

**MINUTES OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
May 21, 2014**

A meeting of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council was held at the 6th Floor Conference Room, Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida.

Members Present

Adolfo Henriques, Chairman
Steven Alexander
Victor Bao
Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez
Xavier Cortada
Robert Jensen
Jorge Luis Lopez
Phyllis Simpkins
Monty Trainer

Members Not Present

Alejandro Aguirre
Louis-Albert Jolivet
Jorge Pérez
Janá Sigars-Malina
Rosa Sugrañes

Staff

Michael Spring, Director
Carolina Alfonso
Kelly Allocco
Francine Andersen
Patricia Arbelaez
Roxana Barba
Christina Beauvoir
Nikenna Benjamin
Jessica Berthin
Sue Camp
Liliana Hernandez-Constanla
Sandra Hill
Gerry Landreth
Regla Lee
Deborah Margol
Gilda Mooney
Adriana Perez
Brandi Reddick
Javier Siut
Ashlee Thomas
Lisa D'Andrea Thompson
Nicolle Ugarizza
Pamela Valles

Others

Lisa Martinez, Office of the Mayor
Dan Ricker, WatchdogReport.net
Marte Siebenhar, Bakehouse Art Complex

Chairman Adolfo Henriques called the meeting to order at 12:14 pm. Absent a quorum, Chairman Henriques moved to a presentation by Marte Siebenhar of Bakehouse Art Complex and then to Reports and Discussion Items.

PRESENTATION: Marte Siebenhar, Executive Director, Bakehouse Art Complex

Ms. Siebenhar reported that the 28-year old Bakehouse Art Complex, located in the Wynwood Arts District, is a nonprofit organization providing juried emerging and mid-career artists with affordable studio spaces, exhibition opportunities, educational programming, and common workshop spaces.

The complex is comprised of 70 studios, two galleries, project room, classroom, print room, photo lab, ceramic kiln area, woodworking and welding areas. The Bakehouse received a Knight Arts Challenge Award to upgrade equipment and add a metals foundry for artists who work in large-scale casting mediums.

There are currently 65 artists in residence who conduct artists' talks and teach master classes.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY 2014-2015 Budget Updates

Miami-Dade County

The County Commission's Finance Committee has held meetings at which each department has made budget presentations. Internal departmental budget submissions are being reviewed by the Mayor. There is an approximately \$200 million shortfall in General Fund revenues for the County's FY 2014-2015 budget.

Chairman Henriques has met with Mayor Gimenez, emphasizing not only the economic impact of the arts industry but also the transformational effect on the County. Mr. Alexander noted that it was important for Councilors to contact their individual Commissioner and that there was only a two week window of opportunity to communicate our needs and concerns.

State of Florida

The state legislature approved \$44 million for the arts, the largest allocation in the history of the state. More than 100 Miami-Dade arts groups will be affected.

Culture Shock Miami – Discount Tickets for Youth

Culture Shock Miami will present Rhythmic Circus – *Feet Don't Fail Me Now!*, a highly energetic, tapping explosion of rock, blues, and soul. *Feet Don't Fail Me Now!* has been contracted to perform on the main stage of the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center on June 28, 2014. Additionally, a free, full performance is being made available to Miami-Dade County camps on June 27th and a tap-dance workshop is being offered to Miami-Dade residents on the morning of June 28th. Tickets were put on sale on April 29, 2014 on CultureShockMiami.com. In addition to the \$5 Culture Shock Miami student-rate, a limited number of tickets are available at SMDCAC.org. These tickets will be sold to the general public at a cost of \$15-\$25.

On May 3, 2014, Culture Shock Miami participated in the Center's 8th Annual All Kids Included Festival. In an effort to raise awareness about the program and draw teen audiences to the Center, Culture Shock Miami sponsored the festival's outdoor stage. Outdoor stage performers included 21st Century Steel Band, The Rodiles, and Sons of Mistro. These performers were carefully selected because of their appeal to the program's target audience. In addition to Culture Shock Miami Program Managers Christina Tassy-Beauvoir and Gerry Landreth, a Master of Ceremony promoted the program and promotional materials were distributed to attendees.

