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To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring, Director 

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 wrapped up its 2020/21 season, providing diverse and high-quality virtual programming to school-aged children during the pandemic. Working 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 Collective reached more than 75,000 students from over 100 schools. This represents approximately 25% of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (MDCPS) student population.

As previously reported, the following list represents the virtual performances made available:

- *Ayiti – Stories and Songs from Haiti* (Storytelling, May and June 2021) - Grades K-8;
- *Ballet Hispanico* (Dance, April 2021) - Grades K-12;
- *Emil and The Detectives* (Theater, March 2021) - Grades 3-6;
- *Black Violin* (Music, February 2021) - Grades K-12;
- *Air Play* (STEAM-based Acrobatics, January 2021) - Grades K-8;
- *Hip Hop Nutcracker* (Dance, December 2020) - Grades K-12; and
- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* (Theater, October 2020) - Grades 6-12.

The Collective is collaborating with MDCPS staff and discussing offerings for the 2021/22 season. Plans are to continue providing free virtual performances to students throughout Miami-Dade County during the 21/22 school year. In an effort to re-introduce live, in-person school fieldtrips to the school system, the Collective is looking to engage local artists and/or cultural organizations to perform outdoors between February and early-April 2022. An update will be provided at the next Council meeting.

- **CSM Student Advisory Council** – CSM staff released applications to recruit members for the 2021/22 Student Advisory Council. Applications will be available on the program's [website](#) until the end of July and are open to teens and young adults between the ages of 13-22. As a reminder, Council members are involved in all aspects of decision-making to encourage participation in the arts amongst their peers.
- **Courageous Creatives** – CSM staff continues its work with the young artists who participated in the program last summer. Monthly meetings have been held with the cohort around the topics of social justice, advocacy, and mentorship. CSM staff is working with Miriam King, who led the cohorts last summer, to re-activate the program in mid-July. An update will be provided at the next Council meeting.
- **Cultural Partners Update** – Community Arts Program and Miami Beach Music Festival have recently joined the program, providing a combination of ticketed in-person and/or free online events. Other cultural partners who have offered tickets include Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, The Bass Museum of Art, Coral Gables Art Cinema, The Coral Gables Museum, Dance Now Ensemble, The

Deering Estate, Fantasy Theatre Factory, Frost Museum of Science, Rubell Museum, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, and ZooMiami. The program continues to provide access to numerous free virtual and in-person events hosted by our cultural partners.

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