

**MINUTES OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
July 21, 2021**

A meeting of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council was held at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and online via Zoom.

<p><u>Members Present</u> Brian May, Chairman Alejandro Aguirre Mitchell Bierman Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, Second Vice Chair Sandra Curbelo Adolfo Henriques, Immediate Past Chair Jorge Plasencia Cheryl Rees Janá Sigars-Malina, First Vice Chair Rosa Sugrañes Monty Trainer</p>	<p><u>Members Not Present</u> Justin Trieger</p> <p><u>Others Present:</u></p>
<p><u>Staff</u> Michael Spring, Director Marialaura Leslie, Deputy Director Kelly Allocco Francine Andersen Patricia Arbelaez Roxana Barba Stefania Barigelli Nikenna Benjamin Sue Camp Dorianny Cardenas Tania Centeno Lisa D'Andrea Thompson Marie Denis Ivette Dominguez Eric Fliss Olga Gonzalez Teddy Harrell</p>	<p><u>Staff (continued)</u> Liliana Hernandez-Constenla Regla Lee Gilda Mooney Steven Padilla Alex Peraza Adriana Perez Dana Pezoldt Katherine Revell Pablo Rincon Javier Siut Christina Tassy-Beauvoir Pamela Valles Graham Winick</p>

Chairman Brian May called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Approval of May 19, 2021 Minutes

The minutes of the May 19, 2021, Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Mr. Trainer)

FY 2021 – 2022 Grant Program Panels

Mr. Spring presented the grant panel list for the Dance Miami (DMC), Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN), Major Cultural Institutions (MCI), and Playwright Development (PDP) grants programs. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

FY 2021-2022 Cultural Advancement (ADV) Grant Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2021-2022 Cultural Advancement Grants Program Panel, chaired by Mitchell Bierman, convened on May 26, 2021, to review twenty-two applications requesting a total of \$2,750,000. The Cultural Advancement Grants Program is designed to provide significant grants and technical assistance to a distinct group of Miami-Dade County's highest quality, mid- to large-size, culturally diverse performing, visual, literary, and presenting arts organizations that have a history of distinguished artistic programming. Funding for the program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues and all recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget and are calculated based on the funding formula.

The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mitchell Bierman – GableStage, Inc.

Adolfo Henriques - GableStage, Inc.

Monty Trainer - Miami Dade College - Live Arts Miami, Miami Dade College - Miami Bookfair Year-Round, Miami Dade College - Museum of Art and Design

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations subject to Councilors with conflicts abstaining from voting on the applications affected. The Councilors with the above-mentioned conflicts of interest abstained from the voting. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.

Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc.

Bascomb Memorial Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. (WDNA-FM 88.9)

Centro Cultural Español de Cooperacion Iberomericana, Inc.

City Theater, Inc.

Coral Gables Cinematheque, Inc.

Living Arts Trust, Inc. / O Cinema

Locust Projects, Inc.

Miami Design Preservation League, Inc.

Miami Light Project, Inc.

Miami New Drama, Inc.

Nu Deco Ensemble, Inc.

Seraphic Fire, Inc.

Teatro Avante, Inc.

The Coral Gables Museum, Corp.
The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.
The Rhythm Foundation, Inc.
Zoetic Stage, Inc.

The Panel's recommendations to fund the following organizations, for which there are the above-mentioned conflicts of interest and abstentions from voting, were voted on and passed unanimously as follows: (Motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Mr. Plasencia)

GableStage, Inc.
Miami Dade College - Live Arts Miami
Miami Dade College - Miami Book Fair Year-Round
Miami Dade College - Museum of Arts and Design

FY 2021-2022 Cultural Development (CDG) Grant Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the Cultural Development Grants Program, chaired by Council member Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez convened on May 27, 2021, to review 19 applications requesting a total of \$1,140,000. The panel recommended funding all 19 applications. The Cultural Development Grants Program provides general operating support grants and technical assistance to a selected group of Miami-Dade County's mid-sized, artistically accomplished and culturally diverse performing, visual, literary and presenting arts organizations that are defining the cultural and artistic voice of Miami. Qualifying organizations are committed year-round to the creation or presentation of art which demonstrates the potential to achieve regional, national, or international visibility as evidenced by current programs and management structure and many times engage in strategic partnerships for greater artistic success. Funding for the program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues and all recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget and are calculated based on the funding formula.