Department Facilities Update

Miami-Dade County Auditorium (MDCA)

MDCA produced, in collaboration with Latin Grammy Nominee Jose Negroni, "*Cada Uno Con Su Historia*." In addition to Negroni, featured artists included Armando Terron, Luz Marina and Latin Grammy nominee Saavedra. The artists shared a casual setting on stage as they told stories through song. This work was commissioned by MDCA as part of its On.Stage Black Box series.

TigerTail, in collaboration with MDCA, brought the first installment of the FLA-FRA Festival to MDCA's On.Stage Black Box. Performances featured French cabaret singer Floanne and French choreographer Myriam Gourfink.

"Sotto Voce," by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright and Miamian, Nilo Cruz, played to sold-out audiences.

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

In partnership with the Miami-Dade Public Schools' "Cultural Passport" program, Caleb hosted more than 30,000 students this season. In addition, the auditorium was rented for performances by the New World Symphony and The Arts Power Touring Company presentation of "Heart in a Suitcase."

It is still anticipated that the parking lot serving the Auditorium will be closed to prepare the site for construction of a new parking garage. The conversion of the Auditorium into a venue for school field trip performances could last for two years.

Coconut Grove Playhouse

Mr. Spring reported that the Miami Parking Authority (MPA) is making repairs on the parking lot, including improvements of on-site security.

The Coconut Grove Village Council has put together a committee to track the progress of the Playhouse development and will be meeting for its second public session.

Art in Public Places

Ms. Reddick reported that the project at the Gran Via Apartment Complex has been completed. In addition to the various mangroves, leaves, and bird shape elements covering the chain link fence system, the artist extended the artwork to the surrounding wall plane where a series of two dimensional birds are arranged to resemble a flock of seagulls flying to or from the nearby Everglades.

On Memorial Day, Richmond Heights will dedicate a monument by Gene Tinnie on a triangular green space between Lincoln Boulevard and Madison Street honoring the pioneering veterans of the community.

A "Call to Artists" has been released to develop an artist-designed LED marquee for the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center which will feature announcements for the Center.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- The current vacancy on the Cultural Affairs Council will be filled by Susana Ibarguen who was appointed by District 10 Commissioner, Senator Javier Souto.
- The 8th Annual All Kids Included Festival was held at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center on May 3 with an estimated attendance of between 4,000 to 5,000 children and families.
- Mr. Spring reported that he is contact with the Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) regarding the ongoing issues with the City of North Miami and will keep the Council apprised of developments.
- The Miami Science Museum has severed ties with their contractor over unreconciled issues. There is a contractor taking over the project and the objective is for the transition to occur with minimal delay. Mr. Spring emphasized that there will be no additional money required for the project as a result of the change.

Staff member Lisa D'Andrea Thompson is present on the construction site as well as in on all construction meetings.

- Mr. Spring reported that Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden will provide consultants for landscaping around African Heritage Cultural Arts Center.
- Mr. Spring noted that Chairman Adolfo Henriques was honored as a Pillar of the Community by the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Lopez entered the meeting at 1:05 pm. Chairman Henriques moved to Items for Approval.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for May 21, 2014

Requests for excused absences submitted by Alejandro Aquirre, Robert Jensen, Louis-Albert Jolivert, Jorge Pérez, Janá Sigars-Malina and Rosa Sugrañes were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Bao)

Approval of the May 21, 2014 Minutes

The minutes of the May 21, 2014 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Bao)

FY 2013-2014 Community Grants (CG) Program – Grant Recommendations

The FY 2013-2014 Community Grants program panel chaired by Deborah Margol convened on Thursday, May 8, 2014, to review 16 applications requesting \$111,750.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 15 applicants for a total of \$81,000.00. However, one applicant has declined its recommended award of \$850.00, which provides available revenues to fund the remaining 14 applicants at the Panel's full, original funding recommendations for a total of \$80,750.00.

