and playwright Marisol Ramirez. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/theater.

**FALL EVENTS**

**COFFEE CULTURE**

Ventanitas are a Miami phenomenon, a time pick-me-up or at 3 a.m. with a cup of coffee and some food. They're a local institution that has been a part of Miami's coffee scene for decades. Some of the most popular ones include Versailles, a Miami-based restaurant that has been around for over 50 years, and La Carreta, which opened in 1973. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/coffee.

**FALL EVENTS**

**HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

Miami-Dade County is partnering with Feeding South Florida to bring awareness to hunger in the county. Miami-Dade County is home to one of the largest populations of people who struggle with food insecurity in the United States. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/hunger.

**FALL EVENTS**

**MUSEUM CLOSURES**

The Pérez Art Museum Miami has closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The museum intends to reopen in the near future. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/art.

**FALL EVENTS**

**TYPICAL TROPICAL STORMS**

As the fall season approaches, tropical storms are inevitable. The Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean are both potential sources of tropical storms that could impact South Florida. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/weather.

**FALL EVENTS**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteer opportunities are available at several organizations in South Florida, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade and the Miami Children's Museum. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/volunteer.

**FALL EVENTS**

**MUSEUM INTENSIVE**

The Perez Art Museum Miami is offering an intensive museum program for students and teachers. The program provides a hands-on experience with the art and culture of the Americas. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/museum.

**FALL EVENTS**

**SUNDAY SIGHTINGS**

Sally forms a band as she enjoys the fall weather in South Florida. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/sunday.

**FALL EVENTS**

**SUNDAY WALKS**

Dolphins beat New England in Foxborough as the Dolphins take on the Patriots in their first game of the season. For more information, visit MiamiHerald.com/sports.