The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mitchell Bierman - Florida International University Board of Trustees, School of Music
Sandra Curbelo - The Dance Now! Ensemble
Jana Sigars-Malina - The Dance Now! Ensemble
Monty Trainer – Miami Dade College - Koubek Center; Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives; New World School of the Arts – Dance Division

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations subject to Councilors with conflicts abstaining from voting on the applications affected. The Councilors with the above-mentioned conflicts of interest abstained from the voting. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Mr. Plasencia)

Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, Inc.
Chopin Foundation of the United States, Inc.
Contemporary Art Foundation (The Rubell Museum)
Coral Gables Congregational Church
Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami
FUNDarte, Inc.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.
Miami Beach Garden Conservancy
Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.
Olympia Center, Inc.
Orchestra Miami, Inc.
Patrons of Exceptional Artists
The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.
The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.
The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.

The Panel's recommendations to fund the following organizations, for which there are the above-mentioned conflicts of interest and abstentions from voting, were voted on and passed unanimously as follows: (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Mr. Plasencia)

Florida International University Board of Trustees, School of Music
The Dance Now! Ensemble
Miami Dade College - Koubek Center
Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives
New World School of the Arts - Dance Division

FY 2021-2022 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grant Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported the FY 2021-2022 Youth Arts Miami Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Mitchell Bierman, convened on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, to review 33 applications requesting a total of \$2,500,000. The Panel recommended funding all 33 applications. The objective of the Youth Arts Miami Grants Program is to provide operational funding support to non-profit youth arts organizations having a year-round presence in Miami-Dade County whose primary mission is to create, present or exhibit cultural programs for children and/or with children. Applicants to this program must have at least a 3-year track record of providing a year-round season of youth arts activities for children and youth. Funding for the program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues and all recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget and are calculated based on the funding formula.

The following Council member declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Chairman Brian May - Area Performance Gallery, Inc. dba Area Stage Company

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations subject to Councilors with conflicts abstaining from voting on the applications affected. The Councilor with the above-mentioned conflict of interest abstained from the voting. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc.
Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.
American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.
Armour Dance Theater, Inc.
Art Creates US Inc. dba ProjectArt
Ballet Etude3s of South Florida, Inc.

Bilingual School of Business & Performing Arts Inc.
Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.
enFAMILIA, Inc.
Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.
Florida Film Institute, Inc.
Friends of South Florida Music, Inc.
Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.
Guitars Over Guns Organizations, Inc.
Kinad, Inc.
Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.
Miami Dance Project, Inc.
Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.
Miami Music Festival, Inc.
Miami Music Project, Inc.
Miami Stage Company/ Miami Children's Theater Inc.
Miami Theater Center Inc.
Miami Youth Ballet Inc.
Musical, Inc.
National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.
PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.
South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.
South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.
The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.
The Motivational Edge, Inc.
The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.
Young Musicians Unite, Inc.

The Panel's recommendation to fund the following organization, for which there is the above-mentioned conflict of interest and abstention from voting, was voted on and passed unanimously as follows: (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

Area Performance Gallery, Inc. dba Area Stage Company

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for July 21, 2021

A request for an excused absence was submitted by Justin Triege. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Mr. Trainer)

FY 2021-2022 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported the FY 2021-22 Capital Development Grants Program Panel met on Monday, July 12, 2021. Four organizations submitted applications to the program requesting a total of \$76,406 in cultural facility improvement support funds. All four applications were recommended for funding. The primary objective of the Capital Development Grants Program is to provide funding support to non-profit cultural organizations for capital improvement projects that are designed to expand, renovate, construct and/or equip cultural facilities located within Miami-Dade County. Priority

consideration is given to facilities that submit applications for projects to implement improvements regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Funding for the program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues and all recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget and are calculated based on the funding formula.

The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mitchell Bierman – Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.

Adolfo Henriques – The Miami Children's Museum

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations subject to Councilors with conflicts abstaining from voting on the applications affected. The Councilors with the above-mentioned conflicts of interest abstained from the voting. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Aguirre; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

New World Symphony, Inc.

The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.

The Panel's recommendations to fund the following organizations, for which there are the above-mentioned conflicts of interest and abstentions from voting, were voted on and passed unanimously as follows: (Motion by Mr. Aguirre; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.

The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.

FY 2021-2022 Dance Miami Choreographers (DMC) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2021-2022 Dance Miami Choreographers' Program panel comprised of national dance experts met on June 28, 2021, to review the submissions and recommended that the Council approve \$70,000 in funding support for seven awards to Miami-Dade choreographers. Seven \$10,000 awards were recommended to support the artistic development of Miami-Dade County-based choreographers for the creation of new work in all dance forms, including contemporary, classical, and traditional dance.

