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Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District Presents Cool Cultural Offerings in August

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – July XX, 2015 – During the dog days of summer, Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District is presenting many cool cultural offerings for locals and visitors alike to enjoy. In August, 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:

It's **Cool Saturdays** at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, the first Saturday of each month through October. On Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., guests can take a tour of this one-of-a-kind historic home and enjoy special summer pricing: only \$10 for adults, a 50 percent discount off regular pricing; and free for kids 12 and under – a \$16 value! Tours of this magnificent estate begin at 9:30 a.m. with the last tour scheduled at 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://bonnethouse.org>.

A wonderful way to spend Thursday summer evenings is at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale's **Summer Starry Nights**. Every Thursday through Sept. 3, the Museum is offering free admission from 4:30–8 p.m. During these times, visitors can enjoy exhibitions, lectures and films, along with two-for-one wine and beer specials along with a light tapas menu in the Museum Café. For more information, visit <http://nsuartmuseum.org>.

A relaxing summer evening on the water is one to remember, and on Friday, Aug. 7 from 6–8:30 p.m., Historic Stranahan House Museum will present its memorable **Riverwalk Summer Social Cruise**. Guests will board the iconic riverboat *Liberty Belle* for a delightful cruise including an open bar, food and music; benefiting the Historic Stranahan House. Embarkation is from Pier 66 is at 2301 Southeast 17th Street. Admission is \$40 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://tinyurl.co/StranahanCruise>. For more information, visit www.stranahanhouse.org/events.

Fort Lauderdale's Port Everglades has a fascinating history and is one of South Florida's leading economic powerhouses. It has transitioned into one of the largest cruise ports in the world. On Monday, Aug. 10 from 6–8 p.m., Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, New River Inn will host the lecture titled "**The History of Port Everglades,**" featuring Ellen Kennedy and Robert Flint. This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.fortlauderdalehistorycenter.org.

The peace, love and music that changed a generation is back with "**Hippiefest 2015**" at Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. This 3½-hour concert extravaganza highlights the best of the memorable hippie era. The Family Stone brings its infectious brand of high-energy with original founding members and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame icons Jerry Martini, Cynthia Robinson and Greg Errico, as well as Phunne Stone, daughter of Sly Stone and Cynthia Robinson. The star-studded lineup includes Rick Derringer, famous for

“Rock and Roll, Hoochie Koo” and “All American Boy”; Mitch Rider & the Detroit Wheels, known for the classics “Devil with a Blue Dress On” and “Sock it to Me, Baby!”; and Badfinger featuring Joey Molland, with hits like “Baby Blue” and “Without You.” The concert takes place on the exact weekend of the historic Woodstock concert. \$19.69–\$59.49 per ticket. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <http://browardcenter.org/events/detail/hippiefest-2015>.

These and many more August 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.