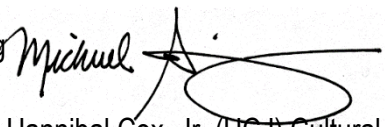


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To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director 

Subject: FY 2020-2021 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Cultural Grants Program Panel 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 Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants 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 24 grants for the FY 2020-2021 Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel, chaired by Council member Brian May, convened on May 6, 2020 to review 24 applications requesting a total of \$720,000. The panel recommended funding all 24 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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Arca Images, whose mission is to create, produce and promote original contemporary theater and new adaptations of classic plays for Miami's diverse English-Spanish bilingual audiences, as well as related Hispanic performing arts including music. 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 culminating in performances open to the public at Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center.

**2. Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season presented by Artists in Residence in Everglades (AIRIE). AIRIE partners with Everglades National Park to support and enhance the arts and cultural heritage of this subtropical wilderness through artist residency and public outreach programs. Programs include an artist-in-residence program in Everglades National Park hosting 10 artists per year; exhibitions at the AIRIE Nest Gallery in the Everglades' Ernest Coe Visitor Center; and *Sundays in the Park* programs consisting of performances, artist-led excursions, artmaking workshops and outdoor exhibitions at various sites within the park's 1.5 million acres.

**3. Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of programs 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 featuring both local and global artists at sites 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 through which we present exhibitions and public programming that directly address environmental issues facing South Florida; and WEIRD MIAMI a series of artist-led tours that show locals and visitors Miami through artists' eyes.

**4. Community Arts and Culture, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Community Arts & Culture. Founded in September 2002, Community Arts and Culture has provided a multitude of cultural experiences: music, dance and visual art in the form of classes, workshops, lectures, and performances to primarily underserved communities. This year, Community Arts & Culture will present the 23rd edition of the Afro Roots Fest and the Road to Afro Roots satellite event taking place throughout Miami-Dade County. Events will take place in the cities of Miami, Miami Beach, Doral and Homestead. The events taking place between October and May are free; April events are ticketed performances open to the public.

**5. Creation Art Center Corporation
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of the 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,

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book presentations, theater plays and readings in Spanish as well as art exhibits, film series, musical recitals and concerts featuring the talents and works of local and visiting artists and performers. All events will take place at the Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center located in Little Havana.

**6. Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator (DVCAI). Founded in 1996, DVCAI seeks to promote, nurture and cultivate the vision and diverse talents of emerging artists from the Caribbean and Latinx Diaspora through exhibitions program, artists-in-residence program, international cultural exchange programs and education and outreach activities that celebrate Miami-Dade County's rich cultural and social fabric. DVCAI's *Caribbean Crossroads Series* will take place at gallery spaces and venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to the Maggie Knox Gallery, the 4726 Warehouse in the Bird Road Art District, the Gallery @ 400 South Pointe in Miami Beach, among others.

**7. Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season presented by Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, an emerging professional ballet company that has risen 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. Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami will present six performances at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Art Center, the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and The Fillmore. The performances will include premieres choreographed by international artists and will be performed by the talented company dancers.

**8. Edge Zones, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 series of programs and activities presented by Edge Zones. The organization is committed to presenting an ambitious program including research of new works, performance and video festivals, art exhibitions, residencies and educational opportunities of more than 300 culturally diverse artists that reflect its mission to make contemporary art an integral part of the intellectual growth of the Miami community. Activities will take place at the organization's primary performance and exhibition space in Allapatah as well as other venues and exhibition spaces located throughout Miami-Dade County.

**9. Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Friends of Chamber Music of Miami. The season will feature ten performances by internationally renowned ensembles, concert recitalists and emerging musicians. Each ensemble will also participate in a series of master classes for advanced instrumental music students of the region's high schools, art magnet programs and colleges. Ensemble performances will take place at Temple Beth Am in Pinecrest, the Coral Gables Congregational Church and the Wertheim Performing Arts Center on the campus of Florida International University.

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**10. Historic Hampton House Community Trust, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of events presented at the Booker Terrace / Hampton House Motel ("Hampton House"), an iconic segregation-era motel and lounge located in Miami-Dade County's Brownsville neighborhood. The Hampton House Trust is dedicated to preserving this unique period of cultural history by providing a forum for educational, cultural, and historic activities for community residents and visitors. This season will include collections development and management, programs and events designed to increase public understanding and awareness of historical resources and their preservation, public performances, cultural exhibits, and planning for future development activities.

**11. Juggerknot Theatre Company
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to implement the 2020-2021 season presented by Juggerknot Theatre Company. Juggerknot Theatre Company showcases and presents works from local and national playwrights. Through immersive theater set in historic hotels within Miami-Dade County's oldest neighborhoods, the company has helped redesign the burgeoning theatre scene emerging from Miami's urban core. Juggerknot Theatre Company's artists and playwrights work collaboratively with key partner developers in the community, to tell the story of Miami's past, present and future, one room-at-a-time.

