Top 5 events in Latin/World music for 2013-14 season

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1. Jorge Drexler

A deeply poetic artist who makes complex emotions glow through erudite wordsmanship and creative pop craftsmanship, Uruguayan singer-songwriter Drexler celebrates 20 years in music with the Mundo Abisal tour.

Oct. 12 at the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, presented by the Rhythm Foundation

2. Robi Draco Rosa in Tour Vida

This Puerto Rican artist has had one of the strangest trajectories in pop music. He was a Ricky Martin compatriot in teen pop group Menudo and a key co-songwriter on hits like Livin La Vida Loca, before striking out with his own dark, rich pop-rock fusion. Rosa celebrated his battle with cancer in Vida, one of the best and most acclaimed Latin albums of the past year.

Oct. 26 at the Fillmore

3. The Manganiyar Seduction

Hypnotic Middle Eastern music meets magical cinematic staging. Thirty-six musicians and singers from the Manganiyars, a Muslim sect among the Indian Rajasthani people, ancestors to the European gypsies, perform their hypnotic music in an architectural jewelbox of a set that stacks the musicians atop each other – inspired by Amsterdam’s Red Light district.

Nov. 8 at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, presented by MDC Live Arts

4. Toto Lo Momposina

The inimitable Momposina has been called the Celia Cruz of Colombia, internationally famed for her powerful, soulful and gutsy performances of traditional Colombian music.
Dec. 15 at Hollywood Arts Park, presented by the Rhythm Foundation

5. Estrella Morente

The daughter of famed flamenco singer Enrique Morente, Estrella has a singular ability to combine flamenco’s anguished soul and vulnerability with ravishing vocal beauty. Her appearance marks a welcome return of musical artists to the annual Flamenco Festival Miami, which will also feature guitarist Tomatito and the Eva Yerbabuena Ballet Flamenco.

March 6 at the Adrienne Arsht Center, Miami