

South Florida Black Pride Heat Wave 2026 Events Guide & Resource. Tap image to flip →

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WELCOME!

Welcome to ***South Florida Black Pride 2026: Heat Wave Weekend*** **—** a celebration of Black LGBTQ+ culture, creativity, wellness, advocacy, and community across South Florida.

This year, South Florida Black Pride brings together artists, filmmakers, performers, community leaders, organizations, and supporters for a weekend rooted in visibility, connection, and joy. Through film, nightlife, cultural programming, health and wellness, and community gathering, ***Heat Wave Weekend*** creates space for Black and Afrocentric LGBTQ+ communities to celebrate boldly while strengthening the relationships and resources that sustain us year-round.

This is more than a celebration. It is a space to gather, connect, uplift our stories, and honor the people and communities that continue to shape South Florida Black Pride.

Welcome to South Florida Black Pride 2026: Heat Wave Weekend.

This flipbook showcases all of the events. Click here to purchase tickets and RSVP

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WHO WE ARE

Afro Pride Federation, Inc., founded in 2020, is the organizing host of **South Florida Black Pride**, serving Black and Afrocentric LGBTQ+ communities across South Florida, including Afro-Latino, Afro-Caribbean, and people throughout the African Diaspora.

Our mission is to foster the overall mental, social, physical, and economic wellness of Black LGBTQ+ communities by reducing disparities, strengthening access to trusted resources, and creating affirming spaces where our communities can be seen, supported, and celebrated.

Through year-round programming, cultural events, health education, advocacy, community engagement, and partnerships, Afro Pride works to advance wellness, equity, visibility, and connection while uplifting the cultural richness, lived experiences, and voices of Black LGBTQ+ people.

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Afro Pride was created to center **Black LGBTQ+** voices through culture, connection, wellness, and visibility.

This has always been bigger than an event.



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- Health education & outreach
- Safe community spaces
- Cultural events & experiences
- Advocacy & visibility
- Year-round impact

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Celebrating Visibility, Unity & Wellness in Black LGBTQ+ Communities

Presented by Afro Pride Federation
October 8 - 11, 2026
Miami & Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Heat Wave Weekend Highlights

Heat Wave Welcome & Kickoff Party – Start the weekend with a free late-night welcome gathering in Wilton Manors.
Thursday, Oct 8 | 10 PM–2 AM | Wilton Manors

Shades of Black Film Showcase – Black LGBTQ+ film, visual art, and community conversation at Victory Black Box Theatre.
Friday, Oct 9 | 6–10 PM | Fort Lauderdale

Florida Water – A late-night celebration featuring headliner Aakosha Bentley.
Friday, Oct 9 | 11 PM–4 AM | Hollywood

Tsunami Pool Party – An afternoon poolside celebration at Hilton Miami Aventura.
Saturday, Oct 10 | 2–8 PM | Aventura

Quiet on the Creek – A late-night celebration at CLUBBOI.
Saturday, Oct 10 | 11 PM–5 AM | North Miami

Melanin on Fire Black Beach Celebration – A daytime beach gathering at Haulover Beach.
Sunday, Oct 11 | 12–7 PM | Miami Beach

Deviant Events Official Party – Close out Heat Wave Weekend with the official late-night finale.
Sunday, Oct 11 | 11 PM–4 AM | Miami


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Regional Support Groups	Aids Healthcare Foundation (AHF)	Wellness, pharmacy, healthy housing. HIV-Specific Support. Peer events & online safe spaces for people with HIV

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Black LGBTQ+ people aren't outside the Black community.

SON.

SISTER.

ELDER.

They are our sons.

Our daughters.

Our brothers.

Our sisters.

Our cousins.

Our friends.

Our elders.

DAUGHTER.

BROTHER.

COUSIN.

FRIEND.

Black and LGBTQ+ aren't competing identities.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT.

Equality can't stop where your comfort does.



You don't have to understand someone's entire experience to believe they deserve:

- **Respect.**
- **Safety.**
- **Opportunity.**
- **Dignity.**
- **Freedom.**

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Shades of Black Film Showcase 2026: Film • Art • Community Conversation

📅 **Friday, October 9**

⏰ **6 - 10 PM**

📍 **Victory Black Box Theatre at the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center**

1409 NW 6th Street, 3rd Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Join us for an evening of Black LGBTQ+ storytelling, visual art, and community connection at Victory Black Box Theatre on Friday, October 9. This year's showcase features seven films exploring love, creativity, family, gender identity, health, cultural memory, resilience, and Black queer life across generations.

Shades of Black is presented by South Florida Black Pride and Black Alphabet as part of Heat Wave Weekend. Through film, visual art, and dialogue, the evening centers Black LGBTQ+ voices while creating space for reflection, representation, and connection. Programs like Shades of Black matter because they create room for Black LGBTQ+ stories, artists, filmmakers, and community voices beyond nightlife, while highlighting the arts, cultural, and educational dimensions of Black Pride.

