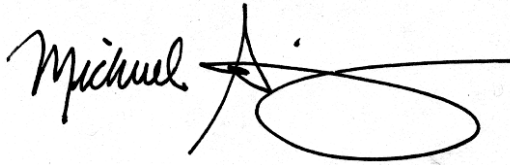


Date: June 19, 2019

To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director

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Subject: FY 2019-2020 Cultural Development (CGD) Cultural Grants Program Recommendations

The FY 2019-2020 award recommendations for the Cultural Development Grants Program will be set at an equal level for each organization that is funded. The program's FY 2019-2020 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2019-2020 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 17 grants for the FY 2019-2020 Cultural Development Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Cultural Development Grants Program, chaired by Council member Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez convened on May 30, 2019 to review 17 applications requesting a total of \$850,000. The panel recommended funding all 17 applications.

The Cultural Development Grants Program, provides general operating support grants and technical assistance to a selected group of Miami-Dade County's mid-sized, artistically accomplished and culturally diverse performing, visual, literary and presenting arts organizations that are defining the cultural and artistic voice of Miami. Qualifying organizations are committed year-round to the creation or presentation of art, within or across artistic fields and disciplines, which demonstrate the potential to achieve regional, national, or international visibility as evidenced by current programs and management structure and many times engage in strategic partnerships for greater artistic success.

The panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management and financial capability; 3) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment for Miami-Dade County; and 4) effective and illuminating education programs and public outreach initiatives to specialized populations.

Funding for the Cultural Development Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2019-2020 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding:

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1. Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2019-20 season of Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, a company dedicated to presenting authentic Flamenco dance with live music in theatrical settings and expand the art form beyond traditional limits and appeal to broad based audiences. This season the company will present collaborations of new works as part of their mainstage season at the Colony Theater on Miami Beach. Additionally, the company will continue to present smaller-scale performances at various venues throughout Miami Dade County and continue its series of educational and outreach performances in collaboration with various community-based organizations.

2. Chopin Foundation of the United States, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season activities of the Chopin Foundation of the United States, including the "Chopin for All" Free concert series, Chopin Salon Concerts, and three events presented in collaboration with other organizations. All events will take place within Miami-Dade County.

3. Coral Gables Congregational Church
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the Coral Gables Congregational Church Community Arts Program. The program stages its renowned June-August Summer Concert Series of internationally-renowned jazz and classical artists in performances and master classes. The program also offers an August-May Conservatory for the Arts to provide children (ages 5-18) with affordable in-depth music theory classes, one-on-one instrument training, and "active-learning" ensembles.

4. Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the Benefit of the School of Music
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the FIU Music Season presented by the FIU School of Music. The majority of programs for the 2019-2020 season will take place at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center with many world-renowned musicians. The concert season will include chamber festivals, chamber series, and orchestral, jazz, chorus, and Latin music. A distinguished lecture series of how music reaches far beyond the music community.

5. FUNDarte, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support FUNDarte's season of cultural programming, serving South Florida's widely diverse community while supporting professional opportunities for local artists; educational residency activities with visiting artists that expand creative, critical and social perspectives among participants; and international exchange projects with artists in different disciplines and geographic locations.

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6. Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center. The center is dedicated to protecting the natural environment by providing environmental educational programs to the private and public school systems, as well as hosting various cultural arts events and programs that celebrate the environment. Events include rotating art exhibits, outdoor installations and lectures. All events will take place at the Biscayne Nature Center located on Key Biscayne.

7. Miami Beach Garden Conservancy, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support to support the development and execution of horticulture and education programs, arts and culture programs at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden. Programs include live music, performances and visual art, lecture series, family programming and film presentations.

8. Miami Dade College – Koubek Center
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 Koubek Center season of multidisciplinary, Hispanic heritage-rooted programs including Little Havana Social Club, a live music series celebrating Miami's diverse Latin cultures; Playtime, a bilingual cultural series for families; and En Residencia, an artist-residency program rooted in social practice for Latino artists.

9. Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 series of curated screenings and activities which explore the history and culture of Florida, especially South Florida, by means of its moving images, whether film or video offered at the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Archives at the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus. Since 1960, the Wolfson Archives is dedicated to preserving Florida's moving image history, sharing Florida's moving image history with educators, students, historians and individuals interested in Florida, providing filmmakers valuable visual elements for telling their stories, providing a nurturing training ground for future archivists, becoming a center for excellence and expertise in film preservation.

10. Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of programs presented by the Cultural Arts Department of the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center (MARJCC). This season, the Department will present a variety of community oriented cultural arts programming designed to appeal to general audiences, including dance programs, theatre presentations, a concerts series, author presentations, film and educational lectures. Programs will take place at the MARJCC, and various locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

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11. New World School of the Arts - Dance Division
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the NWSA Dance Division's Professional Choreographers' Presentation Series. National and internationally renowned professional choreographers will create and/or stage significant works of dance in collaboration with professional dancers at New World School of the Arts. Each work will be premiered for the general public as part of the New World School of the Arts' Dance Division Concert Series in the fall and and spring. Performances will take place at various locations, including the New World School of the Arts Theater, the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center, and the Olympia Theatre at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami, the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center, among others.

12. Olympia Center, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the presenting efforts of Olympia Theater's season, *Olympia Theater Presents*. The presenting efforts include the ongoing "In The Lobby Lounge" Series at the historic Olympia Theater, the Recent Cinema from Spain film series, the monthly Moth StorySLAMs, Comedy and Latin Concerts, among many other programs.

13. Orchestra Miami, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of Orchestra Miami, whose mission is to provide symphonic music for all residents of South Florida. This season, Orchestra Miami will present several concerts for adults and children, which will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including Pinecrest Gardens, the Coral Gables Museum, the Scottish Rite Temple, the Miami Beach Bandshell, among others. In addition, Orchestra Miami will continue its education and outreach program at various schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

14. Patrons of Exceptional Artists, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support Patron's of Exceptional Artists' 2019-2020 *Miami International Piano Festival* season, which included the Miami Beach Discovery Series at the Colony Theatre and the Aventura Cultural Series at the Aventura Cultural Arts Center. The organization will also present outreach initiatives at the Betsy Hotel Piano Salon. Both series feature exceptional education opportunities with the artists and noted musicologist, Dr. Frank Cooper.

15. The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of cultural programs and events at the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center in West Kendall and various venues throughout Miami Dade County. Programs offered include classes in fine arts, performing arts and music programs, community and

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professional theater productions for adults and children, concerts, plays and lectures; an annual Jewish book festival, community events celebrating Jewish traditions, culture and art, and programming that celebrates Miami's cultural and ethnic diversity.

16. The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support Dance Now! Miami's (DNM) 2019-2020 season. The organization seeks to develop contemporary modern dance theatre that articulates the international cultural life of South Florida and reflect the region's multi-ethnicity. Programs include festival and repertory performances, site-specific performances, local and national touring and educational and outreach programs. The company will present their mainstage performances at the Colony Theatre on Miami Beach and the Aventura Cultural Arts Center, in addition to a series of educational programming including classes, a summer intensive, lecture/demonstrations and open rehearsals at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex and other venues throughout Miami-Dade County.

17. The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.
FY 2019-2020 Season

***Grant award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support Dranoff 2 Piano programming throughout the 2019-2020 performance season. Dranoff will present a season of internationally-renowned pianists and top local artists performing in Miami-Dade County's major concert venues. Dranoff will premiere a 2 piano commission for Miami audiences and present live Classical music performances, engaging over 10,000 teens in Miami-Dade County middle and high schools.