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Mr. Plasencia)

Liony Garcia

Rosie Herrera

Yanis Eric Pikieris

Sandra Portal Andreu

Alexey Taran

Hattie Mae Williams

Pioneer Winter

Ilisa Rosal

FY 2021-2022 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2021-2022 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grant Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Mireille Chancy Gonzalez and attended by Councilor Cheryl Rees, convened on June 30, 2021, to review 24 applications requesting \$360,000. The panel recommended funding all 24 applications. The Developing Arts in Neighborhoods grant 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. Funding for the program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues and all recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget and are calculated based on the funding formula. A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Plasencia; seconded by Ms. Curbelo)

Alhambra Music, Inc.
Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.
Bookleggers Library, Inc.
Civic Chorale of Greater Miami
Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.
Delou Africa, Inc.
El Ingenio, Inc.
Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.
Florida Opera Prima, Inc.
Foundation of Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.
Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc.
Kendall Art Cultural Center, Inc.
Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema as fiscal agent for Bistoury, Inc.
Marti Productions, Inc.
Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.
Moksha Arts Collective, Inc.
Mz. Goose, Inc.
North Miami Community Concert Band,
Rise Kern Cultural Productions, Inc.
South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.
South Florida Composers Alliance, Inc.
South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc.
The Cove/Rincon Corp.
Friends of the Japanese Garden Inc.

FY 2021-2022 International Cultural Partnerships (ICP) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2021-2022 International Cultural Partnerships Program Panel, chaired by Rosa Sagrañes, convened on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, to review ten applications requesting a total of \$320,000. The panel recommended funding all ten applications. The International Cultural Partnerships Program is designed to provide grants to professional Miami-Dade County based cultural organizations to support significant artistic partnerships, partnerships or collaborations with artists, arts professionals and/or organizations abroad. Funding for the program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues and all recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget and are calculated based on the funding formula.

The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Sandra Curbelo – The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.

Jana Sigars-Malina – The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations subject to Councilors with conflicts abstaining from voting on the applications affected. The Councilors with the above-mentioned conflicts of interest abstained from the voting. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Arca Images, Inc.

Ballet Flamenco La Rosa, Inc.

Delou Africa, Inc.

Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.

Edge Zones, Inc.

El Ingenio, Inc.

FUNDarte, Inc.

Miami Music Chamber Society, Inc.

The Opera Atelier, Inc.

The Panel's recommendation to fund the following organization, for which there are the above-mentioned councilor conflicts of interest and abstentions from voting, was voted on and passed unanimously as follows: (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.

Director's Report

- Mr. Spring reported that Miami-Dade County Mayor Levine Cava has proposed the FY 2021-2022 County budget and recommended a renewal of funding for the Department of Cultural Affairs.
- The Miami-Dade County Commission approved the recommendation to contract with Roxy Theatre Group to manage the Westchester Cultural Arts Center. Miami-Dade Parks will manage the outdoor park.
- The Children's Trust board approved a renewal of the Department of Cultural Affairs' \$1.5 million award to support cultural arts programs for children and families. Department's staff member Francine Andersen, Chief of Education, Outreach and Access, was named a "Champion for Children" by the Trust.
- The Department submitted three grant applications to the SBA's Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program. The Miami-Dade County Auditorium received an award; applications for the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center are pending.
- The Miami-Dade County Commission approved the contract for marketing and PR services with the Weinbach Group. The contract will primarily serve to promote Culture Shock, as well as programs at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, and the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.
- The Miami-Herald published an OpEd submitted by Commissioner Raquel Regalado in support of the Miami-Dade County plan for the Coconut Grove Playhouse. The Herald's editorial team subsequently met with Commissioner Regalado, Alberto Ibarguen and Bari Newport to discuss the plan and published an editorial in support of the plan. GableStage is moving forward with a social media campaign to reach out to the Coconut Grove community.

Councilor Reports

- Ms. Sagrañes joined the meeting via Zoom from Barcelona and was happy to represent Miami-Dade abroad.

- Mr. Bierman noted that it is important to support GableStage during this critical time of leadership transition. The best way to support the organization and the plans to bring back theater to the Coconut Grove Playhouse is to become a subscriber.
- Ms. Sigars-Malina reported that the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden has a family-friendly Mango Festival happening at the garden.
- Mr. Plasencia thanked Mayor Levine Cava for her leadership during the Surfside tragedy and for her words in support of Cuba.
- Mr. Aguirre recognized the Hispanic Theater Festival currently taking place at various venues in the County, including the Arsht Center and the Miami-Dade County Auditorium. He added that the next election will be critical for the arts and the Department, with half the County Commission changing hands.
- Chairman May noted it was important for Councilors to reach out to their appointing Commissioners and emphasize the importance of the Department's work, as well as the importance of marketing and promoting the work of the Department.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Liliana Hernandez-Constenla".

Liliana Hernandez-Constenla