

## FUTURE CLASSIC FESTIVAL

## It'll be a wild mix in Wynwood

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Eager to get into Miami's deep, eclectic music scene, but have no idea where to start? The Future Classic Festival may be your answer.

The event, being held Saturday at Soho Studios Miami in Wynwood, is an amalgam of local art cultures: Three music areas, art and graffiti exhibits, dance performances, a video game area, a skateboarding ramp and a food court will all showcase local and even some national acts.

Electro-rock and hip-hop band N'E\*R\*D, fronted by producer-to-the-superstars Pharrell Williams, is headlining the event, which is appropriate since Williams spends much of his time in Miami.

"The beauty of [N'E\*R\*D] is that they're a group that crosses over genres," said Mihai Crisan

## If you go

**What:** Future Classic Festival**When:** 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday**Where:** Soho Studios, 2136 NW First Ave., Miami**Tickets:** \$25 (general admission), \$70 (VIP) at [www.wantickets.com/futureclassicfestival](http://www.wantickets.com/futureclassicfestival)

of Contagious Musiq, the local group that is producing Future Classic and has helped bring shows like the traveling hip-hop festival Rock The Bells and acts like Mos Def to Miami.

Crisan said Williams' involvement in clothing lines, skating and art made his band an obvious choice as headliners.

The remainder of the lineup includes some of Miami's best bands, which similarly blur genre descriptors: Latin-funk-everything groups Spam All Stars,

Locos Por Juana and Suenalo; hybrid hip-hop bands iMayday! and ArtOfficial; electro-dance trio Afrobeta; and indie-rockers Awesome New Republic. In all, more than 20 musical acts and 15 DJs will perform Saturday.

If bands aren't your thing, a DJ room promises mesmerizing 360-degree visuals complete with 3-D glasses for added effects. And, Fly Khicks, seen on MTV's *America's Best Dance Crew*, and Gamblerz, from South Korea, will perform.

Crisan said the goal of Future Classic was to give fans the best experience possible and deliver the most "bang for your buck."

"With your generic show, you check out the band, have a couple of drinks, and hopefully you have a good time before going home," he said. "We wanted to give the audience so much more entertainment — constant things to keep you busy."



**TOP ACT:** Electro-rock and hip-hop band N'E\*R\*D, below, fronted by Pharrell Williams, left, will headline the Future Classic Festival.

