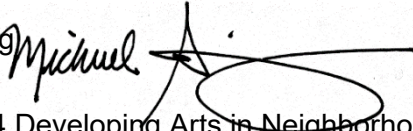


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To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director



Subject: FY 2023-2024 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grant Program
Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 30 grants for the FY 2023-2024 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2023-2024 DAN Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Cheryl Rees, convened on June 6, 2023 to review 30 applications requesting \$600,000. The Panel recommended funding all 30 applications.

The DAN Program is designed to help arts groups develop management skills and establish short and long-range organizational goals by providing funding and technical assistance support to small and emerging grassroots and neighborhood-based arts groups. These groups must present year-round activities and have an annual operating budget of less than \$100,000, based on the last completed fiscal year's operations. The program encourages applications from groups whose activities: 1) build audiences and sustained community or neighborhood support for the arts; 2) encourage people to include arts in their everyday lives; 3) are deeply rooted in the cultural life of a neighborhood or community; 4) preserve the indigenous heritage, traditions, and/or rituals of a particular culture or ethnic group; and/or 5) enhance community development and/or revitalization efforts. In addition to receiving funding support, grantees participate in the program's accompanying marketing workshop series.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management capability; 3) organizational development; 4) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment of area served; and 5) the organization's financial stability and capacity to attract financial support from other private and public sources as evidenced in matching requirements and in-kind. The organizations and projects recommended for funding reflect Miami-Dade County's ethnic, cultural, artistic and community diversity.

The FY 2023-2024 award recommendations for the DAN Grant Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2023-2024 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. Funding for the DAN Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2023-2024 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor and are subject to the availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

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1. Across Missions, Inc.

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Across Missions. Founded in 2009, Across Missions provides art and cultural programs to underserved communities in Miami-Dade County. Their 2023-2024 season includes theater performances, film screenings and visual arts exhibits that promote accessibility and inclusivity in the arts, with special focus on audiences with special needs and disabilities. Programming will take place at Kendall Arts Cultural Center, Sanctuary for the Arts, Teatro Trail and The Koubek Center.

2. Alhambra Music, Inc.

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Alhambra Music. The season consists of free or nominal-cost public concerts, including a Halloween multimedia concert for children, a Baroque chamber concert, a Broadway revue, a season finale featuring a major symphony and educational programs. Programs will take place at Coral Gables Congregational Church, Florida International University's Wertheim Auditorium, the Moss Center, Miami-Dade County Auditorium and Pinecrest Gardens, among other locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

3. Civic Chorale of Greater Miami

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities of the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami (CCGM). This year, the Chorale will present four in person programs at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Pinecrest Gardens, as well as weekly music-making and community-building rehearsals engaged in by 75-125 Miami-Dade resident choristers. The CCGM season will feature music highlighting a diverse selection of repertoire for which CCGM has become known.

4. Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Conecta: Miami Arts. Founded in 2017, Conecta: Miami Arts is a multi-disciplinary arts organization that produces and presents socially-engaged artistic experiences. This season includes *Conecta Lab*, a Spanish-language theatre lab program aimed at young actors with existing performance experience; the play "Woyzek in the Jungle", and music presentations at the AB Acting Studio and Hoy Como Ayer in Little Havana.

5. Delou Africa, Inc.

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities of community-based programming presented by Delou Africa. Delou Africa presents the art and culture of Africa and the Diaspora through hallmark programming which include the annual Dance Africa Miami Festival and Concert Extravaganza, Kwanzaa Celebration, and Movements and Rhythms of Africa and community classes. This season Delou is introducing a range of new programming, which include masquerade and stilt walking training and the Delou Djali Society-African Storytelling Guild. Programs will take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center, Florida Memorial University and Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex.

6. Fire House Projects, Inc.

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities of Fire House Projects. Founded in 2006, Fire Haus Projects supports and presents cultural activities and events throughout Florida, which include concerts,

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fine arts exhibitions, dance performances, lectures, readings and professional development for established and emerging artists and humanists. The 2023-2024 season includes lectures, workshops, concerts, and master classes at Miami Dade College - Eduardo J. Padron Campus, First Church Miami, Art Emporium Gallery of Miami, Fire Haus Projects and Casa Artali.

**7. Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the Florida Guitar Foundation. This year the Foundation will present its 11th concert season featuring five performances by some of the most prestigious classical guitarists in the world, the Seventh International Guitar International Competition, and a series of community outreach activities and master classes, and workshops at local schools and hospitals. The concert series will take place at the Clarke Recital Hall at the University of Miami and Coral Gables Museum; in addition, the concert will be live streamed on the Florida Guitar Foundation's YouTube channel.

