

# Memorandum



**Date:** July 20, 2022

**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring

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**Subject:** FY 2022-23 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program Recommendations

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 34 grants from the FY 2022-2023 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2022-2023 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Department of Cultural Affairs staff members Gilda Mooney and Dana Pezoldt, convened on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 to review 34 applications requesting a total of \$2,625,000. The Panel recommended funding all 34 applications.

The objective of the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) 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. Programs must include public access components such as performances or exhibitions. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

The YAM program is structured into three funding categories: Category A funds large-sized professional youth arts organizations invited to apply by Department of Cultural Affairs staff and possessing the potential to achieve regional, national or international visibility as evidenced by the organization's current programs and structure. Category B funds mid-sized semi-professional and professional youth arts organizations demonstrating a total prior year's organizational revenues of between \$200,000 and \$500,000. Category C funds small and/or developing youth arts organizations with annual organizational revenues between \$50,000 and \$200,000.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact - efforts to fulfill the youth arts mission of the organization; 2) artistic merit; 3) management, organizational development and financial capability; and 4) reach (ability to reach underserved children and youth who may be limited by geography, economics or disability and impact on and involvement of Miami-Dade's multicultural community). Attached is a list describing the organizations and programs recommended for funding.

The award recommendations will be computed using the established funding formulas for this program. The program's FY 2022-2023 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 and preliminary FY 2022-2023 budget numbers are received.

Funding for the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) grant program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2022-2023 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor and are subject to availability of funds.

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs  
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**Grant #1 : All Florida Youth Orchestra, Incorporated dba Florida Youth Orchestra**

1708 N 40 AVE  
Hollywood, Florida 33021

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support music education and outreach performances for 2,000 students ages 5-18, at community sites and public venues throughout Miami Dade County. Program activities will include orchestral training, violin and percussion instruction for youth living in under-resourced communities, family-friendly concerts, and outreach performances for seniors. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from improved musical, social, and behavioral skills.

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**Grant #2 : Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.**

5020 NW 197 ST  
Miami Gardens, Florida 33055

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the Musical Arts Theater & Tutoring program for up to 50 participants ages 7-18, via ZOOM. Program activities will include the FIND YOUR BEAT! Series of Hambone, basic percussion and percussion with non-traditional instruments. Participants will engage in music/percussion training, and benefit from mastering the skills taught and the confidence of a lesson learned.

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**Grant #3 : American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.**

2150 Coral Way #3-C  
Miami, Florida 33145

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support American Children's Orchestras for Peace for over 800 students ages 5-17, at Jose Marti Park and Shenandoah Park, located in Little Havana. Program activities include afterschool classes at Bridgeprep School, round-year and summer orchestral music classes, and concert performances, where participants learn how to play a variety of musical instruments.

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**Grant #4 : Area Performance Gallery, Inc. dba Area Stage Company**

5701 Sunset DR Suite 286  
South Miami, Florida 33143

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Area Stage Company's educational programs for 1,000 students ages 5-22, at the Area Stage Company in South Miami and the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami. Program activities include a structured curriculum in the performing arts and a full season of large-scale productions for students of all abilities. Participants will enjoy the benefits of having the tools to innovate, to think creatively, to be accepting of others, and to appreciate diverse cultures and backgrounds.

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**Grant #5 : Armour Dance Theatre, Inc**

5818 SW 73 ST  
South Miami, Florida 33143

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Armour Dance Theater programming for 850 students ages 5-18, at five sites in South Miami, Little Haiti, West Coconut Grove, Miami Gardens, and West Perrine. Program activities will include instruction in ballet, tap, modern, hip hop, West African, and Bollywood. Participants will engage in dance, reading, and homework (math) assistance, and art classes. Skills learned include discipline, consistency, focus, delayed gratification and improved reading skills.

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**Grant #6 : Art Creates US Inc. dba ProjectArt**

205 E 42 ST  
New York, New York 10017

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support ProjectArt Miami for 240 students ages 4-18, at multiple Miami-Dade Public Libraries. Program activities will include tuition-free art classes, nine-month professional residencies for emerging artists, and the presentation of two final exhibitions. Participants will engage with a variety of art materials in both 2D, 3D and digital projects, and benefit from increased literacy, self-esteem and problem-solving skills..

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**Grant #7 : Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.**

6812 NW 169 ST  
Hialeah, Florida 33015

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Ballet Etudes for 250 students ages 3-22, at Ballet Etudes studio, Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts, City of Hialeah, Lehman Theater and more in Hialeah, Miami Lakes, and Miami Gardens. Program activities will include performances and dance training. Participants will engage in dance, especially classical ballet and benefit from discipline, focus, teamwork, performing, musicality, and physical conditioning.

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**Grant #8 : Bilingual School of Business & Performing Arts Inc.**

8933 NW 178 ST  
Hialeah, Florida 33018

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support after-school performing arts programs for 250 students ages 3-18, at BBharts in Hialeah. Program activities will include performing arts classes, workshops, master classes, competitions, performances, and community events. Participants will engage in multiple dance styles, acting, musical theater, piano, guitar and voice and benefit from increased artistic ability and value-driven personal growth.

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**Grant #9 : Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.**

4331 NW 194 ST  
Miami, Florida 33055

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Diva Arts' Dance Empowers Youth Program for 150 students ages 5-19, at Diva Arts Dance Studio in Miami Gardens. Program activities will include dance training (e.g., ballet, contemporary, jazz, hip-hop), personal development, community outreach, and choreography. Students will master skills in dance technique and performance, improve socially and academically, and increase knowledge of health awareness and injury prevention.

