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ArtOfficial, Afro Kumbe and Jahfe at downtown Miami Concert Series on Jan. 13

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The free DWNTWN Miami Concert Series is back this year, bringing three local acts with very different and original styles to Bayfront Park this Friday, Jan. 13.

First is Afro Kumbe, a band that blends traditional Colombian sounds with electronic beats.

Then there's Jahfe, with a musical style that fuses roots reggae with other genres including rock, dub, soul and R & B. Such eclectic sounds can probably be attributed to an eclectic bunch: Band members of Jahfe hail from nations all around the world including Haiti, Spain, Israel, Cuba, Czech Republic and the U.S.

Closing is ArtOfficial, they've been compared to groups like Soulive and The Roots, but with an unapologetic urban poetry that combined with jazz melodies results in some of the most uniquely crafted and sincere hip-hop you're likely to find—not just in Miami—anywhere.

The concert series will now be held year-round thanks to a \$100,000 grant by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. It will continue to host monthly events during the winter months at Bayfront Park and at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts during the summer.

Next month's concert will be on Feb. 10. The artists have yet to be announced.

The Miami Downtown Development Authority organizes the monthly events. The DDA is an independent public agency of the City of Miami funded by a property tax paid by residents and businesses within the district's boundaries. Its mission is to improve the economy of downtown Miami through events, marketing and capital improvement projects.

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