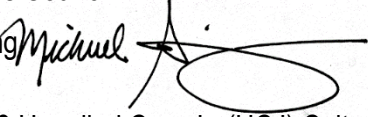


Memorandum



Date: May 18, 2022
To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Director
Subject: FY 2022-2023 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Cultural 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 Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural 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 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 27 grants for the FY 2022-2023 Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel convened on April 19, 2022 to review 27 applications requesting a total of \$810,000. The panel recommended funding all 27 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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 several 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

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 program activities presented by Artefactus Cultural Project. Founded in 2014, Artefactus Cultural Project produces and promotes theater and other disciplines with emphasis on the Hispanic culture. The 2022-2023 program activities include the presentation of thirty events, including theatrical productions for adults and children, book presentations, talks with Spanish-American writers, music concerts, visual arts exhibits in the Artefactus Gallery, Miami New Cinema Program, Solo Theater Fest, Miami Open Arts fest (V International Edition) and artistic workshops. All events take place at their venue located in West Kendall.

3. Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc.

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season presented by Artists in Residence in Everglades (AIRIE). In partnership with the Everglades National Park, AIRIE empowers artists to think creatively and critically about their relationship to the environment with a mission of revealing new paths forward. AIRIE's season includes an artist-in-residence program in Everglades National Park (ENP) hosting approximately 8 artists; an Environment + Art Summit scheduled for December 2022 during Miami Art Week; approximately 10 AIRIE Asks conversations with AIRIE Artists in Residence and cultural partners; and public exhibitions in the AIRIE Nest Gallery in the Ernest Coe Visitors Center of ENP.

4. Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 through which we present exhibitions and public

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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, as well as programming at NADA Art Fair.

5. Bookleggers Library, Inc.
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 Program Activities of Bookleggers Library, Inc. Founded in 2012, Bookleggers Library brings live activities to libraries, bookboxes and monthly book parties at venues across Miami-Dade. The 2022-2023 season will feature over 60 events online and at venues across Miami-Dade. 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 its Bookbike Parties, Bookboxes, Libraries, and Storytime for Grown-Ups programs.

6. CaFA-Third Horizon, Inc.
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season of CaFA-Third Horizon, featuring over thirty public events online and at venues across South Florida. Bringing together avant-garde Caribbean artists to produce and showcase world-class cinema, Third Horizon will impact over 20,000 Miami-Dade residents through our Third Horizon Forward, Caribbean Film Academy, Flagship Film Festival, Satellite Screens, and Studio Anansi Online programs.

7. Community Arts and Culture, Inc.
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 25th edition of the Afro Roots Fest featuring programs in Miami Beach, Miami, and Doral. In addition to the Afro Roots Fest, they will also be producing the Day of the Dead event, and the Todo El Mundo Dice Aho! concert.

8. Creation Art Center Corporation
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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, book presentations, theater plays and readings in Spanish as well as art exhibits, film series, musical recitals and concerts presented at CAC's home at the historic JW Warner Place, now the Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center.

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9. Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 a mix of public performance & educational outreach workshops and/or outreach performances to include local, national, and international dancers, choreographers, artists, & musicians.

10. Edge Zones, Inc.

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 series of programs and activities presented by Edge Zones. The organization is committed to presenting multidisciplinary curatorial project 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 throughout the year in the Allapattah Art District and throughout the County.

11. Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season of Friends of Chamber Music of Miami (FOCM), presenting 10 to 12 performances by the world's most renowned chamber ensembles and piano soloists as well as the finest up-and-coming musicians. FOCM's focus on important musical repertoire informs its selection of artists and collaborations. This season will continue FOCM's tradition of featuring great artists performing both familiar and infrequently heard repertoire to audience and critical acclaim. Ensemble performances will take place at Temple Beth Am in Pinecrest and the Wertheim Performing Arts Center on the campus of Florida International University.

12. IlluminArts, Inc.

FY 2021-22 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season presented by IlluminArts Miami's Art Song and Vocal Chamber Music series, collaborating with museums and galleries to present site specific, curated performances of music inspired by the visual art in the space. The season will include collaborations with The Bass Museum, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, Oolite Arts and ICA Miami.

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13. Juggerknot Theatre Company

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to implement the 2022-2023 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 present immersive, real-time experiences set to take place virtually and physically. Shows include Miami Motel Stories Playwright Residency in Coconut Grove, Miami Bus Stop Stories and Miami Motel Stories MIMO Film Screening.

14. Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season presented by Karen Peterson and Dancers (KPD), dedicated to create and present groundbreaking physically integrated dance. The company will present KPD's 2022-2023 physically integrated dance work throughout the season, which includes new choreography, performances, educational activities, and the 4th Forward Motion International Festival of Physically Integrated Dance. Performances will take place at the Miami Dade County Auditorium and Excello, the company's home venue in Kendall.

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

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season, which takes place from October 2022 through September 2023. 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.

16. Miami Dade College – Arts & Philosophy

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 Jazz at Wolfson Visiting Artists Series (J-VAS!). The series will present at least one jazz concert per month, free and open to the public, from September to April, totaling ten concerts. Potential artists are presented to the series J-VAS! Advisory Committee, and include Terence Blanchard (trumpet), Jack DeJohnette (drums), Lou Donaldson (saxophone), John Scofield (guitar), Ingrid Jensen (trumpet), Christian McBride (bass), Jason Moran (piano), and Poncho Sanchez (percussion).

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17. Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 Miami Lyric Opera season, which consists of three full-scale opera productions, all with full orchestra, 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 South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and Pincrest Gardens Banyan Bowl.

18. Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season of the Miami Short Film Festival (MsFF), dedicated to promoting the short film genre showcasing films from one to thirty minutes long. During the 2022-2023 season we will host the 21st annual Miami short Film Festival; provide free public screenings throughout Miami-Dade County; expand our educational outreach program with a focus on student showcases, educational workshops, and Q&A screenings; and partner with local community organizations to host "Focus On" screening events.

19. PAXy, Inc.
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 a public screening of *Wake Up Miami!*, *How Dare You!*, a concert premiere and the international cultural exchange project, *Cross-Pollination* (Tokyo edition).

20. Pioneer Winter Collective, Inc.
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season of Pioneer Winter Collective (PWC). This season features the continued development and touring of *Birds of Paradise* and early stages of the new work *DJ Apollo*; engagement includes virtual panels, the continuation of *Werqshop* (weekly dance classes - virtual or live) and *Grass Stains* (site specific initiative). All programming this season is free and open to the public, as PWC strives for continued accessibility and high artistic rigor.

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21. Rise Kern Cultural Productions, Inc.

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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, Ancient Spanish Monastery and Aventura Arts & Culture Center, among others.

22. Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season of Peter London Global Dance Company, dedicated to celebrate and share rich and diverse cultural heritages with people of all ages, ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds while increasing awareness of our cultural similarities, global dance and music traditions. Funds will be used to support four innovative and hybrid programs that celebrate beauty and diversity through innovative programming and a multi-cultural dance company at venues such as Miami Beach Botanical Gardens, North Beach Bandshell, Coral Gables Museum and the Little Haiti Cultural Center.

23. Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season of the St. Martha - Yamaha Concert Series. This 19th season of the Martha/Mary Concert Series will introduce the 1st season of our Baroque Jazz Concerts. In addition, they will continue to provide a four-stage venue at Corpus Christi Church, co-producing with groups such as Seraphic Fire and the Florida Grand Opera.

24. Siempre Flamenco, Inc.

FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 include the presentation of the annual Festival Siempre Flamenco, Flamenco Sephardit IX, and a new concert titled Flamenco Visions, in collaboration with the Rhythm Foundation, plus outreach and educational programs. Programs will be presented at The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, Temple Emanu-El on Miami Beach and the North Beach Bandshell.

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25. Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 season of Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater. The Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater is 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 Miami, Florida. Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater nurtures dynamic artistry and the development of authentic, creative expression through Flamenco. Their 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 at The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Silver Spot Cinema, Flamingo Theater and Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater Studio.

26. The Opera Atelier, Inc.
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 celebrates the achievements of women. The season consists of major productions, children's operas, concerts, and multi-disciplinary performances in venues including Manuel Artime Theater, Colony Theater, The Opera Atelier Sala Santa Cecilia and Seminole Theater. In addition, free outreach performances will take place at local libraries, schools, senior and community centers.

27. University of Miami – Frost School of Music
FY 2022-2023 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2022-2023 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 School artist-faculty and award-winning student ensembles. Frost Music Live! will also provide educational components as part of their series, such as master classes, open rehearsals, and talks with the artists. Performances take place September 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 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.