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sommeliers, five-star cuisine, local artisan wine, all at the luxurious Joule Hotel. Acclaimed for his progressive use of rambunctious and intense flavors, Palmer assembles a *Top Chef* winner and runner-up, along with a veritable who's-who of wine and dine, all at Charlie Palmer at The Joule, a restaurant in the breathtaking hotel situated in a revitalized 1920s Neo-Gothic building, adjacent to the new arts district in Dallas. Enjoy delectable dishes from the restaurant's executive chef Scott Romano, as well as more than 20 Texas wines, then root for your favorite celebrity chef—including VOLT's Bryan Voltaggio, The Dining Room's Michael Voltaggio, York Street's Sharon Hage, and the Dallas Ritz-Carlton's Dean Fearing—in an *Iron Chef*-inspired cook-off, all the while benefitting the North Texas Food Bank. A high-end extravaganza for the genuine gourmand, The Big Red is a one-of-a-kind epicurean weekend. thejouledallas.com

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6 WASHINGTON, D.C. FotoWeek D.C.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, expect a full-length novel at FotoWeek D.C. The event and its images attract tens of thousands of visitors every year. The historic buildings and monuments take on a new look at various times throughout the week when they serve as the backdrop for massive photo projections. Listen to lectures from world-renowned photographers, and then browse through entries in the 2010 FotoWeek D.C. International

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I² MIAMI Miami Music Festival

November is Live Music Month in Miami, signaling the return of snowbirds, celebrities, and the Miami Music Festival, America's largest gathering of multi-genre emerging artists. From South Beach to Coconut Grove, the celebration attracts about 18,000 music fans every year, all happening less than 30 miles from Fort Lauderdale. Get access to more than 500 shows at clubs, restaurants, hotels, and parks across Magic City. The festival will also host a conference for up-and-coming musicians, featuring panels, master classes, workshops, and interactive sessions. Topics include music creation, publishing, recording technology, live sound, and law. In 2009, more than 100 record-label, touring, and marketing executives attended the conference, as well as radio program directors, film music supervisors, and advertising execs, making the conference a can't-miss for budding artists looking to make their big break. miamimusicfestival.org

December

II FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade

Cheer on Polynesian fire dancers, circus entertainers, and Broadway performers as they float on works of art down New River in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In preparation for the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade, artists spend months meticulously embellishing hundreds of privately owned vessels, massive showboats, and corporate mega yachts with lights and vibrant paint. This year's theme, "Dancing Thru the Decades," is a celebration of the City of Fort Lauderdale's centennial anniversary. Claim a spot at the Grandstand Viewing Area inside Birch State Park, the largest public location for parade-watching, for optimal observation of the buoyant floats. Gates open at 3:30 p.m. and the waterworks start at 6 p.m. In the meantime, stop by the park's Seminole Outpost to peruse the creations of local artisans, watch and listen to live dance and music, and sip a cold brew or glass of Sanctuary Wine at the Michelob Ultra Culinary Courtyard. With your beverage in hand, grab a meal from one of several eateries like Papa Hughie's Seafood World, then settle in and wave to the dance troupes and beauty queens as they travel toward the Intracoastal Waterway. winterfestparade.com