Following the screenings, join us for Beyond the Screen: Black Queer Storytelling, Memory & Community, a live post-film conversation moderated by Kenan Cooper-Gilmore of Black Gay Table Talk and featuring Niki Lopez, Adam McMath, Lorenzo Robertson, and Lovely Jones.

The evening also features visual art by South Florida artists Rov Marley and Teepop.

Come for the films. Stay for the conversation. Celebrate the culture.

💰 **Early Bird $10**

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Film Lineup:

Sea Salt – Directed by Nastassia Dillon
An experimental Super 8 short using silent-film-inspired visual storytelling and an original score to create an intimate meditation through image, movement, and sound.

Final Ingredient – Directed by Lovely Jones
A couple hires a professional organizer, but what begins as an ordinary encounter takes an increasingly unsettling turn.

Coffee & Lavender – Directed by Allie Morgan
After an unexpected encounter brings Kennedy and Bianca together, a tender summer romance begins to unfold through connection and vulnerability.

SCORED – Directed by Robert Henry
Two Black queer creatives are hired to develop a musical score while navigating artistic integrity, representation, grief, collaboration, and compromise.

Chestbound – Directed by Janine Anne Uyanga
A transmasculine person returns home after top surgery and a family medical emergency, confronting unresolved hurt, fractured relationships, identity, and the possibilities of reconciliation.

Tapestry: Reclaiming Our Past – Executive Producer: Lorenzo Robertson
A special excerpt centering Black same-gender-loving men across generations and exploring identity, health, spirituality, relationships, advocacy, aging, and cultural memory.

Southern Sonshine – Directed by Kevin Dapree Anderson
Through poetry, music, documentary storytelling, and personal testimony, this film explores Black gay Southern identity, HIV, faith, stigma, resilience, chosen community, joy, and legacy.

Live Discussion:

Beyond the Screen: Black Queer Storytelling, Memory & Community
Moderated by Kenan Cooper-Gilmore of Black Gay Table Talk
A conversation exploring how Black queer stories move beyond the screen into lived experience, cultural memory, creativity, health, identity, representation, and community.

Panelists include **Niki Lopez**, Producer & Film Showcase Coordinator / Niki Lopez Creative; **Adam McMat**h, President of Black Alphabet; **Lorenzo Robertson**, Founder & Executive Director of Ujima Men's Collective; and **Lovely Jones**, filmmaker and founder of 2 Reel Kweenz Media.

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FRIDAY, OCT 9

6 - 10 PM



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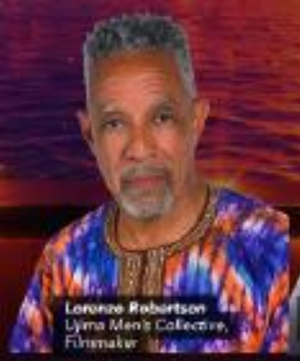
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SPICE CLUB
1934 HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33020

Florida Water Aakosha Bentley

📅 **Friday, October 9**

⏰ **11 PM – 4 AM**

📍 **Spice Club Hollywood**

1934 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood, FL 33020

Florida Water brings Heat Wave Weekend into the night with a high-energy celebration at Spice Club in Hollywood, featuring a live headliner performance by Aakosha Bentley. The Friday night event is part of South Florida Black Pride's multi-city weekend of culture, connection, visibility, and Black LGBTQ+ celebration.

As part of South Florida Black Pride 2026: Heat Wave, Florida Water carries the weekend's spirit of bold self-expression, unity, and community into the nightlife experience, creating space to gather, celebrate, connect, and keep the energy moving across South Florida.

💰 **Early Bird $20 | Reg Tables: $50 (bottle purchase required)**

VIP Section $100 Bottle purchase required. VIP guests can skip the line!

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Tsunami Pool Party

📅 **Saturday, October 10**

⏰ **2 - 8 PM**

📍 **Hilton Miami Aventura**

2885 NE 191st St, Aventura, FL 33180

Tsunami Pool Party brings Heat Wave Weekend poolside for an afternoon of music, connection, and celebration at Hilton Miami Aventura. The Saturday event offers a daytime space to unwind, socialize, and enjoy the energy of South Florida Black Pride in a more relaxed resort setting.

As part of South Florida Black Pride 2026: Heat Wave, Tsunami continues the weekend's focus on visibility, unity, and community while giving guests a chance to gather, recharge, and celebrate together before the evening events begin.

