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THE GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE 2ND ANNUAL MIAMI MUSEUM MONTH: With record-breaking numbers of tourists visiting Greater Miami and The Beaches and a record breaking number of museums participating in this year's Miami Museum Month (May 1-31), the arts and culture scene in Greater Miami is bustling like never before. Visitors and residents can soak up the finest cultural experiences in Greater Miami at an incredible value during Miami Museum Month with the ability to choose between the following options: VISITORS BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE OR JOIN ONE, SEE THEM ALL. Building on the highly successful inaugural Miami Museum Month in spring 2009, the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau has increased participation to seventeen cultural attractions this year. Beyond art galleries, the depth and breadth of Miami's cultural attractions ensures that every generation can discover a museum best suited for their personal interests and passions. The list of the seventeen participating museums can be found on the event's dedicated Web site: <http://www.MiamiMuseumMonth.com>.

RESTAURANTEUR TURNED NIGHTCLUB MOGUL FINDS HIS VICE: A concept brought to fruition by the collective experience, training, imagination and creation of Alexander Ringleb, Vice Lounge Miami was inspired by a modern take on the opulence and extravagance of the 19th century. The space offers a full service café by day and by night, a lounge that offers an accessible location, which appeals to locals who dare the South Beach scene. Vice Lounge Miami brings to South Beach a unique take on what has been dubbed traditional Miami nightlife. Set in more than 3,800-square-feet of turn-of-the-century design, the lounge incorporates a full-service menu that offers "the cure for boring food," as presented by Executive Chef, Michael Blum. The café/lounge concept is located at 330 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Fla. and is open Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. with private bookings available Sunday through Wednesday – a full extended and customized menu is also available upon request. www.facebook.com/ViceLoungeMiami

MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES \$35 MILLION COMMITMENT BY PATRICIA AND PHILLIP FROST, SECURING NAMING RIGHTS TO NEW BUILDING AT MUSEUM PARK: Internationally recognized leader in business, science and philanthropy, Dr. Phillip Frost, and his wife Patricia, have committed \$35 million dollars to the capital campaign for Miami Science Museum's new building at Museum Park. Designed by internationally renowned Grimshaw Architects, the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science will bring the most spectacular high-design experience to Miami's already bustling cultural landscape. The 250,000 square-foot complex is intended to act as a demonstration of ecological and sustainability principles, harnessing energy from water, sun, wind and museum visitor energy to power exhibits and conserve resources. The Museum is structured around a lushly landscaped indoor and outdoor "living core" of terrestrial and aquatic spaces, featuring a 600,000 gallon aquarium facility, a full dome 3-D planetarium, hands-on exhibits, never-before-seen technology and two additional wings of exhibition space, classrooms and cafes. For over 60 years, Miami Science Museum's award-winning educational programs, family-focused exhibits, historic planetarium, and rehabilitative Wildlife Center and Clinic have enriched locals and tourists alike. In 2014, the legacy continues with the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science, a new world-class, state-of-the-art facility designed by Grimshaw Architects in the heart of downtown Miami. Miami Science Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. For more information about the current Museum or our future home, the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science, visit www.miasci.org/blog

QUATTRO GASTRONOMIA ITALIANA RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL STAR DIAMOND AWARD: Quattro Gastronomia Italiana, the haute Northern Italian eatery with locations on Miami Beach since 2006 and in New York City since 2010, proudly announces that it is the recipient of the prestigious Five Star Diamond Award for 2011 by The American Academy of Hospitality Sciences (AAHS), for both locations. The prestigious award is reserved for the world's finest luxury establishments, deemed to be of pinnacle quality by an international nominating committee of discerning travelers and Academy trustees. Owned by KNR Restaurant Group, Quattro transports the decadent flavors of Italy by way of Alessandria born and raised identical twin chefs Nicola and Fabrizio Carro, as well as from the talented and award-winning pastry chef Antonio Bachour, who divides his time between New York and Miami, creating stellar house made desserts that are equal parts authentic and innovative. The celeb frequented hotspots combine their authentic cuisine, beautiful regional Italian wines and enchanting décor, to create an Italian trattoria that feels plucked from the streets of Alba. Quattro Miami, located on 1014 Lincoln Road, is open for lunch and dinner daily. For reservations, please call 305-531-4833, or visit www.quattromiami.com. Quattro NYC, located at 246 Spring Street near Varick in Trump SoHo™ New York, is open daily. Please call 212-842-4500 for reservations. www.quattromiami.com

BLADE IS BACK AT FONTAINEBLEAU MIAMI BEACH: With 12 fabulous venues for dining, cocktails and entertainment on the premises, there's very little in the way of food and drink that can't be conjured up at a moment's notice at Fontainebleau Miami Beach. But since the closing of the resort's hip hotspot, Blade Sushi Lounge, those with a yen for sushi have had to satisfy their cravings elsewhere. That's not the case any longer, as Blade Sushi is back – now sharing space with the resort's modern American brasserie, Vida. With a focus on the freshest fish for sushi and sashimi, and a novel selection of specialty appetizers and rolls, Blade's menu will be prepared by a talented trio of trained sushi chefs. Currently in previews, the full Blade menu will be available and the restaurant will be operating on all cylinders by the end of April 2011 as Vida & Blade Sushi. Central to the addition of Blade Sushi to the Vida space is the recent addition of the bustling, central sushi bar, manned by sushi chefs Benny Bandi, Aki and Diego Ng. All have trained with top sushi masters including Nobu Matsuhisa and Morimoto, and have honed their knife skills at some of South Florida's top dining destinations including Nobu, Sushi Samba Dromo, Morimoto and Sushi Shoji. Vida, a popular Fontainebleau dining destination since opening, offers contemporary American cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Vida & Blade Sushi are located on the Chateau lobby level of the Fontainebleau Miami Beach at 4441 Collins Avenue. Vida is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Lunch is served at Vida & Blade Sushi from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily; dinner is offered Sundays through Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. http://www.fontainebleau.com/web/dining/blade_sushi

Calendar of Events:

MIAMI MUSEUM MONTH	May 1-31	www.miamimuseummonth.com
AQUA GIRL	May 11-15	www.aquagirl.org
REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL	May 12-14	www.fruitandspicepark.org
CUBA NOSTALGIA	May 20-22	www.cubanostalgia.org