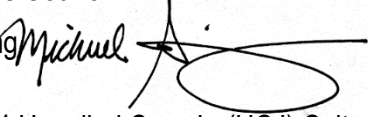


Memorandum



Date: May 17, 2023
To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Director
Subject: FY 2023-2024 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Cultural Grants Program Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 28 grants for the FY 2023-2024 Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Councilor Monty Trainer, convened on May 2, 2023 to review 28 applications requesting a total of \$1,120,000. The panel recommended funding all 28 applications.

The Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program provides funding and technical assistance support to mid-sized semi-professional and professional arts, scientific and historical organizations with a full-time presence in Miami-Dade County of presenting, performing or exhibiting a year-round season of cultural activities. Grants are awarded to not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations with annual operating budgets of \$100,000 or more. The Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program is designed to assist groups in reaching their long-range goals by encouraging a proposal focusing on organization development and institution building.

The panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management capability and organizational development; 3) capacity to attract financial support; and 4) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment of area served.

Funding for the Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2023-2024 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor and are subject to availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

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1. Arca Images, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of Arca Images, whose mission is to create, produce and promote original contemporary theater and new adaptations of classic plays and related Hispanic performing arts for Miami's diverse English-Spanish bilingual audiences. This season includes theater and musical presentations at Miami-Dade County Auditorium and Paseo Wynwood, as well as youth and adult acting workshops at Morphe Studio in Little Havana culminating in performances open to the public at Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center.

2. Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Artefactus Cultural Project. Founded in 2014, Artefactus Cultural Project produces and promotes theater and other disciplines with emphasis on Hispanic culture. The season includes the presentation of thirty events, including theatrical productions for adults and children, book presentations, talks with Spanish-American writers, music concerts, visual art exhibits in the Artefactus Gallery, Miami New Cinema Program, Queer Showcase, Solo Theater Fest, the Miami Open Arts fest (VI International Edition) and artistic workshops. The season of activities will take place at Artefactus located in West Kendall.

3. Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season presented by the Bas Fisher Invitational (BFI). Founded in 2004, BFI is an artist-run presenting organization dedicated to creativity, experimentation and discourse in contemporary art. BFI creates a bridge between Miami and the international art world by curating programs throughout Miami-Dade County and in collaboration with national and international partnering organizations. BFI fosters community by offering support for artist projects through *Waterproof Miami*, a site-specific curatorial platform of exhibitions and public programming that directly address environmental issues facing South Florida; *Nomadic Miami*, a series of site specific projects; and programming related to *Heat Exchange* and other curated artists' projects.

4. Bookleggers Library, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities of Bookleggers Library, Inc. Founded in 2012, Bookleggers Library brings activities to libraries, and other venues across Miami-Dade. The 2023-2024 season will feature over twenty-five events online and in-person, bringing together South Florida artists to create fresh cultural experiences that foster person-to-person literary community and forward a love of reading. Bookleggers will impact over 28,000 Miami-Dade residents through programs such as Bookbike Parties, Bookboxes, and Storytime for Grown-Ups.

5. Community Arts and Culture, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of Community Arts & Culture. Founded in September 2002, Community Arts and Culture provide music, dance and visual art experiences in the form of classes, workshops, lectures, and live performances to primarily underserved communities. This year, Community Arts & Culture will present the 25th edition of the *Afro Roots Fest* featuring programs in Miami Beach, Miami, and Doral. In addition to *Afro Roots Fest*, Community Arts and Culture will produce a Day of the Dead event and the *Todo El Mundo Dice Aho!* concert.

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6. Creation Art Center Corporation

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of Creation Art Center. Founded in 1983, the Creation Art Center's mission is to preserve and encourage Hispanic culture through arts education programs for children, young adults, older adults and the elderly in the local community. This year, Creation Art Center will present literary encounters, poetry readings, book presentations, theater plays and readings in Spanish as well as art exhibits, film series, musical recitals and concerts. All programs and events are presented at Creation Art Center's home the Historic JW Warner Place, now known as the Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center.

7. Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season presented by Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami (DDTM), an emerging professional ballet company. DDTM strives to become an important member of the dance ecosystem and an ambassador of South Florida's ballet dancer community at the local, state, and national level. DDTM will present a mix of public performance & educational outreach workshops and/or outreach performances to include local, national, and international dancers, choreographers, artists, & musicians. Performances will take place at the Moss Center in South Miami-Dade and other venues throughout Miami-Dade County.

