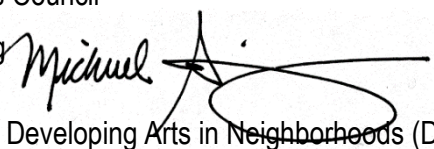


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To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director 

Subject: FY 2019-2020 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program
Recommendations

The FY 2019-2020 award recommendations for the Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. 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 of 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 24 grants for the FY 2019-2020 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2019-2020 DAN Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Mireille Chancy Gonzalez and attended by Councilor Sandra Curbelo, convened on June 5, 2019 to review 24 applications requesting \$355,000. The Panel recommended funding all 24 applications.

The DAN Program is designed to help arts groups develop management skills and establish short and long-range organizational goals by providing funding and technical assistance support to small and emerging grassroots and neighborhood-based arts groups. These groups must present year-round activities and have an annual operating budget of less than \$100,000, based on the last completed fiscal year's operations. The program encourages applications from groups whose activities: 1) build audiences and sustained community or neighborhood support for the arts; 2) encourage people to include arts in their everyday lives; 3) are deeply rooted in the cultural life of a neighborhood or community; 4) preserve the indigenous heritage, traditions, and/or rituals of a particular culture or ethnic group; and/or 5) enhance community development and/or revitalization efforts. In addition to receiving funding support, grantees participate in the program's accompanying marketing workshop series.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management capability; 3) organizational development; 4) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment of area served; and 5) the organization's financial stability and capacity to attract financial support from other private and public sources as evidenced in matching requirements and in-kind. The organizations and projects recommended for funding reflect Miami-Dade County's ethnic, cultural, artistic and community diversity.

Funding for the DAN 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 the availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

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1. Alhambra Music, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of free or nominal-cost public concerts, including three major classical concerts, a Halloween multimedia concert for children, a holiday pops concert, a chamber orchestra concert and educational programs. Outreach efforts include a concerto competition for youth and chamber music workshop. Programs will take place at Coral Gables Congregational Church, Florida International University's Wertheim Auditorium, the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Pinecrest Gardens, among other locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

2. Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season presented by Artefactus Cultural Project. Founded in 2018, Artefactus Cultural Project produces and promotes theater and other disciplines with emphasis on the Hispanic culture. The 2019-2020 season includes the 6th Edition of *Evenings for Children*, *Open Arts Fest*, *3rd Miami Performing Arts Festival* and the *XII Edition of Authors*, which includes readings, book releases and talks with Spanish-American writers and the visual arts exhibits in the Artefactus Gallery in West Kendall.

3. Bistoury, Inc. (Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema as fiscal agent)

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season presented by Bistoury, Inc. Founded in 2005, Bistoury seeks to take aesthetic and physical risks as a way to break pre-established boundaries that exist between dance, theater and films. The 2019-20 season will include the 4th Edition of the 305 & Havana International Improv Fest, the presentation of *Flesh*, a dance performance by choreographer Alexey Taran and *Open Books*, a literary event presenting readings and the publication of Vicenter Forte's *The Exorcism of the Ego* in Spanish and English.

4. Civic Chorale of Greater Miami

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami entitled *Love & Longing*. The Chorale will present a series of six (6) collaborative choral concerts of diverse choral literature as part of their mainstage series, and two (2) outreach performances. Performances will take place at venues throughout Central and South Miami-Dade, including St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi Catholic Church and at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center at Florida International University. The Chorale will also continue the tradition of presenting the annual *Messiah Sing-In*, now in its 48th year.

5. Delou Africa, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of community-based programming. Activities include the *DanceAfrica Miami Festival Concert Extravaganza*, the Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration, the Annual Spring Music and Dance Concert, the Youth Arts Initiative, guest artist workshops and performance series, community drum and dance classes and various educational programs. Programs will take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center and Overtown Performing Arts Center.

