

Memorandum



Date: June 16, 2020
To: Members Cultural Affairs
From: Michael Spring Director
Subject: FY 2020-2021 Cultural Development (CGD) Cultural Grants Program Recommendations

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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 Cultural Development 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 18 grants for the FY 2020-2021 Cultural Development Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Cultural Development Grants Program, chaired by Council member Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez convened on May 28, 2020 to review 18 applications requesting a total of \$1,080,000. The panel recommended funding all 18 applications.

The Cultural Development Grants Program, provides general operating support grants and technical assistance to a selected group of Miami-Dade County's mid-sized, artistically accomplished and culturally diverse performing, visual, literary and presenting arts organizations that are defining the cultural and artistic voice of Miami. Qualifying organizations are committed year-round to the creation or presentation of art, within or across artistic fields and disciplines, which demonstrate the potential to achieve regional, national, or international visibility as evidenced by current programs and management structure and many times engage in strategic partnerships for greater artistic success.

The panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management and financial capability; 3) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment for Miami-Dade County; and 4) effective and illuminating education programs and public outreach initiatives to specialized populations.

Funding for the Cultural Development 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. Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the upcoming season of Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, a company dedicated to presenting authentic Flamenco dance with live music in theatrical settings and expand the art form beyond traditional limits and appeal to broad based audiences. This season the company will present collaborations of new works as part of their mainstage season at the Colony Theater on Miami Beach. Additionally, the company will continue to present smaller-scale performances at various venues throughout Miami Dade County and continue its series of educational and outreach performances in collaboration with various community-based organizations.

2. Chopin Foundation of the United States, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the season activities of the Chopin Foundation of the United States, including the "Chopin for All" free concert series, Chopin Salon Concerts, and three events presented in collaboration with other organizations. All events will take place within Miami-Dade County.

3. Coral Gables Congregational Church
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the Coral Gables Congregational Church Community Arts Program. The program stages its renowned June-August Summer Concert Series of internationally-renowned jazz and classical artists in performances and master classes. The program also offers an August-May Conservatory for the Arts to provide children (ages 5-18) with affordable in-depth music theory classes, one-on-one instrument training, and "active-learning" ensembles.

4. Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the season of Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami. Founded in 2006, the company seeks to promote the art of classical ballet and the Cuban ballet style while developing future career classical dancers. This season's performances will take place at the Lehman Theater at Miami Dade College – North Campus, the Miami Dade County Auditorium and the Seminole Theater in Homestead. Additionally, special presentations of children's classics will be presented for students.

5. Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the FIU Music Season presented by the FIU School of Music. The season will continue celebrating over 20 years of performances in the Wertheim Performing Arts Center with many world-renowned musicians. The concert season will include chamber festivals, chamber series, and orchestral, jazz, chorus, and Latin music. A distinguished lecture series of how music reaches far beyond the music community.

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6. FUNDarte, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
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Funds are requested to support FUNDarte's season of cultural programming, serving South Florida's widely diverse community while supporting professional opportunities for local artists; educational residency activities with visiting artists that expand creative, critical and social perspectives among participants; and international exchange projects with artists in different disciplines and geographic locations.

7. Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the season at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center. The center is dedicated to protecting the natural environment by providing environmental educational programs to the private and public school systems, as well as hosting various cultural arts events and programs that celebrate the environment. Events include rotating art exhibits, outdoor installations and lectures. All events will take place at the Biscayne Nature Center located on Key Biscayne.

8. Miami Beach Garden Conservancy
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the development and execution of horticulture and education programs, and arts and culture programs at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, located directly across the street from the Miami Beach Convention Center. Programs at the garden include music, live performance and visual art, lecture series, family programming and film presentations.

9. Miami Dade College – Koubek Center
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
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Funds are requested to support the season program at the Koubek Center, located in Little Havana. The season consists of multidisciplinary, Hispanic heritage-rooted programs including but not limited to, *Little Havana Social Club*, a live music series celebrating Miami's diverse Latin cultures; *Flamenco Festival @ Koubek and Baila Little Havana Storybook Picnics*, a bilingual cultural series for families; and *En Residencia*, an artist-residency program rooted in social practice for Latino artists.

