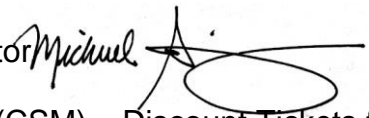


# Memorandum



**Date:** October 20, 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. Two (2) performances originally scheduled to take place between April and August 2020 have been rescheduled to January and February 2022 respectively. These in-person performances include Hipler Ballerinas and *The Real James Bond Was Dominican*. Both performances are scheduled to take place at Miami-Dade County Auditorium.
- **CSM Student Advisory Council** – The 2021/22 Student Advisory Council held its first meeting on September 15. A total of 26 councilors participated on the Zoom call and discussed ways to encourage participation in the arts amongst their peers. Eight (8) councilors have been selected to serve as Committee Directors (Administrative, Advocacy, Blog, and Marketing). Directors, whose first meeting was held on September 8, will lead and manage initiatives within their respective committees. Last year’s council moved to host bi-monthly meetings and as of October, councilors are meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
- **Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective** – As a member of the Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective, CSM staff finalized the 2021/22 season with partner organizations including 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 Florida Presenters is looking to replicate its successful 2020/21 season (more than 75,000 students reached) by once again providing diverse and high-quality virtual programming to school-aged children during the 2021/22 school year.

To date, six (6) artists have been selected for virtual performances. They include:

- *Diamond’s Dream* - Theater Animation; Themes: economic hardships, family dynamics, global pandemic (October 2021 – June 2022);
- *Duke* – Theater; Theme: native and indigenous culture, history of Olympic swimming, history of surfing, resiliency (October 2021);
- *Dreamers* – Theater; Themes: immigration journey, perseverance and hope, bilingual storytelling (November 2021);
- *The In Between* – Theater; Themes: adolescence, immigration, income inequality, social media misinformation and cyberbullying (November 2021);
- *Jabari Dreams of Freedom* – Theater; Themes: history, civil rights era (January 2022); and
- *Cenicienta, A Bilingual Cinderella Story* – Theater; Themes: cultural heritage, family dynamics (March 2022).

Negotiations are being finalized with other artists to increase offers, especially performances that will appeal to high school students.

In an effort to re-introduce live, in-person school field trips to the school system, the Collective is looking to engage local artists and/or cultural organizations who could perform outdoors between February and early-April 2022. 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.

- **Cultural Partners Update** – As done in prior years, CSM staff met with the program's cultural partners to discuss ways to collaborate during the upcoming season. The September 23 brainstorming session provided staff and cultural partners the opportunity to connect and discuss support strategies for the 2021/22 season as well as the post-pandemic future. A total of 36 partners attended the Zoom meeting.

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