**8. Florida L'Opera & Zarzuela Corp.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Florida L'Opera & Zarzuela Corp. Since 2015, Florida L'Opera & Zarzuela Corp strives to enrich the cultural landscape through performance, research, and education of the vast lyric repertoire, including opera, zarzuela, and oratorio. The season consists of a fully staged opera, *L'Elisire d'amore* by Gaetano Donizetti; *Marina*, a zarzuela by Emilio Arieta; and the *Bel Canto Concert Series*, comprised of four to six concerts taking place at various venues throughout Miami Dade County.

**9. Florida Opera Prima, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Florida Opera Prima. This season the company will present a series of selections of works regarded as opera masterpieces from famous operas by W.A. Mozart, G. Donizetti, G.Verdi, G.Bizet, as well as well-known Spanish composers Isaac Albéniz, Emilio Arrieta and Enrique Granados. Programs will take place at Teatro Trail and Coral Gables Museum.

**10. Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc. (FETA). Founded in 2007, FETA seeks to cultivate composition, performance, production and research of emerging electronic music, art and multimedia forms in South Florida. Performances and presentations include the *Festival of Electronic Music, Art and Performance*; FETA Quarterly; and fall and spring editions of "If I only had a garden..." The activities will include music events, talks and workshops, featuring the cutting-edge international and U.S. composers, performers and multimedia artists. Programming will take place at The Bridge Miami and Salome Studio, among other locations.

**11. Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the Friends of the Japanese Garden at the Ichimura-Miami Japanese Garden, located on Watson Island in Miami. The Friends of the Japanese Garden will present events that showcase the garden and promote the Japanese culture through

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traditional rituals and festivals for residents and tourists of South Florida. All events are free and open to the public.

12. FUNDarte, Inc. f/a for Antiheroes Project, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Antiheroes Project, Inc. Founded in 2011, Antiheroes celebrates diversity and works to enrich new audiences and increase accessibility in the multicultural and multilingual community of South Florida. The 2023-2024 season titled "Radical Conventions" consists of two multidisciplinary, immersive theatrical premieres, *Liquid City* and *On/Off*, as well as *Red Tide*, a solo performance, the second iteration of a playwriting contest *As Miamense as Possible* and other educational activities.

13. Hand2Hand Team Corp.
2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Hand2Hand Team Corp, an organization founded with the mission of promoting the performing arts in South Florida through the development of bilingual productions and visual arts exhibits. The season includes the presentation of six productions which will take place at The Koubek Center and Adriana Barraza Theater Studio in Little Havana.

14. Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre. The company, formed in 1987, presents work in the field of opera, ballet and zarzuelas at venues throughout Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the company seeks to support and encourage young artists and provide them with various performance opportunities. This year, the company will perform programs that reflect the various musical styles of Spanish lyric music and its influences on non-Spanish composers. Performances will take place at the Florida International University Wertheim Performing Arts Center and Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

15. Hued Songs, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Hued Songs. Founded in 2017, Hued Songs produces performances across South Florida that amplify Black joy and Black culture. Hued Songs will produce its flagship program, the annual *Juneteenth Experience*, at the Miami Beach Bandshell. Other programs, including an annual Kwanzaa celebration in partnership with the City of Opa Locka and programs at Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, are scheduled to take place across Miami-Dade County.

16. La Zarzuela, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities
funding formula

Award to be calculated based on

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season presented by La Zarzuela, Inc. The season consists of fully staged and semi-staged zarzuela productions, including the full production of Jacinto Guerrero's *Los Gavilanes*, recitals, lectures and educational and outreach activities. Events will take place at various venues including the Manuel Artime Theatre, the Goodlet Theatre, the Miracle Theatre, the Coral Gables Museum, select Miami-Dade Public Libraries, as well as schools, senior and community centers.

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17. Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema as fiscal agent for Bistoury, Inc.

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season presented by Bistoury, Inc. Founded in 2005, Bistoury seeks to take aesthetic and physical risks as a way to break pre-established boundaries that exist between dance, theater and films. The 2023-2024 program activities include the 8th Edition of the *305 & Havana International Improv Fest*, the presentation of *Anatomía de la destructividad humana* (Anatomy of human self-destruction), a dance performance by choreographer Alexey Taran and *Woman In The Shadow* directed by filmmaker Carla Forte. Programming will be presented at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, O Cinema Miami Beach and Inkub8.

18. Marti Productions

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of performances presented by Marti Productions. Founded in 2007, Marti Productions seeks to promote and support talented artists of all ages, races and nationalities across various artistic disciplines such as performing arts, visual arts, literary and creative arts. Marti Productions will launch new works, embracing the participation of local and international artists and attracting diverse audiences in Miami-Dade County. Events are scheduled to take place at The Koubek Center, Sanctuary for the Arts and Big 5 Club.

