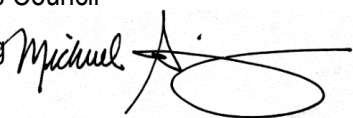


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To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 
Director

Subject: FY 2020-2021 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program
Recommendations

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the long-term impact of Covid-19 on public programs scheduled to begin after October 1, 2020, staff advised the Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grant Program Panel at the panel's orientation to review and score each proposal based upon both the quality of the application and the ability to satisfactorily address each of the evaluation criteria, as stated in the program's guidelines. The award recommendations will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2020-2021 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 and preliminary FY 2020-2021 budget numbers are received.

Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2020-2021 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2020. At that time the Department will assess the grantee's feasibility of presenting public programs in traditional venues and performing spaces; if necessary, the Department is prepared to exercise appropriate contractual flexibility to include virtual programs and other program delivery strategies, as may be necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 27 grants for the FY 2020-2021 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2020-2021 DAN Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Mireille Chancy Gonzalez and attended by Councilor Cheryl Rees, convened on July 1, 2020 to review 27 applications requesting \$401,300. The Panel recommended funding all 27 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 2020-2021 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.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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. Programs will take place at Coral Gables Congregational Church, Florida International University's Wertheim Auditorium, the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Pinecrest Gardens, Coral Gables Library, among other locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

**2. Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 season includes the 7th Edition of *Evenings for Children*, 4th edition of *Open Arts Fest*, the 4th *Miami Performing Arts Festival* and the *XIII Edition of Authors*, which includes readings, book releases and talks with Spanish-American writers and visual arts exhibits in the Artefactus Gallery in West Kendall.

**3. Bookleggers Library, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Bookleggers Library, Inc. Founded on 2012, Bookleggers Library brings live events to libraries, distribute bookboxes and host monthly book parties at venues across Miami-Dade. The 2020-2021 season will bring together South Florida artists to partner on creating Bookboxes, Libraris, Bookbike Parties and Storytime for Grown-Ups, impacting more than 28,000 residents and featuring more than 60 events online and at venues across Miami-Dade.

**4. Civic Chorale of Greater Miami, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami. This year, the Chorale will celebrate its 50th Golden Anniversary Season, featuring present a series of five (5) 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 *Holiday Program*.

**5. Dade Heritage Trust, Inc. as fiscal agents for Viernes Culturales/Cultural Fridays, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Viernes Culturales, the monthly and popular street festival presented every third Friday on Calle Ocho in the heart of Little Havana. Each monthly Viernes Culturales event draws thousands of residents and visitors to Little Havana for an evening of cultural and educational entertainment, including live musical and dance performances, street performers, historic tours led by Dr. Paul George and arts and crafts vendors.

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**6. Delou Africa, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of community-based programming presented by Delou Africa. 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.

**7. El Ingenio, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of El Ingenio, a theater company dedicated to providing Hispanic theater 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 fifth 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 fourth annual *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 the Koubek Center, Centro Cultural Español and University of Miami, among others.

**8. Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season presented by the Florida Guitar Foundation. This year the Foundation will present its 9th Concert Season featuring five (5) 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.

**9. Florida Opera Prima, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of operas, zarzuelas and outreach programs presented by Florida Opera Prima. This season the company will present classics such as *Rigoletto*, *Il Trovatore* and *La Traviata* at Manuel Artime Theater in Miami and an *Italian Opera Concert* at Temple Beth Shmuel in Miami Beach. In addition, ongoing outreach performances and programs for local seniors will be presented by the company.

**10. Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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*, *Street: Festival of Electronic Music, Art and Performance* and new FETA ON-LINE series. Activities will include music concerts, talks

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and workshops, featuring cutting-edge international composers, performers and multimedia artists. Performances will take place at the Harold Golen Gallery, St. Bede Chapel, The Bridge and Center for Visual Communication in the Wynwood Art District, among others.

