

## A great date night, or two or three



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So I've been thinking about **Fuerza Bruta**, the Arsht Center's outrageous multimedia staging from Argentine visionary **Diqui James**, which has been extended through Aug. 2.

First, while the show has been much gabbed about, perhaps lost in the gab is what an efficient date it is.

The evening begins with the back-door chic of the G Lounge (enter through the loading dock on NE 14th Street, between Biscayne and NE Second Avenue), which combines works by local artists, the obligatory DJs and, yummily, nibblings from the maestro, **Barton G.** (Hence the G.) After the show, an eye-popping theatrical experience that brings the action within inches of your head, it's back to the lounge for more music and more Barton G. So you get cutting edge dining, music, dancing, drinks, a wild show and the after party — and you only park the car once.

The other thing to remember is that while single ticket prices are \$63.75 and \$73.75, a limited number of \$20 rush tickets are available an hour prior to the performance. Can't beat that.

Performances are Tuesdays through Sundays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m. The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts is at 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. Tickets: 305-949-6722, arshcenter.org.

For a taste of the show go to fuerzabrutamiami.com.

**Reasons to enter Exit:** I still think that **Exit 66**, the oddly effective oceanside homage to Kerouac's America located on Fort Lauderdale Beach, works



Solé on the Ocean, courtesy

Things are looking up at Solé on the Ocean in Sunny Isles, where one-time Playboy model Tamara Sky DJs the happy hour tonight.

best as a live music venue (the opening night booking of the excellent Diabolo Dimes was so promising). But it's hard to argue with the DJ lineup the Crobar crew has planned for upcoming **Detox Saturday** parties, including **Donald Glaude** this weekend, **the Scumfrog** and

**Spam Allstars** on Aug. 1 and the great duo **Fischerspooner** on Aug. 8.

Exit 66 is at 219 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. Info: 954-830-1245, exitsixtysix.com.

**Free Spam:** The Spam Allstars hit Clematis tonight with a

bang. The bang would be my head hitting the floor after realizing the show at **Respectable Street** is FREE. The club is at 518 Clematis. Doors open at 10 p.m. Info: 561-832-9999, respectablestreet.com.

**Rewinding with Rick:** So he shot a guy... It's still good to see **Slick Rick** prospering. He's at Mansion (1235 Washington, Miami Beach) on Tuesday kicking off **Rewind**, a weekly '80s-'90s homage featuring a performance by Mr. Rick himself. "Wear your bling for complimentary admission," says the invite. If I can find it! Other upcoming performers include **Doug E. Fresh** on July 21 and **Keith Sweat** on July 28. Admission: \$15. Info: Mansionmiami.com.

**Cheap drinking on Las Olas:** Even downtown Fort Lauderdale shakers and movers are looking to keep a little more in their wallets these days. Hence the new **happy hour** at Johnny Vincenz's swank **Johnny V** on Las Olas. From 5 to 7 nightly, you can get two-for-one beer, cocktails and select wines by the glass, as well as a \$5 tapas menu. If you're in the mood to bust out of work a little earlier, Vincenz's more casual Las Olas spot, **Smith & Jones Bar and Grill**, offers the same deal from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Johnny V Las Olas is at 625 E. Las Olas Blvd. Info: 954-761-7920, www.johnnyvlasolas.com. Smith & Jones Bar and Grill is at 1313 E. Las Olas Blvd. Info: 954-888-8993, www.smithandjones.us.

**NeNe in the house:** Before **NeNe Leakes** and the rest of those guiltily pleasurable *Real Housewives of Atlanta* return for their second season on Bravo (July 30)... And before **Simon & Schuster** releases her new book, *Never Make the Same Mistake Twice* (Aug. 11)... Before all that, **NeNe** will rub el-

bows with her fans in South Florida. She's hosting the festivities Saturday night at the stylish **Karu & Y** in downtown Miami. Info: 305-403-7850, karu-y.com.

**The art of reality TV:** Can't imagine it having the delicious freak-outs of *The Real Housewives of Atlanta* or the edge-of-your-seat intrigue of PBS's *The Joy of Painting* with Bob Ross, but Bravo is looking for South Floridians to take part in a **new reality TV show** focusing on contemporary artists.

Magical Elves (*Project Runway* and *Top Chef*) and Emmy winner **Sarah Jessica Parker's** production company, **Pretty Matches**, have teamed up on **The Untitled Art Project**, described as "an hour-long creative competition series."

The South Florida audition, one of four around the country, is Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fredric Snitzer Gallery, 2247 NW 1st Place, Miami; 305-448-8976, www.Snitzer.com.

Emerging and mid-career artists working in any medium are encouraged to try out. For rules and application, go to [www.bravotv.com/casting](http://www.bravotv.com/casting)

**Sky's the limit:** Tamara Sky, the Playboy international cover girl and former Miss Puerto Rico Bikini, DJs the happy hour from 6 to 9 tonight on the newly redesigned pool deck (yes, beds with an ocean view) at Solé on the Ocean. You'll find two-for-one signature drinks and beer. Be sure to check out the Watermelon Quencher: Goose, fresh watermelon juice and sweet & sour mix. Solé is at 17315 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles Beach. Info: [www.solemiami.com](http://www.solemiami.com), 305-935-4777.

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