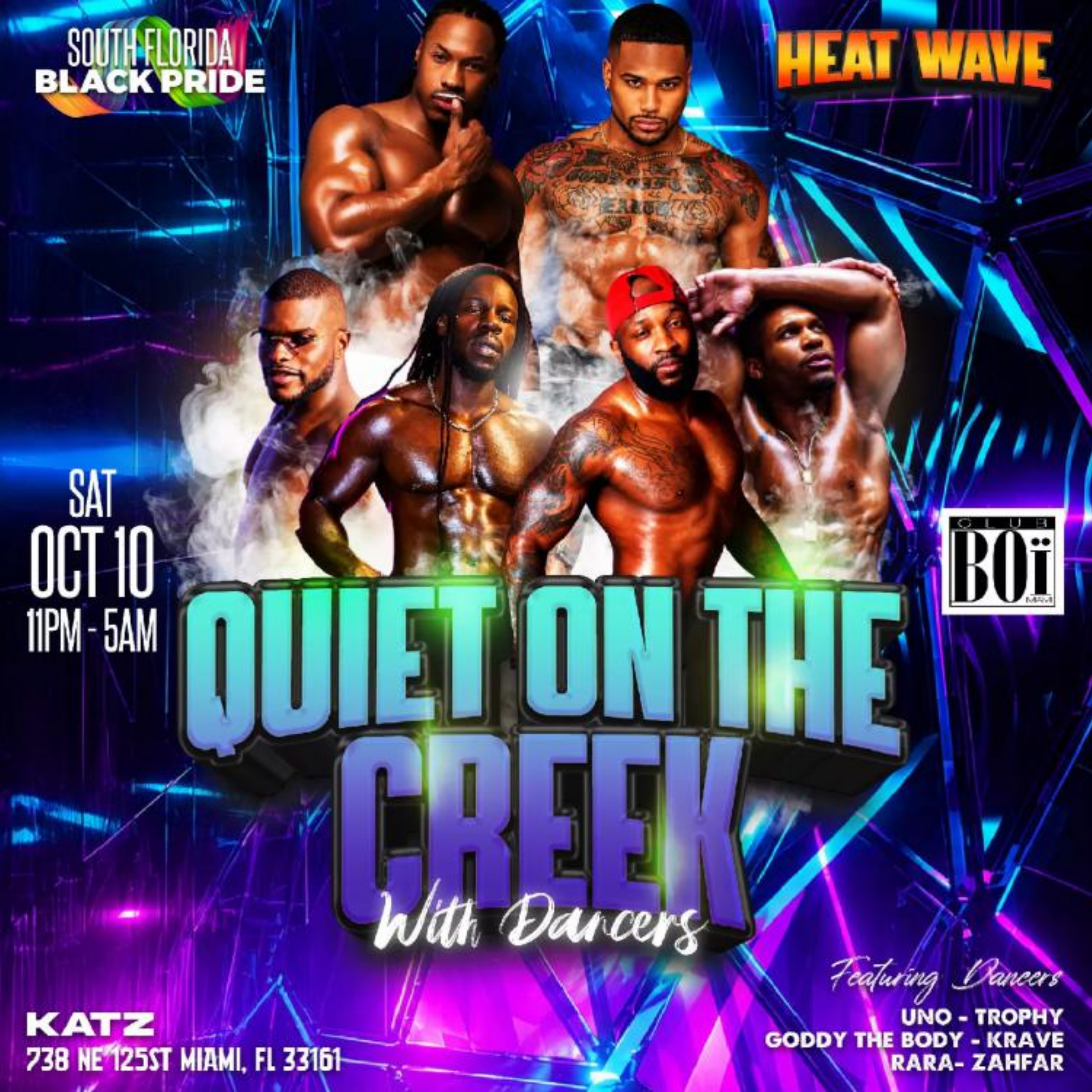
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RARA- ZAHFAR
KATZ
738 NE 125ST MIAMI, FL 33161

CLUBBOI: Quiet on the Creek w/ Dancers!

📅 **Saturday, October 10**
⏰ **11 PM - 5 AM**
📍 **Katz - North Miami**
738 NE 125th St, North Miami, FL 33161, USA

Quiet on the Creek keeps Heat Wave Weekend going late into the night at CLUBBOI in North Miami with music, nightlife, and live entertainment featuring the King of Hearts dancers. The Saturday night event brings together movement, performance, and community in a high-energy celebration of Black LGBTQ+ visibility and pride.

As part of South Florida Black Pride 2026: Heat Wave, Quiet on the Creek carries the weekend's momentum into the nightlife experience, creating space to connect, celebrate, and enjoy the energy of community through music, performance, and shared experience.

💰 **Gen/ Admission $20**

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“You have to decide who you are and force the world to deal with you, not with its idea of you.

