



## Dancers Perform in Miami International Airport Boarding Areas



**19 July 2013** - Five groups of Afro-Cuban dancers performed in Miami International Airport's (MIA) passenger boarding areas as part of a Musical Happenings programme designed to be reflective of South Florida's diverse cultural landscape.

Coordinated by the Fine Arts and Cultural Affairs Division of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD), the impromptu acts were performed last week (11 July) and will be taking place again next year.

"The intent of the Musical Happenings programme is to entertain travellers in a fun, interactive manner," said Yolanda Sánchez, MDAD Fine Arts and Cultural Affairs Division director. "Based on our experience so far, it's working. There is nothing but smiles and laughter after these seemingly spontaneous performances."

The Musical Happenings programme, funded by a US\$40,000 (£26,252) grant from the Knight Foundation Arts Challenge, included performances by brass quintets, Brazilian jazz, Junkanoo and Latin big bands.

The Fine Arts and Cultural Affairs Division aims to humanise and enrich the airport environment through the commission of contemporary artwork and the presentation of exhibitions. The Division is responsible for the MIA galleries in the airport's Central and South Terminal. These include Art in Public Places, the Children's Art Programme as well as site-specific and community projects.

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