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Reinaldo Arenas

Jorge Martin

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Before Night Falls

Reflections on the Life of Reinaldo Arenas with Music from Jorge Martín's Opera *Before Night Falls*

Sunday, February 5, 2017 | 3 PM
Coral Gables Congregational Church (Main Sanctuary) | 3010 de Soto Blvd, Coral Gables

Join the **Florida Grand Opera** and the **Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs** for a special presentation exploring the life and times of Cuban writer and dissident Reinaldo Arenas. The event will feature spoken narratives and music from the opera *Before Night Falls* by Cuban American composer Jorge Martín. Based on Arenas' famous memoir, the opera follows his life from childhood poverty in the Cuban countryside to his emigration to the United States in the 1980 Mariel boatlift and his last decade in New York City. The work traces his trials and tribulations as a political prisoner disillusioned by the Cuban Revolution and persecuted by the Castro regime as a dissident writer and homosexual who was forced to smuggle his manuscripts abroad for publication. The opera premiered in 2010 to critical acclaim.

Featuring
Jorge Duany, Director, FIU Cuban Research Institute
Uva de Aragon, Author
Rich Denls, Heritage Program Director, Coming Out Cuba Foundation
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