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6. El Ingenio, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of El Ingenio, a theater company dedicated to providing Hispanic theater, preserving Hispanic/Latino culture, and deepening Latino heritage by way of the performing arts. This season, the company will present the *Give Me a Smile Program* for senior citizens, the fourth annual *Casandra International Women's Theater Festival*, a platform for women from representing various countries, languages, and cultures to stage plays, dramatic readings, master classes, and acting workshops; the *Unforgettable Author's* series dedicated to showcasing the works of legendary playwrights through adaptations of their work; and the second edition of the *Young Talent Show* for young local artists. Performances and events will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to, programs will take place at the Koubek Center, Centro Cultural Español and University of Miami, among others.

7. Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season presented by the Florida Guitar Foundation. This year the Foundation will present its 8th Concert Season featuring five performances by some of the most prestigious classical guitarists in the world, the Fourth International Guitar Competition international competition and a series of community outreach activities and master classes, and workshops at local schools and hospitals. The concert series will take place at the Clarke Recital Hall and Gusman Concert Hall at the University of Miami, with additional events and performances will take place at locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

8. Florida Opera Prima, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of operas, zarzuelas and outreach programs presented by Florida Opera Prima. This season the company will present classics such as *The Messiah Oratory by Handel* at St. Francis Catholic Church, *La Traviata* at the Colony Theater on Miami Beach. In addition, Florida Opera Prima present the *Romerías de España Festival*, a compilation of traditional Spanish songs and music at the Miami Beach Bandshell and *Always Amadeus* at Temple Beth Shmuel. In addition, ongoing outreach performances and programs for local seniors will be presented by the company.

9. Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc. (FETA). Founded in 2007, FETA seeks to cultivate composition, performance, production and research of emerging electronic music, art and multimedia forms in South Florida. Performances and presentations include *FETA FEST*, *Justly Tuned Series*, and *Street: Festival of Electronic Music, Art and Performance*. Activities will include music concerts, talks and workshops, featuring cutting-edge international composers, performers and multimedia artists. Performances will take place at the Harold Golen Gallery, the Center for Visual Communication in the Wynwood Art District and O Cinema, among others.

10. Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of the Friends of the Japanese Garden at the Ichimura-Miami Japanese Garden, located on Watson Island in Miami. The Friends of the Japanese Garden will present events that showcase the garden and promote the Japanese culture through traditional rituals and festivals for residents and tourists of South Florida. All events are free and open to the public.

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**11. Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of the Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre. The company, formed in 1987, presents work in the field of opera, ballet and zarzuelas at venues throughout Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the company seeks to support and encourage young artists and provide them with various performance opportunities. This year, the company will perform programs that reflect the various musical styles of Spanish lyric music and its influences on non-Spanish composers. Performances will take place at the Florida International University Wertheim Performing Arts Center and the Miami-Dade County Auditorium

**12. Illuminarts, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of IlluminArts. Founded in 2013, IlluminArts's mission is to present performances of the highest caliber to Miami's vibrant community. IlluminArts is Miami's Art Song and Vocal Chamber Music series, collaborating with museums and galleries to present site-specific programs of music that are inspired by the current exhibitions of visual art. The season will bring great art and great music together in four difference performances taking place at ICA Miami, Oolite Arts and Vizcaya Museum and Gardens.

**13. Marti Productions
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of performances presented by Marti Productions. Founded in 2007, Marti Productions seeks to promote and support talented artists of all ages, races and nationalities across various artistic disciplines such as performing arts, visual arts, literary and creative arts. This year Marti Productions will present three events featuring traditional Spanish music, Broadway favorites, folkloric dance and dramatic arts. Events are scheduled to take place at the Manuel Artime Theater, Cafe Catarsis and the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

**14. Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season, featuring a series of exhibitions and public workshops conducted by nationally recognized water media artists. Water media artists will demonstrate their work at the organization's monthly meetings and serve as jurors on the organization's selection committee for exhibitions. In addition, the Miami Watercolor Society provides student exhibitions and senior citizens' activities and produces publications about the art form. Programs and events will take place at various venues, the Pinecrest Community Center, Suniland Park, Fairchild Tropical Garden, the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, among others.

**15. Moksha Arts Collective, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of Moksha Arts Collective (MAC). Founded in 1999, the organization seeks to provide a platform for local artists from the South Florida region to collaborate, creating unique works for the community while fomenting, encouraging, and mentoring local talent. This season, MAC will present its quarterly Gallery Exhibitions, the MAC Lecture Series, a collaborative exhibition for Miami Art Week; broader implementation of its mobile virtual gallery and our ongoing and continue its ongoing mural projects.

