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## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SOBAY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS AT THE DEERING ESTATE

*Festival to Celebrate "Community, Culture and Creativity"*

*January 31 – February 14, 2008*

(Miami-Dade County, FL) – The *SoBay Festival of the Arts* is an annual celebration of the literary, performing and visual arts. The following events are held at the Deering Estate from **January 31 – February 14, 2008**:

**Thursday, January 31:** The Festival kicks-off with the *ArtSoBay* Exhibition Opening at 7 pm at the Deering Estate. Distinguished South Florida artists will showcase their diverse styles and expressions in a variety of artistic mediums in an exhibition entitled "ArtSoBay" curated by David Castillo, in collaboration with *LegalArt*. Innovative and original musical pieces will also be performed by the *Miami String Project*, a group of top student performers from around the county. The exhibition opening is free. The artwork will be on display at the Deering Estate at Cutler from January 31 through March 31.

**Saturday, February 2:** Children, ages 6-10, can enjoy a "Paper Sculpture Class" with Pepe Mar, an Artist in Residence at the Deering Estate. The class will be held from 9 am – 12 pm. Cost: \$30.

**Saturday, February 9:** A curator's tour and lunch with *David Castillo*. The tour of the *ArtSoBay* Exhibit, located in the Artist Village at the Estate, will be at 11 am and lunch will follow. Cost \$30; \$25 for Foundation Members.

**Sunday, February 10:** Enjoy a Classical Piano Recital, "Celebration of the Arts," featuring Jose Lopez. The performance begins at 6 pm. Cost: \$25; \$20 for Foundation Members. Limited Seating. Advance tickets recommended.

**Tuesday, February 12:** The *South Florida Writer's Association* presents an evening of Poetry & Opera. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception at 6:30 pm. The program will begin at 7 pm. Free with general admission to the Estate - \$7 Adults and \$5 Children (ages 4-14). Free for Foundation Members.

**Thursday, February 14:** The festival will end on a romantic note with the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "Moonlight and Music" Valentine's Day Concert. The concert will feature guitarist *Eric Hansen*, and the *Hansenhaus Sextet*, who will delight audiences with the sounds of Flamenco, Jazz & Classical Guitar. Concert begins at 8 pm; Gate opens at 7 pm. \$15 General admission.

For more information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SoBay Festival of the Arts please visit [www.deeringestate.org](http://www.deeringestate.org) or call 305-235-1668 ext. 233.

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The Deering Estate at Cutler, a Miami-Dade County Park, is located at 16701 SW 72 Avenue in Miami. This 444-acre natural and archaeological preserve and historic site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as a center for education, culture and recreation. Historic house tours and natural area tours are offered daily with admission to the Estate. Eco-tours are also offered throughout the year for an additional fee. For more information on the Deering Estate's educational and cultural programs please visit [www.deeringestate.org](http://www.deeringestate.org).

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