**12. Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season presented by Karen Peterson and Dancers. The company will present KPD's 31st anniversary of physically integrated dance work and the third edition of *FORWARD MOTION: An International Festival of Physically Integrated Dance*, one of the first festivals/conferences dedicated to showcasing groundbreaking physically integrated dance companies and choreography. Activities will take place at Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Excello Dance Space, Miami Dade College and the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

**13. Main Street Players, Inc. d/b/a Main Street Players
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season, which takes place from October 2020 through September 2021. During the season, the Main Street Players will produce and present five live theatrical plays, dramas, comedies, four in English and 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.

**14. Miami Beach Film Society, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season by Miami Beach Film Society hosted at O Cinema South Beach (formerly known as Miami Beach Cinematheque) at Miami Beach's Historic City Hall. The Miami Beach Film Society will host screenings of films with deep historical significance, including digitized and enhanced restorations; public events with known scholars and leaders in the film industry; and gallery exhibitions highlighting specific moments in film history by decade.

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**15. Miami Dade College – Department of Arts and Philosophy
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 Jazz at Wolfson Visiting Artists Series (J-VAS!). The series will present monthly jazz concerts by renowned jazz artists from September to April at the Wolfson Auditorium, located at the downtown campus of Miami Dade College. Visiting artists will also work with students, conduct master classes and workshops. All performances are free and open to the public.

**16. Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 Miami Lyric Opera season, which consists of three full-scale opera productions, all with full orchestra, staged in their traditional presentations, as well as one grand gala opera concert. All performances will be held on select Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts.

**17. Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of the Miami Short Film Festival (MsFF), dedicated to promoting the short film genre showcasing films from one to thirty minutes long. This year the festival celebrates its 19th edition which will take place November 12-15, 2020 at the Regal Cinema South Beach. In addition, MsFF will continue to host free public film screenings throughout Miami-Dade County; continue educational outreach programs with focus on student showcases, educational workshops, question & answer sessions, technical/skill development; and partner with local community organizations to host *Shorts Under the Stars* and *Focus On* screening events.

**18. PAXy, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of PAXy. Founded in 2014, PAXy's mission is to inspire creativity and help Miamians become art lovers and art makers. This season will include *Wake up Miami!*, a series of eighteen free live music concerts and performances on Monday mornings at Government Center and University Metrorail/Metromover Stations during the Fall of 2020 and Spring and Summer 2021; and *Cross-Pollination Project*, a collaborative effort between local and international artists. In addition, PAXy will partner with Artists in Residence in Everglades (AIRIE) and other organizations to present a novel piece in three iterations.

**19. Pioneer Winter Collective, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of the Pioneer Winter Collective. This season features the world premiere of *Birds of Paradise* at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, performances of repertory works and a new dance on film initiative. Outreach efforts will include the continuation of *Wergshop*, free and weekly dance classes, as well as *Grass Stains*, a series of performances in unexpected places. All programming is open to the public and strives for both accessibility and high artistic rigor.

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**20. Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Peter London Global Dance Company, which is dedicated to celebrating the rich and diverse cultural heritages of people of all ages, ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds while increasing awareness of our cultural similarities, global dance and music traditions. The company will perform repertory work alongside new choreographies by artists returning to Miami after successful forays with national and international companies. Performances, lectures and workshops will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, the Little Haiti Cultural Center, the Writer's Room at the Betsy Hotel on Miami Beach and the Coral Gables Museum, among others.

**21. Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of the St. Martha - Yamaha Concert Series. This season, eight music concerts featuring a wide range of musical genre, including classical, contemporary and crossover music will be presented. The company also plans to produce in-school performances and a student art program, whereby students from local schools will be asked to design the program cover art for each of the series performances. Performances will take place at two venues located on the grounds of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Allapattah – the church's main sanctuary and La Merced, a museum/performance space/chapel constructed in the spirit of a Spanish colonial church.

**22. Siempre Flamenco, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of Siempre Flamenco. Founded in 2002, the company's mission is to promote awareness of and preserve the art and tradition of flamenco music and dance. This year, the company will open the season with their performance of *Flamenco Sephardit / Seven* at Temple Emanu-El on Miami Beach. The company will also present the 16th annual *Festival of Flamenco Song* at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts as well as a new presentation at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay. The company will also continue its annual education and outreach initiatives in partnership with the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

**23. The Opera Atelier, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of The Opera Atelier, whose mission is to transmit and further the art of opera through performance, education and other art forms. This season will include performances of *Cavalleria Rusticana*, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, the zarzuela *Alma Llanera* and *The Not So Little Prince*. The presentations will take place at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, the Colony Theater, Miracle Theater in Coral Gables, First Presbyterian Church and Sala Santa Cecilia, among others. Educational programs include the MOZ-Art Summer Program and other initiatives in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Free outreach performances will also be presented at libraries, schools, senior and community centers.

**24. University of Miami – Frost School of Music
FY 2020-2021 Season**

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

Funds are requested to support the 2020-2021 season of the University of Miami Frost School of Music. This season, *Frost Music Live!* will present a series of musical performances of various genres featuring international musical guest artists, Frost

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School artist-faculty and award-winning student ensembles. *Frost Music Live!* will also provide educational components as part of thier series, such as master classes, open rehearsals, and talks with the artists. Performances take place September 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 at various locations such as the Maurice Gusman Concert Hall, Victor E. Clarke Recital Hall at the University of Miami, and the Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center in downtown Miami.