**10. Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II
Florida Moving Image Archives**
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the series of curated screenings and activities which explore the history and culture of Florida, especially South Florida, by means of its moving images, whether film or video offered at the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Archives at the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus. Since 1960, the Wolfson Archives is dedicated to preserving Florida's moving image history, sharing Florida's moving image history with educators, students, historians and individuals interested in

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Florida, providing filmmakers valuable visual elements for telling their stories, providing a nurturing training ground for future archivists, becoming a center for excellence and expertise in film preservation.

11. Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.

FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the season of programs presented by the Cultural Arts Department of the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center (MARJCC). This season, the Department will present a variety of community oriented cultural arts programming designed to appeal to general audiences, including dance programs, theatre presentations, a concerts series, author presentations, film and educational lectures. Programs will take place at the MARJCC and other locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

12. New World School of the Arts - Dance Division

FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the NWSA Dance Division's Professional Choreographers' Presentation Series. National and internationally renowned professional choreographers will create and/or stage significant works of dance in collaboration with professional dancers at New World School of the Arts. Each work will be premiered for the general public as part of the *New World School of the Arts' Dance Division Concert Series* in the fall and and spring. Performances will take place at various locations, including the New World School of the Arts Theater, the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center, and the Olympia Theatre at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami, the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center, among others.

13. Olympia Center, Inc.

FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the Olympia Theater's presenting season, *Olympia Theater Presents*. The series consists of the *Olympia Mainstage* programs, which include *Cinema from Spain*, a series of six new films over four days of panel discussions and talk-back sessions with filmmakers; *the Ritmo Latin Music Series*, a series presenting Latin Genre Rock/Pop stars and up-and-coming contemporary Latin; *LAFFS Comedy Series*, presenting 3-6 performances by established comedians and popular podcast programs from the U.S., Americas, and Europe; and *Olympia Rock*, a series of 6-10 performances of niched concerts with international artists. The presenting season also includes the *Lobby Lounge* series, which includes free/low-cost bi-monthly live arts showcase of professional ensembles performing a broad range of genres; the *Moth Story Slam* featuring storytelling recorded for potential use in "The Moth Radio Hour" and podcasts; and Tuesday Projects, a developing weekly gathering and platform for live events. All programs take place at the historic Olympia Theater located in downtown Miami.

14. Orchestra Miami, Inc.

FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the performing season of Orchestra Miami, whose mission is to provide symphonic music for all residents of South Florida. This season, Orchestra Miami will present several

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concerts for adults and children, which will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including Pinecrest Gardens, the Coral Gables Museum, the Scottish Rite Temple, the Miami Beach Bandshell, among others. In addition, Orchestra Miami will continue its education and outreach program at various schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

15. Patrons of Exceptional Artists
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds will be used to support Patron's of Exceptional Artists' *Miami International Piano Festival* season including the *Miami Beach Discovery Series* at the Colony Theatre and the Aventura Cultural Series at the Aventura Cultural Arts Center as well as outreach initiatives at the Betsy Hotel Piano Salon. Both Series feature exceptional education opportunities with the artists and noted musicologist, Dr. Frank Cooper.

16. The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
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Funds are requested to support the season of programs presented by the Cultural Arts Department at the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center in Kendall. The department presents a full series of cultural, performing, literary, fine and visual arts programming at the center and other venues primarily located in central Miami-Dade. This season's programs include, but are not limited to, the annual Jewish Book Festival, visual art exhibitions by Sandi Goldman and the Miami Watercolor Society, and dance performances by local dance companies.

17. The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the Dance Now! Ensemble performing season. This organization seeks to develop contemporary modern dance theatre that articulates the international cultural life of South Florida and reflect the region's multi-ethnicity. This season includes a twenty-four week season with six (6) main stage concerts, four (4) 4 community/site specific performances and educational programming which include classes, a summer intensive, lecture/demonstrations and open rehearsals at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex. The company will present their mainstage performances at the Colony Theatre on Miami Beach, the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center and the North Beach Bandshell. Educational and outreach performances will take place at various locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

18. The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc
FY 2020-2021 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support Dranoff 2 Piano programming throughout the upcoming performance season. Dranoff will present a season of internationally-renowned pianists and top local artists performing in Miami-Dade County's major concert venues. The sesason will also include the premiere a 2 piano commission for Miami audiences and present live classical music performances, engaging over 10,000 teens in Miami-Dade County middle and high schools.