8. Dimensions Variable, Inc

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season presented by Dimensions Variable, a nonprofit gallery founded in 2009. Led by artists Frances Trombly and Leyden Rodriguez-Casanova, Dimensions Variable is committed to presenting and supporting contemporary art in Miami. The season will include nine innovative solo exhibitions, artist discussions and related programming, in addition to digital works and writing commissions. Currently located in downtown Miami, the organization also houses five artist studios and is a point of convergence for new ideas, advocacy, and a diverse audience.

9. Edge Zones, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 series of programs and activities presented by Edge Zones. The organization will present a series of multidisciplinary curatorial projects consisting of exhibitions, festivals, forums, residencies, screenings, and workshops by more than 300 respected visual artists. The series also provides a valuable space for experimentation for artists working in contemporary performance, experimental sound and film, and for the broader dissemination of Dominican culture in Miami. Events will take place at the Edge Zones gallery located in the Allapattah Art District.

10. El Ingenio Teatro, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities of El Ingenio, a theater company dedicated to presenting 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 that will include dramatic readings, master classes, and acting workshops; the sixth annual *Unforgettable Authors* series, dedicated to showcasing the works of legendary playwrights through adaptations of their work

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and the *Give Me a Smile Program* for senior citizens, among others. Performances and events will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including the Koubek Center and Sandrell Rivers Theatre.

11. Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of Friends of Chamber Music of Miami (FoCM), which will present ten to twelve performances by the world's most renowned chamber ensembles, piano soloists and up-and-coming musicians. FoCM's focus on important musical repertoire informs its selection of artists and collaborations; as such, this season will continue FoCM's tradition of featuring great artists performing both familiar and infrequently heard repertoire. Ensemble performances will take place at the Coral Gables Congregational Church, Temple Beth Am in Pinecrest and the Wertheim Performing Arts Center on the campus of Florida International University.

12. IlluminArts, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season presented by IlluminArts. Founded in 2013, IlluminArts collaborates with museums, galleries, and other community organizations to present curated, site-specific programs of classical music. This season the organization will present *Miami's Art Song and Vocal Chamber Music Series*, a site-specific series of curated performances of music inspired by the art in the performance space. The season's collaborative partners include Vizcaya Museum and Gardens and the Frost Art Museum located on the campus of Florida International University.

13. Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of performances presented by Karen Peterson and Dancers (KPD), a company dedicated to creating and presenting groundbreaking physically integrated dance. The company will continue to present its annual series which will include new choreography, performances, educational activities, and the 5th annual *Forward Motion International Festival of Physically Integrated Dance*. Performances will take place at the Excello Dance Space in Kendall, the Sandrell Rivers Theatre in Miami, the Moss Center in South Miami-Dade and the Miami Dade County Auditorium.

14. Kendall Art Center, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 exhibition series presented by Kendall Art Center (KAC). The center is dedicated to educating and creating an ongoing dialogue with the public on contemporary art and its role in society and the art market. Exhibitions include *Women in the Arts*, a show of more than fifty local and international women artists; *So Flo New Artists*, in collaboration with local universities to showcase the graduating students' achievements in their respective Master of Fine Arts program; and *Fine Art Ceramics*, a program marking the continuation of Cuban's ceramic traditions.

15. Main Street Players, Inc. d/b/a Main Street Players

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season which takes place from October 2023 through September 2024. During the season the Main Street Players will produce and present five live theatrical plays, dramas, comedy - four in English and

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one in Spanish - which have been carefully determined by the script committee under the guidance of the theatre's Artistic Director. All performances will take place at the Main Street Playhouse located in downtown Miami Lakes.

16. Miami Dade College – Department of Arts & Philosophy

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 *Jazz at Wolfson Visiting Artists Series (J-VAS!)*. The series will present at least one jazz concert per month for free and open to the public at the Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami, from September to April, for a total of ten concerts. Potential artists are presented to the series J-VAS! Advisory Committee and include Terence Blanchard (trumpet), Adam Nussbaum (drums), Lou Donaldson (saxophone), Jonathan Kreisberg (guitar), Ingrid Jensen (trumpet), Christian McBride (bass), Jason Moran (piano), and Poncho Sanchez (percussion).

17. Miami Chamber Music Society

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 annual season of activities presented by the Miami Chamber Music Society (MCMS). MCMS is committed to presenting world-class classical music performances to the audiences of Miami-Dade, commissioning new works in various artistic disciplines, developing educational initiatives and maximizing the positive impact of art on the community. Performances will take place at Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami, the Sanctuary of the Arts in Coral Gables, the University of Miami and the Miami Beach Community Church.

18. Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 Miami Lyric Opera season which consists of three full-scale opera productions, all with full orchestra and staged in their traditional presentations, as well as the popular Opera Gala concert. All performances will be held on select Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the Moss Center in South Miami-Dade and the Pinecrest Gardens Banyan Bowl.

19. Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of the Miami Short Film Festival (MsFF), a festival dedicated to promoting the short film genre by showcasing films from one to thirty minutes long. Events include the *22nd annual Miami short Film Festival*; a series of free public screenings throughout Miami-Dade County; expansion of educational outreach programs with a focus on student showcases, educational workshops, and Q&A screenings; and partnerships with local community organizations to host "Focus On" screening events.

20. PAXy, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of activities presented by PAXy. Founded in 2014, PAXy's mission is to inspire creativity and help Miamians become art lovers and art makers. PAXy delivers art without barriers, stir community engagement, and promote cultural cross-pollination through imaginative curation in public places. This season will include twenty live multidisciplinary performances through PAXy's annual series *Wake up Miami!*, which will take place throughout

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the fall of 2023 and summer 2024 at the Government Center Metrorail and Metromover station in downtown Miami. All events are free and open to the public.

21. Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of dance performances presented by Peter London Global Dance Company. The company is dedicated to celebrating and sharing rich and diverse cultural heritages with people of all ages, ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds while increasing awareness of cultural similarities, global dance and music traditions. Four in-person and hybrid programs are scheduled to take place at venues such as Adrienne Arsht Center of the Performing Arts in downtown Miami, the Miami Beach Botanical Gardens, Lummus Park, the Betsy Hotel on Miami Beach, the Coral Gables Museum and the Little Haiti Cultural Center in Miami.

22. Rise Kern Cultural Productions, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 annual concert series presented by Rise Kern Cultural Productions. World renowned ensembles will perform three live classical and early music concerts in venues such as the Wertheim Performing Arts Center at Florida International University, the Ancient Spanish Monastery, and the Aventura Arts & Culture Center, among others.

23. Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of activities presented by Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs. This season is the organization's 19th season of the *Martha/Mary Concert Series*, which for the first time in the organization's history will introduce a season of Baroque jazz concerts. In addition, programs and co-productions with groups such as Seraphic Fire and the Florida Grand Opera are planned to take place at La Merced at Corpus Christi Church located in Allapattah.

24. Siempre Flamenco, Inc.

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of Siempre Flamenco. Founded in 2002, the company seeks to preserve and promote awareness of the art and tradition of flamenco music and dance. This year the company will present the annual *Festival Siempre Flamenco, Flamenco Sephardic IX*, and a new concert titled *Flamenco Visions* in collaboration with the Rhythm Foundation. Educational and outreach performances are also planned. Programs will be presented at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, the North Beach Bandshell and The Moss Center in South Miami-Dade.

25. Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater

FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater, the evolution of Siudy Garrido's now 21-year-old dance company originally founded in her native Venezuela and relocated in 2015 to its new home in North

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Miami. Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater nurtures dynamic artistry and the development of authentic, creative expression through flamenco. This season includes live performances, live music for concerts, a community viewing of a feature-length documentary and masterclass programs with both local and international artists. Performances and presentations will take place at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Silver Spot Cinema, Flamingo Theater and Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater Studio.

26. South Florida Friends of Classical Music FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of South Florida Friends of Classical Music. This season's programs include The Miami International Music Academy, *The Miami Music Festival from Around the World* & the Miami Chamber Orchestra Season. The organization provides musical experiences with professional musicians and the younger generation by arranging an annual series of music classes, concerts, and workshops. The events include a combination of free and low-cost tickets open to the public.

27. The Opera Atelier, Inc. FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of The Opera Atelier, whose mission is to further the art of opera through performance, educational outreach programs and other art forms. This season the company will celebrate the achievements of women in music and highlight these achievements through their annual concert series. In addition, the company will present children's operas, concerts, and other multi-disciplinary performances in various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to, the Manuel Arttime Theater, the Colony Theater, The Opera Atelier Sala Santa Cecilia and the Seminole Theater in Homestead.

28. Women Photographers International Archive FY 2023-2024 Season

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of Women Photographers International Archive (WOPHA). WOPHA highlights the contributions of women photographers to modern and contemporary art to rewrite the artistic canon and provoke social change. WOPHA promotes and researches the plurality of female, trans, queer, and other non-binary voices in photography. Programs will be presented at the Betsy Hotel, Green Space Miami, Miami Dade College and the Perez Art Museum of Miami, among others.