~James Baldwin















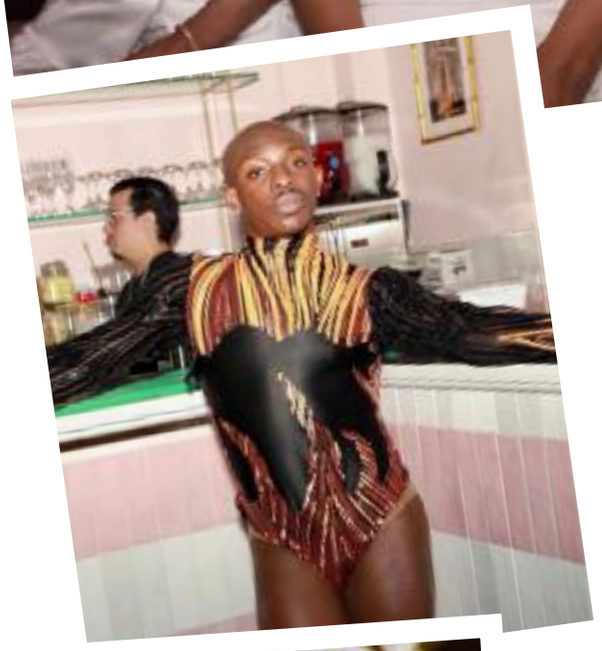


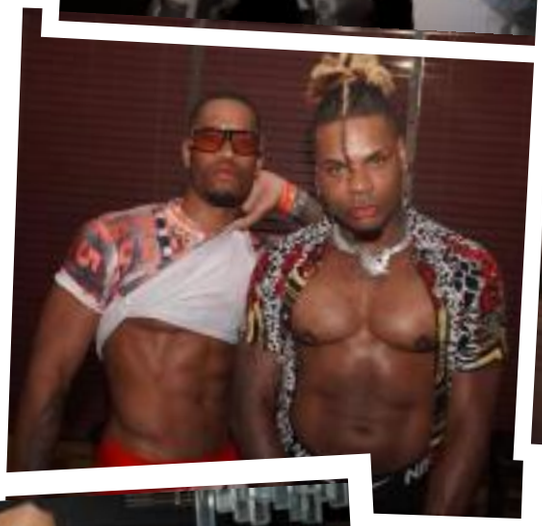






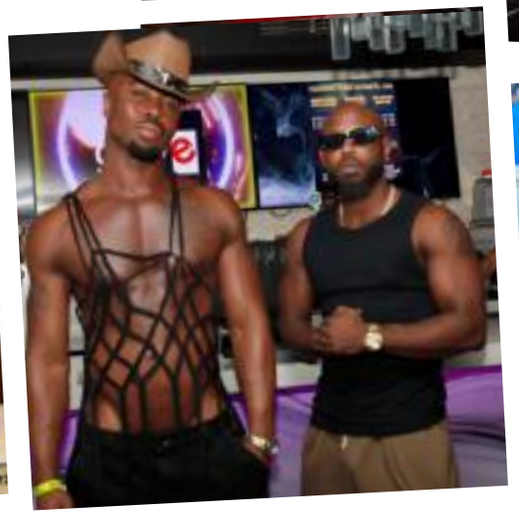

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MELANIN ON FIRE BLACK BEACH

Celebration

11 OCT
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12PM - 7PM



HAULOVER BEACH
10800 COLLINS AVE, MIAMI BEACH, FL 33154

Melanin on Fire Black Beach Celebration

📅 **Sunday, October 11**
⏰ **12 – 7 PM**
📍 **Haulover Beach Pavilion #3**
10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, FL 33154

Melanin on Fire Black Beach Celebration brings Heat Wave Weekend to Haulover Beach for a daytime gathering rooted in community, visibility, and celebration. The Sunday beach event offers a relaxed space to connect, enjoy the South Florida shoreline, and spend time together before the weekend's final nightlife event.

As part of South Florida Black Pride 2026: Heat Wave, Melanin on Fire carries the weekend's spirit of Black LGBTQ+ pride, connection, and collective joy into an open-air beach experience centered on community and togetherness.

💰 **FREE**

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Deviant Miami-Moonlight

📅 **Sunday, October 11**

⏰ **11 PM – 4 AM**

📍 **Deviant Events - Miami**

450 NW 71st St, Miami, FL 33150

Moonlight by Deviant Miami closes out Heat Wave Weekend with a late-night dance party created for and by the Black Queer community. The grand finale brings together House, Hip-Hop, Amapiano, Afro-beats, and Baile-funk for an all-white celebration built around music, movement, connection, and Black LGBTQ+ nightlife.

As the official closing party of South Florida Black Pride 2026: Heat Wave, Moonlight carries the weekend's energy into one final night of bold self-expression and community. **21+ only. Dress code: show skin to get in. Shirtless, tank tops, crop tops, open jackets, or button-ups.**

💰 **Gen Admin $30 | Free before midnight**

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