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Miami International Film Festival Presents Preview Screening of Acclaimed Documentary Series, *Black in Latin America*

Creator and host Henry Louis "Skip" Gates Jr. to attend

Miami, FL — Renowned Harvard scholar, writer and documentarian Henry Louis "Skip" Gates Jr. and WPBT 2 are giving Miami audiences a sneak peek of the documentary BLACK IN LATIN AMERICA when it premieres at the **Miami International Film Festival (MIFF)**, produced and presented by **Miami Dade College (MDC)**. Screenings will be held on **Monday, March 7, Thursday, March 10** and **Friday, March 11** at **9:15 p.m.**, at MDC's **Tower Theater**. **Professor Gates will be present** and interacting with MIFF audiences during the Cuba documentary March 10.

BLACK IN LATIN AMERICA, a new four-part series on the influence of African descendants on Latin American culture, will premiere nationally on PBS in late April and early May (check local listings for date and time). Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Brazil, Mexico and Peru are the six countries featured in the series.

BLACK IN LATIN AMERICA is a production of Inkwell Films, Wall to Wall Productions and THIRTEEN in association with WNET.

Professor Gates is no stranger to MDC. He last visited the college in the fall of 2009 for the Lincoln Bicentennial at MDC's Freedom Tower. He's is widely followed for his candor and rich perspectives.

About Miami International Film Festival

The Miami International Film Festival (MIFF), celebrating its 28th edition March 4-13, 2011, is the premier Ibero-American film festival in the U.S. The annual event, which is produced and presented by Miami Dade College, attracts more than 70,000 film enthusiasts and 400 filmmakers, stars and industry professionals. During the past five years, the festival has screened films from 60 countries and hosted 300 East Coast, U.S. and world premieres. Through *Encuentros*, the festival's mentorship and film development program for filmmakers and projects from Spain, Portugal and Latin America, MIFF has become a primary gateway for the discovery of Ibero-American talent in the entertainment world. In addition, the festival's REEL Education Seminar Series consistently attracts top executives from Warner Bros., Sony Pictures Classics, IFC Films, Fox Searchlight, DreamWorks Animation, HBO Films/HBO Latino and William Morris Endeavor, among many others. For more information, visit www.miamifilmfestival.com or call 305-237-MIFF (3456).

About Miami Dade College

Miami Dade College has a long and rich history of involvement in the cultural arts, providing South Florida with a vast array of artistic and literary offerings including The Miami Book Fair International, the *Cultura del Lobo* performing arts series, The Cuban Cinema Series, nine visual arts galleries including The Freedom Tower at Miami Dade College and the School of Entertainment and Design Technology in addition to the Miami International Film Festival. MDC is

the largest institution of higher education in the country and is nationally recognized for many of its academic and cultural programs. With an enrollment of more than 170,000 students, MDC is the nation's top producer of associate in arts and associate in science degrees. The college's eight campuses and outreach centers offer more than 300 distinct degree programs, including baccalaureate degrees in education, nursing, public safety management and other in-demand fields.

WHAT: Black in Latin America with Henry Louis Gates Jr.

WHEN: Monday, March 7 at 9:15 p.m. – Haiti/Dominican Republic
Thursday, March 10 at 9:15 p.m. – Cuba
Friday, March 11 at 9:15 p.m. – Brazil

WHERE: Tower Theater at Miami Dade College
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