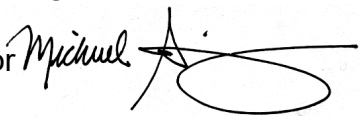


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Subject: Culture Shock Miami (CSM) – Discount Tickets for Youth Program

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Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective - As a member of the Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective, CSM continues its work 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. This group of South Florida Presenters came together to identify and pool resources to meet the arts education needs of school-aged children, grades K-12, during the pandemic. The Collective supports schools in Miami-Dade County, including Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (MDCPS) *Cultural Passport Program*, by providing diverse and high-quality virtual programming to students on an on-demand basis. To date, virtual performances have reached more than 36,000 students from over 75 schools.

The following performances were made available to schools during the first quarter of the season:

- *A Kid's Play About Racism* (Theater) – 2,891 students reached to date, Grades K-5;
- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* (Theater) – 2,846 students reached, Grades 6-12; and
- *Hip Hop Nutcracker* (Dance) – 30,272 students reached, Grades K-12.

Remaining performances for the season include:

- *A Kid's Play About Racism* (Theater - Grades K-5), January 2021 – May 2021;
 - *Air Play* (STEAM-based curriculum, Acrobatics - Grades K-8), January 2021;
 - *Black Violin* (Music – Grades K-12), January and February 2021;
 - *Emil and The Detectives* (Theater - Grades 3-6), March 2021;
 - *Ballet Hispanico* (Dance - Grades K-12), April 2021; and
 - *Inez Barlatier* (Storyteller in honor of Haitian Heritage Month – Grades K-3), May 2021.
- **CSM Student Advisory Council** - CSM staff reactivated the program's Student Advisory Council in September and continues to hold virtual monthly meetings. Council members are involved in all aspects of decision making, launching new virtual initiatives to encourage participation in the arts amongst their peers, and serving as ambassadors for the arts in their respective schools. In addition to the newly launched blog, Student Councilors recently introduced *Music in a Minute*, a virtual initiative that introduces the history and performance of a musical genre each month via the program's Instagram page. December's *Music in a Minute* featured CSM Student Councilor, Nathaniel Andersen, performing *Carol of the Bells* by Trans-Siberian Orchestra.
 - **Courageous Creatives** – CSM staff continues its work with the young artists who participated in the program during the summer. Monthly meetings are being held with the cohort around the topics of social justice, advocacy and mentorship. Artistic and Executive Director of Miami Light Project, Beth Boone, and Terrance Cribbs-Larrant, Director of the Black Police Precinct and Courthouse Museum led December's discussions with the creatives. In addition, Executive Director of Arts & Business Council of Miami, Laura Bruney, has offered scholarships to the young creatives to encourage their participation in this year's *Miami Arts Marketing Project* (MAMP).

- **Cultural Partners Update** - Vizcaya Museum and Gardens continues to provide a monthly allotment of 50 tickets to the program. The \$5 CSM tickets have been selling out since the museum re-opened its grounds in May. As of November 1, The Bass Museum of Art renewed its monthly allotment, offering 30 tickets via the program's website. Other cultural partners who have offered tickets include Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Dance Now Ensemble, The Deering Estate, and Fantasy Theatre Factory.
- **2020/21 Season Update** – Staff continues to work with agents and venues to reschedule performances from the program's 2019/20 season. The presentation of three (3) performances originally scheduled to take place between April and August 2020 are being renegotiated as artists re-evaluate their routing plans for the 2020/21 season. In addition to the virtual performances planned in collaboration with the Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective, CSM staff is considering other performances this season including a collaboration with Miami Dade College's *Live Arts* to co-present multi-media, animation performance artist, Miwa Matreyek.

Please be sure to visit *Online Experiences* at www.CultureShockMiami.com.