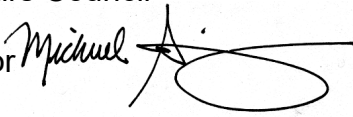


# Memorandum



**Date:** August 18, 2021  
**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council  
**From:** Michael Spring, Director   
**Subject:** Culture Shock Miami (CSM) – Discount Tickets for Youth Program

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## **Culture Shock Miami (CSM)**

- **Culture Shock Miami Presents Season Update** – Staff continues to work with agents and venues to reschedule performances from the program's 2019/20 season. The presentation of two (2) performances originally scheduled to take place between April and August 2020 are being rescheduled to January and February 2022. These in-person performances include Hippet Ballerinas and *The Real James Bond Was Dominican*. Staff remains in close contact with Japanese group, enra, to determine a viable performance date in late-2022 or the 2023-2024 season.
- **Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective** – As a member of the Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective, CSM staff is planning the 2021/22 season in partnership with the Adrienne Arsht Center's Education and Community Engagement team, Miami Theater Center (MTC), and the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center's (SMDCAC) Education and Outreach Division. The group of Florida Presenters is looking to replicate its successful 2020/21 season by providing diverse and high-quality virtual programming to school-aged children during the 2021/22 school year.

Given the uncertainties with the upcoming school year, eight (8) artists are being considered for virtual performances. The Collective seeks to support Miami-Dade schools, including Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (MDCPS) *Cultural Passport Program*, by identifying and pooling resources to meet the arts education needs of school-aged children, grades K-12, during the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to re-introduce live, in-person school fieldtrips to the school system, the Collective is considering local artists and/or cultural organizations to perform outdoors between February and early-April 2022.

- **CSM Student Advisory Council** – In mid-June, CSM staff released applications to recruit members for the 2021/22 Student Advisory Council. Open to teens and young adults, ages 13-22, the application deadline was extended to August 2. A total of 35 applications has been received. CSM staff will review the applications and begin following up with applicants in the coming weeks. Last year, the Student Advisory Council moved to host bi-monthly meetings and starting in September, they will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. As a reminder, Council members are involved in all aspects of decision-making to encourage participation in the arts amongst their peers.
- **Cultural Partners Update** – As organizations continue to reopen, more partners returned to CSM in July. Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, FUNDarte, Main Street Players, Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Miami Hispanic Ballet, Seminole Theatre and Tap Tap Tours of Little Haiti have recently offered tickets to in-person activities. In addition, the program continues to provide access to numerous museums, as well as free virtual and in-person cultural events.

Please be sure to visit *Online Experiences* at [www.CultureShockMiami.com](http://www.CultureShockMiami.com).