Individual grant recommendations that involved Councilor conflicts of interest were removed from the package of recommendations and voted on individually. Three Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mr. Cortada (City of Miami-Little Haiti Cultural Center)

Mr. Lopez (City of Miami-Little Haiti Cultural Center)

Mr. Trainer (City of Miami-Little Haiti Cultural Center)

The Panel's recommendation to fund the remaining organizations was approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Bao)

Algo Nuevo Incorporated	\$ 5,500.00
Centro Cultural Español de Cooperación Iberoamericana, Inc. a/f/a for Frog Theatrical	\$ 1,000.00
City of Doral Parks & Recreation	\$5,750.00
Community Arts and Culture, Inc. a/f/a for Moksha Family Arts Collective, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.	\$7,000.00
Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for ANTIHEROES PROJECT, INC.	\$6,500.00
Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.	\$6,500.00

IFE-ILE, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Key Biscayne Community Foundation, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Miami-Dade Broadband Coalition, Inc. a/f/a for Geeki Girl, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Revelation Community Education Center, Inc.	\$7,500.00
The Motivational Edge, Inc.	\$7,500.00

The Panel's recommendation to fund the remaining organization, for which there were the above-noted Councilors' conflicts of interest and abstentions, was voted on individually and passed unanimously as follows:

City of Miami-Little Haiti Cultural Center	\$3,500.00
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Bao)	

FY 2014-15 Festivals and Special Events Grants Program Panel

The FY 2014-15 Festivals and Special Events Grants Program Panel was approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

FY 2014-15 Grants Program Recommendations

Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Cultural Grants Program

The FY 2014-2015 award recommendations for the Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2014-2015 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2014-2015 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2014.

The Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel, chaired by Council member Monty Trainer, convened on May 7, 2014 to review 30 applications requesting a total of \$930,000. The panel recommended funding all 30 applications.

Individual grant recommendations that involved Councilor conflicts of interest were removed from the package of recommendations and voted on individually. The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mr. Bao (Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music)

Mr. Cortada (Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc., Miami Dade College - Department of Arts and Philosophy, Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives, Miami Dade College - Museum of Art and Design and University of Miami - School of Communication)

Mr. Henriques (Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music)

Mr. Lopez (Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music, Miami Dade College - Department of Arts and Philosophy, Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives, Miami Dade College - Museum of Art and Design and University of Miami - School of Communication)

Mr. Trainer (New World School of the Arts - Dance Division, University of Miami - School of Communication)

The Panel's recommendation to fund the remaining organizations was approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

Area Performance Gallery Inc., d/b/a Area Stage Company
Brazz Dance Theater Incorporated
Creation Art Center Corporation
Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami, Inc.
Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.
Edge Zones, Inc.
Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.
Haitian Heritage Museum Corp.
Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre
Karen Peterson and Dancers Inc
Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema
Miami Beach Film Society, Inc.
Miami Gay Men's Chorus
Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.
Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.
Mystery Park Arts Company, Inc., d/b/a SoBe Institute of the Arts
Orchestra Miami, Inc.
Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.
South Florida Composer's Alliance, Inc.
The Coral Gables Museum, Corp.
The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.
University of Wynwood, Inc.
Zoetic Stage, Inc.

The Panel's recommendations to fund the remaining organizations, for which there were the above-noted Councilors' conflicts of interest and abstentions, were voted on individually and passed unanimously as follows:

Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.
(motion by Ms. Simpkins; seconded by Mr. Alexander)

Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

Miami Dade College - Museum of Art and Design
(motion by Ms. Simpkins; seconded by Mr. Alexander)

New World School of the Arts - Dance Division
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Bao)

Miami Dade College - Department of Arts and Philosophy
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

University of Miami - School of Communication

(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Bao)

International Cultural Exchange (ICE) Grants Program

The FY 2014-2015 award recommendations for the International Cultural Exchange (ICE) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2014-2015 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2014-2015 budget, which is subject to the County's FY 2014-2015 Budget once adopted in September 2014.

The FY 2014-2015 International Cultural Exchange Program Panel, chaired by Dwayne Wynn, convened on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 to review 9 applications requesting a total of \$275,000. The Panel recommended funding all 9 applications.

Individual grant recommendations that involved Councilor conflicts of interest were removed from the package of recommendations and voted on individually. One Council member declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mr. Cortada (South Florida Art Center)

The Panel's recommendation to fund the remaining organizations was approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc
Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, Inc.
Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc
Edge Zones Art Center
El Ingenio, Inc.
FUNDarte
Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.
Tigertail Productions, Inc.

