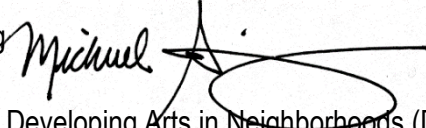


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To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director 

Subject: FY 2022-2023 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, 2022, staff advised the Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grant Program Panel at the panel's orientation to review and score each proposal based upon 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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 budget numbers are received.

Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2022-2023 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2022. 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 23 grants for the FY 2022-2023 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2022-2023 DAN Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Cheryl Rees convened on May 24, 2022 to review 23 applications requesting \$345,000. The Panel recommended funding all 23 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 2022-2023 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.

2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities of free or nominal-cost public concerts, including a Halloween multimedia concert for children, a Baroque chamber concert, a Broadway revue, and a season finale featuring a major symphony and educational programs. Programs will take place at Coral Gables Congregational Church, Florida International University's Wertheim Auditorium, the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and Pinecrest Gardens among other locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

2. Civic Chorale of Greater Miami

2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities of the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami (CCGM). This year, the Chorale will present three in-person programs and a collaborative concert event with Miami Children's Chorus, The Children's Voice and Miami Sound Space at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. Other performances will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Pinecrest Gardens online. CCGM will also offer weekly online classes focusing on vocal technique, music theory, choral singing, and musical appreciation for CCGM members and the general public.

3. Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.

2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities of Conecta: Miami Arts. Founded on 2017, Conecta: Miami Arts is a multi-disciplinary arts organization that produces and presents socially-engaged artistic experiences. This season includes Woyzeck, a play performed by emerging local talent about the struggle for survival against a hostile and abusive society; the third monologue to close Conecta's AD's trilogy; musical programming of the iconic Hoy Como Ayer venue in Little Havana; and Miami International Children's Theatre Festival, an event that presents some of the best local, national and international children's theatre companies.

4. Delou Africa, Inc.

2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities presented by Delou Africa, Inc. The organization presents a series of community-based programming that showcases the art and culture of Africa and the Diaspora through hallmark programming, which include the Annual DanceAfrica Miami Festival and Concert Extravaganza, Kwanzaa Celebration, Spring Showcase, Movements and Rhythms of Africa, and community classes. Programs will take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center, Florida Memorial University and Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex.

5. El Ingenio, Inc.

2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities 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 seventh annual Casandra International Women's Theater Festival, a platform for women representing various countries, languages, and cultures, dramatic readings, master classes, and acting workshops; the sixth annual *Unforgettable Author's* series dedicated to showcasing the works of legendary playwrights through adaptations of their work and the *Give Me a Smile Program* for senior citizens, among other programs. Performances and events will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including the Koubek Center, Centro Cultural Español, Artefactus Black Box, Cuba Ocho Museum & Performing Arts Center and Manuel Artime Theater, among others.

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**6. Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities presented by the Florida Guitar Foundation. This year the Foundation will present its 11th Concert Season featuring five performances by some of the most prestigious classical guitarists in the world, the Seventh International Guitar Competition international competition, 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 at the University of Miami, the Coral Gables Museum, and will also be live streamed on the Florida Guitar Foundation's YouTube channel.

**7. Florida Opera Prima, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities of Florida Prima Opera, which will present the Opera Masterpieces Season with selections from famous operas by Handel, Mozart, Donizetti, Bellini and Rossini. These composers each belong to different musical styles such as Baroque, Classical and Belcanto, and Florida Opera Prima want to celebrate through three performances the work of these great composers. Presentations will be held at the Coral Gables Museum, Cuban Hebrew Congregation of Miami and the Women's Club in Miami Beach.

**8. Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities 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 *Festival of Electronic Music, Art and Performance*, and FETA ON-LINE monthly series, which includes talks and workshops that feature cutting-edge international and U.S. composers, performers and multimedia artists. Presentations will take place at The Bridge and online.

**9. Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities 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.

**10. Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities 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 Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

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**11. Kendall Art Cultural Center
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities at the Kendall Art Cultural Center (KAC). Founded on 2016, KAC promotes the work of contemporary artists and the exchange of art and ideas. The season of activities includes three main art exhibits of contemporary art that will celebrate "Women in the Arts" and "Art in the Community" in addition to the outreach program Signing Art, a year-round program that seeks to train American Sign Language Interpreters to provide quality interpretation of art exhibits and lectures. Programming will be presented at the Kendall Art Cultural Center.

**12. La Zarzuela
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-23 season of La Zarzuela, Inc, consisting of fully staged and semi-staged zarzuela productions, recitals, and lecture recitals, as well as educational and outreach activities. Performances and presentations will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including the Manuel Arttime Theatre in Little Havana, the Miracle Theater in Coral Gables, the Coral Gables Museum, branches of the Miami-Dade Public Library, the Manuel Arttime Community Center, schools, senior and community centers.

**13. Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema as fiscal agent for Bistoury, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 program activities include the 6th Edition of the 305 & Havana International Improv Fest, the presentation of The Fear of Freedom, a dance performance by choreographer Alexey Taran and a book publication and reading by Venezuelan writer Vicente Forte Silla. Programming will be presented at Miami-Dade County Auditorium, O Cinema Miami Beach, Miami Theater Center and Tea & Poets in South Miami.

**14. Marti Productions
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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. To celebrate its 15th anniversary, Marti Productions will launch new works, embracing the participation of local and international artists and attracting diverse audiences in Miami-Dade County. Events are scheduled to take place at the Miami Dade County Auditorium, North Beach Bandshell, American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora and Manuel Arttime Theater.

**15. Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities by the Miami Watercolor Society (MWS). MWS presents an annual 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, MWS provides student exhibitions and senior citizens' activities and produces publications about the art form. Programs and events will take place at various venues, including the Wirtz Gallery, Pinecrest

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Community Center, Evelyn Greer Park, Fairchild Tropical Garden and the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, among others.

16. Moksha Arts Collective, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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.

17. Mz. Goose, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season of program 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.

18. North Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities 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.

19. South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities 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 Betsy Hotel, Ocean Drive Promenade, Coral Gables Museum, Miami Beach Botanical Gardens, among others.

20. South Florida Composera Alliance, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities of the South Florida Composers' Alliance (SFCA). Founded in 1985 to foster knowledge, awareness and understanding of new, experimental music, sound art and the work of living

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composers and sound artists, the organization seeks to act 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 feature monthly live performances combined with sound, radio and intermedia art content from our Subtropics Archives that has been custom designed for the Deering Estate Theater by Subtropics artists in an immersive context of video and live feed projections surrounding the audience.

21. South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc.
2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities 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, Coral Gables Museum, among others.

22. The Cove/Rincón Corp.
2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities and events produced by The Cove/Rincon, "Twenty-Seven Years United in the Arts". This year's program will include monthly presentations by local, national, and international artists at Florida International University - South Campus and New Professions Technical Institute. Additionally, 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.

23. Voices of Miami
2022-2023 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities of Voices of Miami. This season the organization will present four major public performances and a series of smaller format recitals. Performances will take place at the Coral Gables Museum, Manuel Arttime Theater, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and the Doral Conservatory and School of the Arts.