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**16. Mz. Goose, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of activities at the organization's home base, the historic Bethel House located in Perrine. Activities include exhibitions, coordination of the traveling exhibit of the *Perrine Pioneers* and community-wide activities that celebrate and encourage historic preservation, environmental education and community development. In addition, the organization will present *The Holiday Merriment* program, a free series of crafts workshops for underprivileged youth; the annual *Earth Day Celebration*; a *Bahamian Independence Day Celebration*; and other outreach events with collaborative partners and neighborhood organizations to help increase public awareness and enhance community development.

**17. North Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of community concerts, featuring light classics, marches, overtures, show tunes and music from the "Big Band" era. Performances are scheduled to take place at a number of neighborhood venues, including the Gwen Margolis Community Center, senior centers and nursing homes. The forty-five-volunteer member orchestra will also collaborate with the City of North Miami and participate in the annual Fourth of July Concert.

**18. Pioneer Winter Collective, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of programs and performances presented by the Pioneer Winter Collective (PWC). The season will feature professional contemporary dance and physical theater performances that will take place at various venues and locations throughout Miami-Dade County - including evening-length performances which will premiere as completed works or works-in-progress; community engagement programs include the continuation of Werqshop (formerly LEAP); and *Grass Stains*, a platform for South Florida-based artists to create site-specific work throughout Miami. Performances will take place at the Miami Theater Center, the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, among other venues throughout Miami Dade County.

**19. South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of chamber music performances produced by the South Beach Chamber Ensemble. The ensemble promotes and performs chamber music in all its diverse forms, from its origins in the distant past to the varied cultural creations produced today. Performances will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade, including the Coral Gables Museum, the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, and the Ancient Spanish Monastery, Miami Beach Cinematheque, among others.

**20. South Florida Bluegrass Association, Inc.
2019-2020 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of performances and community outreach consisting of monthly festivals and jam sessions, one annual 3-day festival and several other events in addition to the forty-second annual Everglades Bluegrass Festival. Founded on 1966, the South Florida Bluegrass Association's mission is to preserve traditional Bluegrass music and Old-Time mountain music. Concerts are presented at Greynolds Park, Fruit & Spice Park and Phil's Berry Farm.

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South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of programs and performances by the South Florida Friends of Classical Music. Programs include the Miami International Music Academy, the VII Miami World Music Festival, the II Teresa Carreño Master Piano Competition in addition to outreach workshops. Performances will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including the Miami Lakes Congregational Church, the Florida International University Wertheim Theater, and the Miami Dade College Lehman Theater in North Miami, among others.

21. The Cove/Rincón Corp.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of events which includes monthly presentations by local, national and international artists at Florida International University - South Campus. Additionally, funds will support Cove/Rincón's various education and outreach programs - such as poetry and visual art contests, school presentations and book discussion groups - and the publication of the organization's semi-annual magazine. The organization is dedicated to fostering collaborations among artists by providing them with a forum to showcase and create their work.

22. The Miami Classical Guitar Society, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 31st anniversary of the *International Guitar Masters and Laureates Series*, which will take place at St. Bede Episcopal Chapel at the University of Miami, the Saint Phillip's Episcopal Church in Coral Gables and the Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus (pending confirmation). The series will showcase the talents of a number of renowned national and international classical guitarists representing various countries around the world, including Spain, Russia, the United States and Italy, among others. Additionally, the organization will present the first-prize winners of international guitar competitions held by the Guitar Foundation of America.

24. Voices of Miami, Inc.

2019-2020 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2019-2020 season of The Opera Atelier. Founded in 2012, the company presents original and classic works of opera through mainstage and education and outreach productions for all audiences. This season the company will present mainstage productions at the Aventura Cultural Arts Center and the Manuel Artime Theater in Little Havana, with smaller-scale concerts, recitals, lectures and lecture-recitals taking place at Steinway Hall and University of Miami – Gusman Hall in Coral Gables, the Barry University Concert Hall and the company's home base, the Opera Atelier Sala Santa Cecilia in Little Havana.