The Panel's recommendation to fund the remaining organization, for which there was the above-noted Councilor's conflict of interest and abstention, was voted on individually and passed unanimously as follows:

South Florida Art Center
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Bao)

Major Cultural Institutions (MCI) Grants Program

The FY 2014-2015 award recommendations for the Major Cultural Institutions Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2014-2015 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2014-2015 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2014.

The Major Cultural Institutions Grants Program Panel convened on Friday, May 2, 2014 to review thirteen (13) applications to the Major Cultural Institutions Grants Program. The Panel recommended funding all thirteen (13) applications. It is further recommended that the Council appropriate funding from the FY 2014-15 Major Cultural Institutions program allocation to facilitate the transition of Gablestage, Inc. into the Coconut Grove Playhouse as its

theater presenter and operator, and for programming support. In addition, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) has been designated a Major Cultural Institution in previous cycles of this program. Pending a resolution of MOCA's current situation, a final recommendation regarding MOCA's designation in the coming fiscal year may be presented to the Council for its consideration prior to finalizing the FY 2014-2015 budget.

Individual grant recommendations that involved Councilor conflicts of interest were removed from the package of recommendations and voted on individually. The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mr. Bao (Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc., Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of – The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum, Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc., for the Bass Museum of Art)

Mr. Cortada (Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc., Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of – The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum, Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc., for the Bass Museum of Art, South Florida Art Center, Inc. dba ArtCenter/South Florida - ArtCenter/South Florida)

Mr. Henriques (Florida Grand Opera, Inc., Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc., Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of – The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum. Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc., for the Bass Museum of Art)

Mr. Lopez (Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc., Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of – The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum, Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc., for the Bass Museum of Art)

Mr. Trainer (University of Miami, Lowe Art Museum)

The Panel's recommendation to fund the remaining organizations was approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Bao)

Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc.

Miami City Ballet, Inc.

New World Symphony, Inc.

Performing Arts Center Trust, Inc. dba Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County

The M Ensemble Company, Inc.

The Miami Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

Gablestage, Inc. / Coconut Grove Playhouse

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Inc.

Miami Children's Museum, Inc.

Zoological Society of Florida, Inc. for Zoo Miami

The Panel's recommendations to fund the remaining organizations, for which there were the above-noted Councilors' conflicts of interest and abstentions, were voted on individually and passed unanimously as follows:

Florida Grand Opera, Inc.

(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Mr. Cortada)

Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc., Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of – The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum, Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc., for the Bass Museum of Art
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

University of Miami, Lowe Art Museum
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

South Florida Art Center, Inc. dba ArtCenter/South Florida - ArtCenter/South Florida
(motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program

The FY 2014-2015 award recommendations for the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2014-2015 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2014-2015 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2014.

The FY 2014-2015 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Robert J. Jensen, convened on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 to review 23 applications requesting a total of \$1,275,000. The Panel recommended funding all 23 applications.

There were no stated conflicts and the Panel's recommendation to fund the organizations was approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins):

All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. dba Florida Youth Orchestra
Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.

American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.

Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.

Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.

enFAMILIA, INC.

Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.

Florida Film Institute, Inc.

Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.

Kinad, Inc.

Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.

Miami Dance Project, Inc.

Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.

Miami Music Project, Inc.

Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater Inc.

Miami Theater Center Inc.

Miami Youth Ballet Inc.

South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.

The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.

The South Florida Boys Choir, Incorporated

The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.
Walenstein Musical Organization, Inc.

FY 2014-2015 Grants Program Guidelines

The guidelines for Artist Access Grants Program for Individual Artists, Audience Access Grants Program (AUD) and Community Grants (CG) Program were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Alexander; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

COUNCILOR REPORTS

- Ms. Simpkins reported that, as part of her responsibilities as a panelist for Youth Arts Miami (YAM), she did site visits. She noted that her visit to The Roxie Theatre was exciting and that they provide great opportunities for young people.
- Mr. Trainer reminded Councilors about First Saturday Gallery Walks in Coconut Grove.
- Mr. Cortada noted the passing of long time Miamian and avid arts supporter Anita Schuck who died on May 10, her 111th birthday.
- Mr. Bao said that it was an honor to be present when Chairman Adolfo Henriques was honored by the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce for his work at Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust as well as his association with dozens of charitable organizations all over Miami and Miami Beach.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Landreth