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June is Heating Up with Cultural & Historical Fun at Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District, from the “Segway to the Riverside Hotel” Package to “Chuggington Live!”

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – May XX, 2015 – June is hot, hot, hot with extraordinary cultural activities at the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment (A&E) District. This month, The District partners – Broward Center for the Performing Arts, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Historic Stranahan House Museum and Bonnet House Museum & Gardens – are excited to offer many events and activities for all ages, including:

Available now through Sept. 30, 2015 is the “**Segway to the Riverside Hotel**” package – an overnight escape for two. Participants roll into Fort Lauderdale’s history on a Segway, as well as enjoy an overnight stay at the chic and historic Riverside Hotel, boasting beautiful marina views and world-class amenities in a relaxed and charming Florida-style setting, on Las Olas Blvd. With two restaurants, a beautiful lobby bar, vintage pub, heated tropical outdoor swimming pool, fitness center and on-property boat dockage, the Riverside Hotel is only minutes from the beach and limitless cultural activities.

The Segway to the Riverside Hotel package includes:

- Double occupancy accommodations in a deluxe room
- Heart of Fort Lauderdale Segway Tours for two with complimentary admission to tour the Fort Lauderdale History Center campus and unique exhibits
- Two drinks of guests’ choice at the Riverside Hotel
- Complimentary overnight valet parking

Package rates start at \$259 per night based on double occupancy, excluding taxes and service charges (a savings of \$130 per night over booking package items separately). For more information and to book the package, visit www.riverwalkae.com/segway-to-the-riverside-hotel-package.

Taking place on Tuesday, June 9 at 11 a.m., the **Orchid Greenhouse Tour** at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is certain to be a treat. Offered the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon for \$20 per person, the tour is led by the Bonnet House orchid curator, who shows guests around the greenhouses and discusses how orchids are bred and cultivated (including the impressive seedling program). Bonnet House Museum & Gardens’ greenhouses and display house hold approximately 1,200 plants in various stages of development. Orchid seedlings will be available for purchase. The tour is offered in groups of 15 to allow for questions and discussion. Limited reservations available, pre-registration is required. For more information, visit www.bonnethouse.org/dont-miss-bonnet-houses-popular-orchid-greenhouse-tours/.

On Monday, June 15 at 11 a.m., the Historic Stranahan House Museum will offer an enticing **Stranahan Stories** storytelling presentation titled “Archaeology and the New River,” featuring Dr. Michele Williams of the Florida Public Archaeology Network. The presentation will utilize historic images to teach guests more about the history of Fort Lauderdale’s greatest natural resource – the New River. Dr. Williams has participated in excavations throughout the southeastern U.S. for the past 20 years and specialized in the use of plants by prehistoric Native Americans. Also on June 15, **2-for-1 (buy one, get one free) guided tours of Stranahan House** will be available at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information about the Stranahan House or Stranahan Stories, call 954-524-4736 or visit www.StranahanHouse.org.

Kids can put on their conductor hats “**Chuggington Live! The Great Rescue Adventure,**” at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, June 20 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. The trainees are on their first day of advanced training, and are eager to impress their mentors by mastering new roles that test their courage, speed and determination. When Koko finds herself in trouble at Rocky Ridge Mine, it's up to her friends to help her. Do the trainees have what it takes to put their newly learned skills into practice? Can Wilson come to Koko's rescue and fulfill his dream of becoming a hero in Chug Patrol? \$15–\$85 per ticket. For more information, visit <http://browardcenter.org/events/detail/chuggington-live-the-great-rescue-adventure>.

The fascinating history of Haiti can be viewed through photography at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale’s new exhibition “**From Within and Without: The History of Haitian Photography,**” opening Sunday, June 21. On Thursday, June 25, guests can enjoy a panel discussion with exhibition curator and artist Edouard Duval-Carrié and exhibition artists at 6 p.m., and a free reception, open to the public from 7–9 p.m. On view through Oct. 4, 2015, the exhibition explores the history of Haiti through more than 350 images depicting its people and culture, from the late 19th century to the present. RSVP required. For more information, email moareservations@moafl.org or call 954-262-0204. For more information, visit <http://nsuartmuseum.org/exhibition/from-within-and-without-the-history-of-haitian-photography>.

These and many more June activities are highlighted on The District’s vibrant, award-winning consumer website, www.riverwalkae.com, a one-stop resource for those planning a trip to Fort Lauderdale or locals who want to see what’s happening in the area.

About Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District

Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District is a unique partnership of arts and entertainment organizations located along the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale with the express mission of promoting cultural tourism in South Florida. Presenting over 1000 individual events each year, The District attracts well over 1 million visitors annually. Partners of The District Consortium include Broward Center for the Performing Arts, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, the Historic Stranahan House Museum and Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information about The District and its partners, visit www.riverwalkae.com.

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Editor’s Note: The 2014–2015 comprehensive The District calendar listing all confirmed events and high-res images are available upon request.