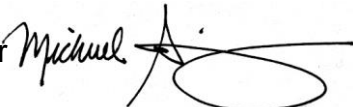


Memorandum



Date: August 19, 2020

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring, Director 

Subject: Culture Shock Miami (CSM) – Discount Tickets for Youth Program

Culture Shock Miami (CSM) Updates

- 2020/21 Season – Staff continues to work with artist representatives and venues to reschedule performances from the program’s 2019/20 season. A total of four (4) performances originally scheduled to take place between April and August 2020 are being rescheduled to spring and late-summer of 2021. In addition, program staff is committed to presenting three (3) new artists next season. Offerings will include two (2) virtual performances in late-fall and early-winter of 2020 and one in-person performance is being planned for summer of 2021. Additional details will be provided as dates are secured.
- Courageous Creatives – CSM joined forces with Miami-based creative and education consultant, Miriam King, to bring together a cohort of courageous young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in complex and mature discussions addressing historical issues that have shaped today’s society. The free, 5-week virtual project challenges participants to work towards social justice shape-shifting through the vehicles of arts advocacy and activism. A total of 45 applications were received and the program was launched on July 13 with 36 participants, of which 20-25 remain active each week. In addition to two-weekly sessions (total of 6 hours), participants have been completing at-home follow-up work. The Zoom sessions will conclude on August 14 and the artistic project being created by the cohort will be shared with families, friends, and members of the community at a later date.
- South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC) *Sessions* – CSM collaborated with SMDCAC to co-present two (2) young South Florida artists as part of the venue’s virtual cabaret series - Yoli Mayor on July 30 and Sons of Mystro on August 6. The free performances were promoted on smdcac.org, cultureshockmiami.com, their newsletters, and social media pages. The performances premiered on SMDCAC’s Facebook page and to date, have generated 510 and 800 views respectively. *SMDCAC Sessions* is a project created to support local artists and showcase their talents during the pandemic.
- Virtual Hip Hop Dance Workshops – CSM teamed up with the Department’s African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (AHCAC) to provide free virtual Hip Hop workshops for members of the community (ages 10 and up). Two (2) workshops are being offered on a weekly basis for a total of five-weeks, every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from August 4 – September 3. To date, 100 participants have registered for the workshops. While most are from the South Florida tri-county area, participants are joining the sessions from other parts of the country, including Alabama and California.
- Vizcaya Museum and Gardens continues to provide a monthly allotment of 50 tickets via the program’s website. The \$5 CSM tickets have been selling out since the museum re-opened its grounds in May.

Please be sure to visit *Online Experiences* at www.CultureShockMiami.com.