

Miami Carnival Celebrates 40 Years of Caribbean Culture in South Florida

Commemorating a Historic Milestone with Unforgettable Experiences in Food, Music, Pageantry, and Heritage

Miami Carnival, a unique celebration that pulsates with the vibrant traditions of the Caribbean, has left an indelible mark on South Florida's cultural landscape for forty years.

Miami Carnival invites attendees to indulge in various Caribbean and international delicacies, beverages, and artisan crafts, all while celebrating Caribbean culture and pride.

Miami, FL – September 19, 2024—Miami Carnival, the iconic celebration of Caribbean culture, will mark a monumental 40th anniversary with the annual parade of bands and mega concert on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at the Miami Dade County Fairgrounds & Exposition, Inc. (10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL 33165) from 11am to 11pm. The Miami Broward One Carnival Host Committee (MBOCHC) is preparing to deliver one of the year's most anticipated cultural events, driven by a deep passion for Carnival. This milestone anniversary celebrates forty years of showcasing the best Caribbean culture and heritage, solidifying its place as one of North America's top cultural tourism attractions. Hosted by the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, Miami Carnival is more than just a festival; it has become a vital hub for cultural exchange, economic impact, and community unity. With the infectious beats of soca and calypso filling the air and the parade route awash with dazzling costumes, Miami Carnival embodies the spirit of joy, unity, and cultural pride, making it a unique and must-attend event. Tickets can be purchased at <https://miamicarnival.org>.

Miami Carnival 2024 is supported by the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, and with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.

This vibrant celebration showcases the Caribbean's rich history, diverse culture, and boundless creativity. The highly anticipated annual event draws locals and visitors into a whirlwind of color, music, dance, and culinary delights. Rooted in centuries-old traditions, Caribbean festivals and carnivals stand as a testament to the resilience and spirit of the region's people.

Ruthven Williams, a founding member of Miami Carnival, reflects on the event's significance: "This milestone is not just a celebration of our past but a recognition of the limitless potential for our future."

Miami Carnival has transcended borders to become a cornerstone event for the global Caribbean diaspora, attracting participants and spectators worldwide. Enthusiastic U.S., Caribbean, African, and European attendees will gather in Miami for this year's celebration. The event will feature pageantry, music, culinary delights, arts and crafts, and cultural experiences suitable for families of all ages. Eighteen Mas bands will compete for bragging rights and prize money. The 2024 mas band lineup includes Panamanian Group(not in competition), K-Paya, Bajan Fuh Evah, Natural Disasters, Party Room Squad, Break Awae Kru', Euphoria Mas, Pleasure Mas, Dingolay, Gen X, Ramajay, Savage Mas, Big and Strong / One Island, D'Junction, Revel Nation Carnival, Freaks Mas, Limers International, Fusion, Wassi Ones.

Joan Hinkson-Justin, Chair of the Miami Broward One Carnival Host Committee, expresses her excitement: "Miami Carnival is a vibrant expression of Caribbean culture's resilience and spirit. Our 40th anniversary celebrates the enduring legacy that unites us all." Hinkson-Justin and the rest of the MBOCHC look forward to honoring the contributions of the founding members, whose vision and dedication have been the foundation of Miami Carnival's success and growth.

As the 40th anniversary approaches, the anticipation for the diverse lineup of talent set to take the main stage is palpable. This year's celebration promises to be a vibrant showcase of the best of Caribbean music and performance art. The mega soca concert, which kicks off at 1pm, will feature performances by(Trinidad) **-A Team**,(Trinidad)- **Patrice Roberts**,(St Vincent) **-Lyrikal**, (Trinidad)-**Mikal Teja**,(Dominica)- **Triple K Band**, (Trinidad) **Preedy**, (Bahamas) **-Julien Believe**, (St. Kitts) **-Pumpa**, (USA)- **Sizwe C**, (St Lucia)- **Imran**, (St Lucia)- **Teddyson John**,(St Lucia)- **Arthur Allain**, (Antigua)-**Young Vice**, (Antigua)- **Tian Winter**,(Antigua)- **Kid Fresh**, (USVI)- **Thr3d**, (USVI)- **Temisha**, (Haiti)- **DJ Stakz with Kay Love Dancers**, (St. Kitts)- **Kollison Band**, (USA)- **Sweet Shells**, (Monserratt)- **Scrappy**, (Trinidad)-**Ms Cali**, (USA)- **Vortex Capone**, (USA)- **Emily Singh** (Trinidad)-**Roger George**.

President & CEO of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau David Whitaker stated: "Celebrating Miami Carnival's 40th anniversary is a monumental occasion that underscores the cultural impact of the Caribbean community in Greater Miami and Miami Beach. Enduring events like the Miami Carnival are key to our destination's social calendar, showcasing our community's vibrancy and rich traditions to the world. This event symbolizes the heart and soul of Miami-Dade County, bringing people together in a shared experience."

Senior Vice President of Multicultural Tourism & Development at the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau Connie Kinnard added, "Miami Carnival is a powerful celebration of Caribbean artistry, music, and food. In marking this 40th

anniversary, we recognize its impact on bringing people together locally and regionally. Add this to the long list of opportunities we enjoy that provide a beautiful showcase of our community's creativity and unity."

Longtime Miami Carnival member Kathryn D'Arcy underscores the festival's economic significance. "Miami Carnival's impact on our local economy is substantial. It's more than just a celebration; it's a driving force for growth and prosperity, making it an attractive opportunity for potential sponsors to be part of a successful and impactful event."

For more information, event updates, and ticket sales, visit miamicarnival.org or follow @MiaBroCarnival on social media.

Ways to get to Miami Carnival

There are ample transportation options to get to the grounds on time and without a hassle. There are Park N Ride shuttles for Sunday, October 13—the first bus leaves at 9 am, and the last leaves from Miami-Dade County Fairgrounds at midnight. The shuttle will leave from the following locations. Parking is free and the shuttle is free.

- **Lauderhill Performing Arts Center** – 3800 NW 11th Pl, Lauderhill, FL 33311
- **Tropical Park** – 7900 SW 40th St, Miami, FL 33155
- **Lincoln Square Building** – 18441 NW 2nd Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33169

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