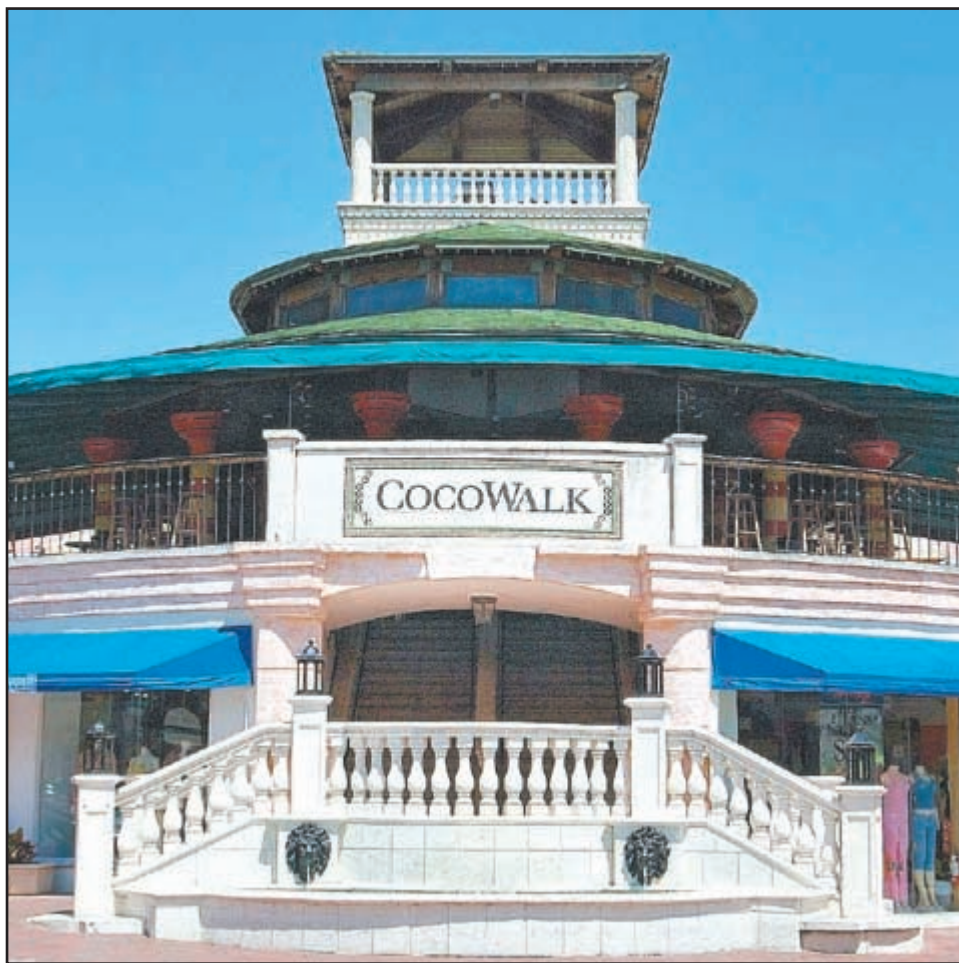


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CocoWalk, AMC to host Miami Short Film Festival



CocoWalk will be the site of the Fifth Annual Miami Short Film Festival, Nov. 27-Dec. 2.

BY JENNIFER NARDELLA

CocoWalk — Coconut Grove’s most exciting destination for shopping, dining and entertainment — recently announced that it will join AMC-16 Theatres to host the Fifth Annual Miami Short Film Festival, which will take place on two movie screens from Nov. 27 to Dec. 2. CocoWalk also announced that it will hold the festival’s closing night party in the courtyard on Dec. 2.

“We are delighted to have the next generation of gifted film makers right here in the heart of the Grove,” said

Love Levy, CocoWalk director of marketing. “This community has always held a special place in its heart for artists, so it is especially exciting for us to participate in such a meaningful way.”

The AMC-16 will showcase the films from 7 to 10 p.m. each night. The closing party, which is conducted each year to award the festival winners, will be open to the public following a special VIP reception.

For more information about the Fifth Annual Miami Short Film Festival, visit the festival website at <www.MiamiShortFilmFestival.com>. For more information about CocoWalk, contact Love Levy, director of marketing, at 305-772-4612.

Port of Miami welcomes new director Bill Johnson

BY ANDRIA C. MUNIZ

Miami-Dade County manager George M. Burgess on Oct. 25 announced the appointment of Bill Johnson as director of the Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade.

Johnson, who has served as director in an acting capacity since the departure of the former director in June, brings a wealth of experience and skills to the port. He is a 27-year veteran of Miami-Dade County government and has served previously as the assistant county manager overseeing the seaport.

As acting director, Johnson developed an action plan addressing four critical areas affecting the port today — competition, port access, security concerns, and capital development. He is working aggressively with both the cargo and cruise industries to grow port business.

Additionally, he is working at identifying ways to improve efficiencies and reduce costs related to public safety programs and security, a challenge all ports throughout the world have been facing since 9/11.

Johnson is working closely with all port partners and other stakeholders in assessing their needs, especially in

the area of infrastructure improvements. The port is instituting a new approach to the way it administers its capital development programs by creating a port management team to manage its projects. This will allow the port to do more of the work in-house and reduce the need for outside consultants.



Bill Johnson

“Johnson is a respected public administrator who has worked on some of the most challenging county projects during his long tenure with Miami-Dade,” Burgess said. “These include such significant capital projects as the Performing Arts Center and the AmericanAirlines Arena. He has also moved forward programs such as the

streamlining of the county’s development and permitting process. He is an energetic, problem solver who is not afraid to tackle tough projects and issues. With his appointment, I look forward to continued improvements at the seaport.”

The Port of Miami is among the nation’s busiest ports and recognized throughout the world with the dual distinction of being the “Cruise Capital of the World” and the “Cargo Gateway of the Americas.”

For more information about the Port of Miami, visit online at <www.miamidade.gov/portofmiami>.