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Fans' guide to Heat season

Curtain goes up with a celebration

Ring in season

Opening night will feature can't-miss pregame festivities, including the presentation of the 2012-13 championship rings and raising of the championship banner. In addition, this season's player introduction sequence will debut. For fans, there will be a special collector's edition of Tipoff magazine, and the debut of the Jostens Championship Ring Merchandise Collection. This is one night to arrive early. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the ring ceremony begins at 7:15. More surprises are promised.

New in food

Arena concessions have undergone a multi-million dollar upgrade by Levy Restaurants with an infusion of local flavors and numerous new menu items. Flavor Zones include Taste of Asia, Latin Flavor and Fit Food on the 100 Level.

Dena Marino (MC Kitchen),

Cheesesteak and Miami Fongo.

Both Flagship Lounges have undergone major overhauls and offer new culinary collaborations with some of South Florida's top chefs. Notably: Richard Sandoval (Toro Toro), Dena Marino (MC Kitchen), Michael Lewis (Zuma), Luke Rinaman (China Grill), Kris Wessel (Florida Cookery), Will Biscoe (Biscayne Tavern) and Ralph Pagano (Alba Seaside Italian).

Parking scramble

Only season-ticket holders with parking passes can use the arena parking lot. Several lots surround the arena, but rates vary depending on the night's opponent and get less expensive the farther they are from the arena. Check out a map of lots and prices along with other parking information here: nba.com/heat/tickets/myheatseasontickets_downtown_map.html

