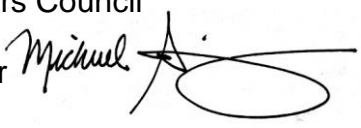


Memorandum



Date: September 16, 2020

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring, Director 

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

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- Courageous Creatives (Update) – The 24 socially-minded young artists (ages 16-22) who participated in this summer's Courageous Creatives concluded the project with the creation a short-film, charting a path of 526 ways to move towards an equitable and just society. Titled *Take Back Time* and coordinated to be part of Americans for the Arts' *National Arts in Education Week* (September 13 -19), the film will premiere virtually on Wednesday, September 16 and will be followed by a moderator-led panel discussion featuring members of the Courageous Creatives cohort and leaders of Miami-Dade County's civic and cultural organizations. The event seeks to engage seasoned leaders and members of the community in a conversation with future arts leaders and policy makers. CSM staff is promoting the event on the program's website, newsletter and via social media. While free, [registration](#) is required to attend the event being hosted on Zoom. Courageous Creatives is a five-week project launched as a virtual safe space for young artists and future leaders to participate in complex discussions about social justice and to reimagine change through arts activism.
- CSM joined The Adrienne Arsht Center's Education and Community Engagement team, Miami Theater Center (MTC), and the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center's (SMDCAC) Education and Outreach Division to form the Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective. This group of South Florida Presenters came together to identify and pool resources to meet the arts education needs of school-aged children, grades K-12, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Collective seeks to support Miami-Dade schools, including Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (MDCPS) *Cultural Passport Program*, by providing diverse and high-quality virtual programming to students, as they begin the 2020/21 school year in Stage I - Online Distance Learning, move towards Stage II –My School Online and Traditional Schoolhouse (activated concurrently based on family preference), and ultimately Stage III, where all students return to a Traditional Schoolhouse Environment. Performances and/or arts activities will be made available to schools on an on-demand basis and will be accessible during school hours. The group's first planned collaboration will bring to students a virtual performance by Black Violin, a duo of classically trained, string instrumentalists. The engagement, scheduled for January 2021, will be made available over a six-week period and will include a 40-minute multi-camera professionally-produced performance, a pre-recorded Question and Answer session moderated by a student, and a study guide for curriculum incorporation.
- CSM staff reactivated the program's Student Advisory Council and met virtually with 40 members on September 9. Applications for the 2020/21 school year were released in July and a total of 50 applications was received. Interested applicants were invited to submit a follow-up application for the positions of Director and Assistant Director of Administration, Advocacy, Blog Management and Marketing. More than 15 applications were received, of which 8 were selected to fill the positions. While the four (4) Director positions are being held by returning councilors, the Assistant Director positions were filled by new council members. Directors and Assistant Directors will work with fellow council members to encourage involvement in all aspects of decision making, launch new virtual initiatives to encourage participation in the arts amongst their peers, and serve as ambassadors for the arts in their respective schools.

- Upcoming 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 three (3) 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 virtual performances in early-winter of 2021. Additional details will be provided as dates are secured.
- 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.

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