



The Award-Winning Spoken Soul Festival Celebrates SWAN DAY in a Three-Day Festival Focusing on Philanthropy, Community and Women Artists Kicking Off Friday, March 22, 2013.

Showcasing and uniting female warriors armed with paint brushes, microphones, and camera lenses through advocacy and creativity.

**Miami, FL (March 7, 2013)** - Winner of Miami New Times' "Best of Miami 2012" *Best Place To Meet Intelligent Women,* Spoken Soul Festival celebrates its 6<sup>th</sup> year by continuing to make a HER-storic impact on the arts community in South Florida.

Spoken Soul Festival is a three-day celebration of philanthropy, community, and women artists. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row and out of approximately 1000 SWAN Day events, Spoken Soul Festival's SWAN Day Miami has been named by WomenArts one of the Top 5 Cities in the world that celebrates the international holiday SWAN Day (Support Women Artists Now!). In addition, this not-for-profit festival has been awarded a total of \$3000 in grant monies over the past 3 years by WomenArts.

"Each year we grow and many more women artists' careers are launched. This can only mean we are doing something right, and our community wants it and needs it," Deborah Magdalena, Founder and Director of SSF.

Spoken Soul Festival kicks off on Friday March 22, 2013, 3pm – 6pm with SWAN Community Program. This program gives the production team, sponsors and featured artists an opportunity to give back to our community by empowering girls and women through the arts. This year's beneficiary is Little Haiti Cultural Center's Arts After School program and is presented by Tradisyon Lakou Lakay. The young artists (K-8) will create inspiring and encouraging poetry art to be donated to Radio Lollipop for children affected by cancer throughout our South Florida community.

The festivities continue on Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 6pm – 10pm at SWAN Spoken Soul Showcase Vol. 6 - SWAN Day Miami 2013. This FREE event will showcase twelve women artists inside the new buzz-worthy Gibson Miami Showroom at The Dorissa Bldg, 2751 North Miami Avenue. Gibson will graciously lend a one-of-a-kind Gibson guitar to the musicians and their very cool Stanton DJ line for the featured DJ. In addition, our presenting sponsor, DUCK Tape Wine, will award \$100 dollars and a case of wine to one featured artist who best incorporates actual DUCK Tape in one of their showcased originals. SWAN Day 2013 Miami will surely be another award-winning event.

The closing event, Vanessa Baez Memorial Women's Brunch, sets to celebrate everyday women with extraordinary courage. This intimate brunch provides an opportunity for women to celebrate the life of Vanessa Baez, while networking and fostering creativity through the sharing of performance art or stories by inspirational guest artists or speakers from the local community. This year's guest speaker is Carla Hill. The brunch will be hosted at Bal Harbour's fabulous Mister Collins. Brunch tickets on sale now at www.spokensoulfestival.com

For full festival schedule and featured artist info, visit www.spokensoulfestival.com

## **ABOUT**

Featured Artists & Production Team pictures and biographies available on www.spokensoulfestival.com

**WomenArts** is a non-profit arts service organization dedicated to helping women artists all over the world. <a href="https://www.womenarts.org">www.womenarts.org</a>

**Fractured Atlas** is a non-profit organization that serves a national community of artists and arts organizations. <a href="www.fracturedatlas.org">www.fracturedatlas.org</a>

## **SWAN Community Program 2013**

What: SWAN Community Program 2013 Presented by Tradisyon Lakou Lakay

When: Friday March 22, 2013 3pm – 6pm

Where: Little Haiti Cultural Center

212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami, FL 33137

**Why**: Artists Give back – Arts After School Program

## SWAN Spoken Soul Festival Vol. 6 – SWAN Day Miami 2013

**What**: SWAN Spoken Soul Showcase Vol. 6 – SWAN Day 2013.

When: Saturday, March 23, 2013; 6pm

Where: Gibson Miami Showroom

The Dorissa Bldg, 2751 North Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33127

**Why**: Celebrating the 6<sup>th</sup> annual international holiday

SWAN Day - Support Women Artists NOW!

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Vanessa Baez Memorial Women's Brunch

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\$42 (\$40 + \$2 processing fee) in advance, \$50 at the door with RSVP at

spokensoulfestival@gmail.com

Brunch tickets available at www.spokensoulfestival.com

**When**: Sunday, March 24, 2013; 11:30am – 3:30pm

Where: Mister Collins

One Bal Harbour Resort, 10295 Collins Ave. Bal Harbour, FL 33154

Why: Celebrating everyday women with extraordinary courage