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## Miami Beach Celebrates New Year's with Fireworks and Free Concerts

— Along with providing expanded transportation options to enjoy the festivities —

**Miami Beach, FL** – The City of Miami Beach will ring in the New Year with a free concert and firework displays along with a special New Year's Day symphonic performance by the Miami Beach Classical Musical Festival Orchestra on iconic Ocean Drive at 12 St.

"Public safety remains our top priority during the holidays when celebrations bring our community and visitors together," **said Miami Beach Mayor Steven Meiner.** "This New Year's, residents and guests can expect increased police visibility and enhanced measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone."

Presented by the city and the Ocean Drive Association with the support of local businesses, fireworks will be launched at Lummus Park beachfront beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31. Over 30 Ocean Drive restaurants will also have extended outdoor seating for alfresco dining and no vehicular traffic from Dec. 27 through Jan. 1.

Further north, Orchestra Miami presents the ultimate New Year's Eve Celebration featuring three-time Latin Grammy-nominated group Negróni's Trio and Latin Diva Marinela Una Voz. The festivities begin at 8 p.m. along the Collins Park beachfront with a performance by the Orchestra Miami String Quartet. The full orchestra will take the stage at 10 p.m. prior to the midnight fireworks at 2100 Collins Ave. The event is presented by the Collins Park Neighborhood Association and sponsored by the city.

The Miami Beach Classical Music Festival Orchestra will close out the holiday weekend with a free outdoor concert as part of the Miami Beach OnStage! program. Visitors can bring chairs and blankets to enjoy this family-friendly concert on Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 6 p.m. The event takes place in Lummus Park at 12 St. and Ocean Drive.

### Transportation and Parking

The city's free trolley service will operate an expanded schedule on New Year's Eve into New Year's Day. Trolleys will run from 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31 until 2 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The city will provide free New Year's Eve shuttle services to Washington Ave. between 11 and 12 streets starting at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve through 2 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 from trolley stops nearby six parking garages:

- 42 St. garage: shuttle bus will serve trolley stop #219 at Sheridan Ave. and 41 St.

- 23 St. garage: shuttle bus will serve trolley stop #194 at 23 St. and Liberty Ave.
- 17 St., Pennsylvania Ave. and the City Hall garages: shuttle bus will serve trolley stop #200 at 17 St. and Convention Center Dr.
- 5 St. garage: Freebee shuttle will serve trolley stop #113 at 6 St. and Lenox Ave.

New Year's Eve shuttles will operate at intervals of approximately every 20 minutes (10-minute intervals from trolley stop #113 near the 5 St. garage). Riders should look for special parking shuttle identification signs prior to boarding.

All passengers using the free New Year's Eve shuttle service will be dropped off at trolley stop #106 located on the west side of Washington Ave. between 11 and 12 streets. Passengers should use this stop for their ride back to garages. Alternatively, passengers can use the free citywide trolley service.

The city will charge a \$20 flat fee at four South Beach garages beginning on Friday, Dec. 27 at 5 p.m. until Thursday, Jan. 2 at 6 a.m. with the exception of access card holders. Miami Beach residents paying via ParkMobile will pay a \$10 half-price rate. The flat fee will be in effect for the garages at 7 St. and Collins Ave. (G1), 12 St. and Washington Ave. (G2), 13 St. and Collins Ave. (G3) as well as the garage at 16 St. and Collins Ave. (G4).

Additional parking enforcement officers will be assigned to discourage illegal parking in residential areas and to maintain parking availability for residents.

### **Freebee on Ocean Drive**

The Ocean Drive Association has partnered with Freebee to provide free transportation along Ocean Drive between 5 Street and 14 Place. Riders will be able to hop on and off at designated locations along Ocean Drive from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27 through Wednesday, Jan. 1.

### **Traffic Closures**

Ocean Drive will be closed to motor vehicles starting at 5 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 27 through 5 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2.

### **Public Safety**

The Miami Beach Police Department will implement an enhanced staffing plan to patrol the entertainment district over and above its regular contingent of officers during the week. The department plans to assign license plate reader details along the Fifth Street corridor. The Miami Beach Fire Department will conduct night inspections to monitor compliance with life-safety codes and also provide enhanced staffing along Ocean Drive on New Year's Eve. Miami Beach Park Rangers will have expanded service hours and increased personnel assignments. The Code Compliance Department will activate all operational personnel on New Year's Eve and provide enhanced citywide staffing for New Year's Day with a focus on excessively loud music, short-term rentals, illegal commercial events and continuous coverage at the Miami Beach Marina. Homeless outreach services will continue to be available throughout the week.

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