**11. Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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.

**12. Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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 First Presbyterian Church of Miami.

**13. IlluminArts, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of IlluminArts. Founded on 2013, IlluminArts's mission is to present performances of the highest caliber to Miami's vibrant community. IlluminArts is presenting 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 with five (5) different performances taking place at Oolite Arts and Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, among other venues.

**14. Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema as fiscal agent for Bistoury, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 season will include the 5th edition of the *305 & Havana International Improv Fest*, the presentation of *The Elephant*, a dance performance by choreographer Alexey Taran and *Femme*, a dance video art installation by filmmaker and choreographer Carla Forte.

**15. Marti Productions, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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 (3)

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events featuring traditional Spanish music, folkloric dance and dramatic arts. Events are scheduled to take place at the Manuel Artime Theater, Teatro Bellas Artes and the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

**16. Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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, Evelyn Greer Park Park, Fairchild Tropical Garden, the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, among others.

**17. Moksha Arts Collective, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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, Virtual Gallery, Bus Stop Sessions, the MAC Lecture Series, a collaborative exhibition for Miami Art Week and mural projects.

**18. Mz. Goose, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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.

**19. North Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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 several neighborhood venues, including the Gwen Margolis Community Center, Temple Beth Shalom, 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.

**20. Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
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Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of programs and performances presented by Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater, which is the evolution of a fifteen-year old dance company originally founded in Caracas, Venezuela by artistic

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director and choreographer Siudy Garrido. After relocating in Miami in 2015, the company dedicated itself to establish a season devoted to the development of authentic, creative expression of Flamenco. Their season includes performances at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, the Tina Hills Pavillion and Siudy Flamenco Studio, and present a feature film documenting the story of the company.

**21. South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 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 Ancient Spanish Monastery, Miami Beach Woman's Club, among others.

**22. South Florida Bluegrass Association, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of performances and community outreach presented by the South Florida Bluegrass Association (SFBA). The season will consist of monthly festivals and jam sessions, the 43rd annual *Everglades Bluegrass Festival* and several other events throughout the year. The SFBA will also launch the newly created Bluegrass Ambassadors Program in 2020-2021. Founded in 1966, the SFBA'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, among others.

**23. South Florida Composera Alliance, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of the South Florida Composers' Alliance (SFCA). Founded in 1985, the SFCA seeks to foster knowledge, awareness and understanding of new, experimental music, sound art and the work of living composers and sound artists. SFCA acts as a link between artists and their community through support in the development of new work and through opportunities for artists working in the field of sound to experiment, discuss and disseminate new ideas. This season, SFCA will present FM: FOUR SEASONS at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden and FN: PARANORMAL at the Deering Estate.

**24. South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of programs and performances by the South Florida Friends of Classical Music. Programs include the Miami International Music Academy, the VIII Miami World Music Festival and Miami Chamber Players Season 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, the Coral Gables Museum, among others.

**25. The Cove/Rincón Corp.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of events which includes monthly presentations by local, national, and international artists at Florida International University - South Campus and New Professions Technical Institute. Additionally,

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funds will support Cove/Rincón's various education and outreach programs - such as poetry and visual art contests, a virtual event, 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.

**26. The Miami Classical Guitar Society, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 33rd anniversary of the *International Guitar Masters and Laureates Series*, which will take place at St. Bede Episcopal Chapel at the University of Miami and the Saint Phillip's Episcopal Church in Coral Gables. The series will showcase the talents of several 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 Los Angeles Guitar Quartet (LAGQ) this season.

**27. Voices of Miami, Inc.
2020-2021 Program Activities**

***Award to be calculated
based upon funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Voices of Miami. Founded in 2017, the company presents original performances of opera, zarzuela and choral music. This season the company will present mainstage productions at venues located throughout Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to, the Miracle Theater on Miracle Mile, the Coral Gables Museum, the Manuel Artime Theater in Little Havana and the First Presbyterian Church.