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## Nonprofit's auction will benefit intern program



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### HOMELESS WOMEN

Over 30 contemporary performance artists will sing, dance, paint, drum -- and stir hope -- at the fifth annual Hope Blossoms: An Art Happening to benefit the Lotus House Women's Shelter in downtown Miami. The event takes place from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday at the Margulies Warehouse, 591 NW 27th St. in Miami.

"This is an artistic adventure, the likes of which Miami has never seen," says **Constance Collins Margulies**, president of the Sundari Foundation, the nonprofit which operates Lotus House. Artists slated to perform include: **The Fantastic Nobodies**, **Shinique Smith**, and a drumming circle led by **Ruben Millares** and **Richard Marquez**. Women from Lotus House will participate in several performances and assist with the event's production. Art Miami, a sponsor of the shelter, has donated \$10,000 to Lotus House in support of the event.

Established in 2006 in Overtown, the Lotus House is a transitional housing facility for homeless women and children, providing free housing for up to one year, in addition to meals, clothing, support services and resources. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased by calling 305-365-2478 or online at [www.lotushouseshelter.org](http://www.lotushouseshelter.org).

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