19. Miami Watercolor Society, Incorporated

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the Miami Watercolor Society (MWS). The MWS will feature a year round series of exhibitions and public workshops conducted by nationally recognized water media artists. Water media artists will demonstrate their work at the organization's monthly meetings and serve as jurors on the organization's selection committee for exhibitions. In addition, MWS provides student exhibitions and senior citizens' activities and produces publications about the art form. Programs and events will take place at various venues including the Wirtz Gallery, Pinecrest Community Center, Fairchild Tropical Garden, the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, among others.

20. MUD Foundation, Inc.

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of MUD Foundation. Founded in 2017, MUD Foundation is an artist-run organization whose programming of art and technology exhibitions, artists' talks, and educational programs seeks to support the work of artists who use technology as a medium. Programming includes Media Under Dystopia, exhibits, E-Talks featuring artists and special speakers, as well as educational initiatives such as the VRCamp. Programming will take place at MUD Foundation and the XR Hub platform.

21. Mz. Goose, Inc.

2023-2024 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Mz. Goose at the organization's home base, the historic Bethel House located in Perrine. Activities include exhibitions, coordination of the traveling exhibit of the *Perrine Pioneers* and community-wide activities that celebrate and encourage historic preservation, environmental education and community development. The organization provides diverse, year-round cultural programs and activities for the public in the Perrine community of Miami-Dade County.

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**22. North Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the North Miami Community Concert Band. This season the band will present community concerts featuring light classics, marches, overtures, show tunes and music from the "Big Band" era. Performances are scheduled to take place at several neighborhood venues, including the MoCA Plaza, Temple Beth Shalom and Claude Pepper Park, among others. The forty-five-volunteer member orchestra will also collaborate with the City of North Miami and participate in the annual Fourth of July Concert.

**23. Ruta Teatral, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Ruta Teatral. Founded in 2017, Ruta Teatral is dedicated to promoting, developing, and producing professional performances and events to empower artists and attract audiences from all communities and ages in the South Florida region. Programming will take place at Teatro Trail, The Koubek Center, Sala Catarsis and Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center, among others.

**24. South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of chamber music performances produced by the South Beach Chamber Ensemble. The ensemble promotes and performs chamber music in all its diverse forms, from its origins in the distant past to the varied cultural creations produced today. Performances will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade, including but not limited to, The Betsy Hotel, Ocean Drive Promenade and the Coral Gables Museum.

**25. South Florida Bluegrass Association, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 season of performances and community outreach presented by the South Florida Bluegrass Association. This season the association will present monthly festivals and jam sessions, the forty-sixth annual *Everglades Bluegrass Festival* and other events in support of their outreach programs. Founded in 1966, the South Florida Bluegrass Association's mission is to preserve traditional Bluegrass music and Old-Time Mountain music. Concerts are presented at Greynolds Park, Fruit & Spice Park and Phil's Berry Farm, among others.

**26. South Florida Composer's Alliance, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the South Florida Composers' Alliance (SFCA). Founded in 1985 to foster knowledge, awareness and understanding of new, experimental music, sound art and the work of living composers and sound artists, the organization seeks to act as a link between artists and their community through support in the development of new work and through opportunities for artists working in the field of sound to experiment, discuss and disseminate new ideas. This season the SFCA will feature *CyFest*, a week-long festival of intermedia works, and Chamber Deering, a large-scale installation at the Deering Estate. In addition, SFCA will present a four-part series of new ambionic intermedia installations at Florida International University's i360 XR Theater.

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**27. The Cove/Rincón Corp.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by The Cove/Rincon. The season includes public year-round encounters with poetry, literature, performing and visual arts, presented in a bi-lingual (English & Spanish) format that engages diverse communities while inspiring all generations to express themselves through art and creativity. The organization is dedicated to fostering collaborations among artists by providing them with a forum to showcase and create their work. Presentations will take place at Florida International University, URBE University, New Professions Technical Institute and The Center for Transforming Lives.

**28. Troop of Actors, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the Troop of Actors. Founded in 2016, Troop of Actors is dedicated to support artistic creation and teaching in Miami, focused on enriching the cultural life of the Hispanic community and creating communication bridges with vulnerable sectors of society, such as immigrants and the elderly, through of art workshops and shows. Programming will take place at Artefactus Cultural Center, as well as senior and community centers.

**29. Voices of Miami, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by Voices of Miami. This season will include four major public performances and smaller format recitals. Performances will take place at the Coral Gables Museum, the Manuel Artime Theater, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and Museo de la Diaspora Cubana, among others. The season will present high quality performances and educational opportunities of opera, zarzuela and choral repertory to varied communities in Miami Dade in traditional and non-traditional venues.

**30. Xavier Cortada Foundation, Inc.
2023-2024 Program Activities**

Award to be calculated based on funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2023-2024 program activities presented by the Xavier Cortada Foundation. The organization's mission is to use socially engaged art to create meaningful and transformative experiences that educate, inspire, and mobilize communities to take collective action against climate and ecological crises. Programs will take place at Pinecrest Gardens.