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**Grant #10 : enFAMILIA, Inc.**

16090 SW 293 DR  
Homestead, Florida 33033

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support enFAMILIA's arts programs for 300 students ages 6-18, year-round at the Everglades Community Center and enFAMILIA centers in Homestead and Florida City. Program activities will include multidisciplinary art classes, exhibits, and performances. Participants will engage in dance, music, drama, creative writing, film production, and visual arts and benefit from learning various art skills, and the causes, consequences, and solutions to at-risk behaviors.

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**Grant #11 : Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.**

6103 NW 7 AVE  
Miami, Florida 33127

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Fantasy Theatre Factory's Miami-Dade performances and workshops for 35,000 students ages 0-17, at the Sandrell Rivers Theater and Miami-Dade schools, parks, libraries, festivals, and community centers countywide. Program activities will include educational theater shows and workshops. Participants will engage in theatre arts and benefit from exposure to educational, culturally enriching theatre performances and interactive workshop experiences.

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**Grant #12 : Florida Film Institute, Inc.**

1801 NE 123 ST #314  
North Miami, Florida 33181

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support CINEMA for 125 students ages 13-18, at North Miami, Miami Lakes, South Miami and Coral Gables school locations. Program activities will include training in film production and media arts. Participants will engage in filmmaking and benefit from producing, directing, script writing, acting, sound/camera/lighting, and editing.

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**Grant #13 : Friends of South Florida Music, Inc.**

P.O. Box 650027  
Miami, Florida 33265

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Music FUNdamentals for 535 students, ages birth-18, at Arcola Lakes Elementary, Bent Tree Elementary, Joe Hall Elementary, KinderKids 1, 2, and 3, Pine Villa Elementary, Promised Land Academy, and Rainbow Christian School in Goulds and Homestead. Project activities will include singing, playing instruments, and movement. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from age-appropriate activities stimulating learning, and enjoyment while enhancing brain development.

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**Grant #14 : Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.**

5275 Sunset DR  
Miami, Florida 33143

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support musical training, concerts, and outreach programs for 500 students ages 5-18, at the various GMYS locations in Kendall, South Miami, Coconut Grove, Homestead, and Florida City. Program activities will include individual and group instruction on instruments, general music, performances, and special community projects. Participants will engage in music and benefit from skills learned in musicianship, teamwork, perseverance and increased self-esteem.

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**Grant #15 : Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.**

169 E Flagler ST #1134  
Miami, Florida 33131

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Guitars Over Guns programs for 500-550 students ages 9-18, at middle and high schools in North Miami, Miami Gardens, Allapattah, Liberty City, Homestead, Little Havana, Cutler Bay, Richmond Heights, Redland, and select community-based sites. Activities include instruction, performance, recording, and music video production. Youth will engage in arts instruction and education and benefit from mentorship, performance showcase, and exchange opportunities.

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**Grant #16 : Kinad, Inc.**

2100 NW 192 TERR  
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Kinad's year-round Mobile Museum cultural arts program for 3,300 children and youth ages 6-16, in community locations across Miami-Dade County. Kinad's programs provide informative historical exhibits, with a wide variety of materials that introduce children of all ages to the cultural significance of the African American perspective, cultural traditions, and addressing obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and heart attack or heart diseases due to poor diets.

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**Grant #17 : Mexican American Council, Inc.**

151 NW 11 ST Suite E400  
Homestead, Florida 33030

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory for 60 students ages 5-18, at the Mexican American Council Redland Parent Resource Center in Homestead. Program activities will include after-school music instruction including music theory, music ensemble, and music history. Participants will engage in Mariachi music and benefit from learning to master a percussion, brass, or string instrument as well as vocal lessons in a positive social-emotional learning environment.

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**Grant #18 : Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.**

8771 SW 220 ST  
Miami, Florida 33190

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Children's Chorus' programs for 110 students ages 8-22, in Coral Gables, City of Miami, and Miami Beach. Program activities will include weekly rehearsals, concerts, workshops, and free community programs. Participants will explore traditional and contemporary choral music and benefit from developing musicianship, vocal technique, discipline, and artistry.

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**Grant #19 : Miami Dance Project, Inc**

8619 S Dixie HWY  
Pinecrest, Florida 33156

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support general programs activities for 600 students ages 5-18, at the Miami Dance Project main office in Pinecrest and three outreach sites located in Kendall and Homestead. Program activities will include ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, modern dance, and yoga. Participants will engage in dance performance and benefit from improved dance technique and dance history knowledge, literacy skills, and social and emotional development.

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**Grant #20 : Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.**

P.O. Box 331973  
Miami, Florida 33233

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Momentum's educational children's programming for 1,700 students ages 3-17, at Perrine Elementary, Zelda Glazer Middle School, Southwest High School, and Ferguson High School. In addition, performances will be held at the Coral Gables Public Library and four other Miami-Dade Public Libraries. Participants will benefit from physical, cognitive, and interpersonal skills learned in dance classes, rehearsals and performances.

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**Grant #21 : Miami Music Festival, Inc**

1440 Ocean DR  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Festival for 300 students ages 14 and up throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include over 45 performances, masterclasses, private lessons, fully-staged productions, and pop-up public concerts. Participants will engage in vocal and instrumental instruction and benefit in their overall artistic level, foreign languages, future career development, and performance experience in a professional environment.

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**Grant #22 : Miami Music Project, Inc.**

2000 S Dixie HWY Suite 100B  
Miami, Florida 33133

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Project serving 600 students ages 6-18, at community-based chapters in Liberty City, Little Haiti, Little Havana, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, and Miami Springs. Program activities will include classical music instruction and live performances. Participants will engage in musical ensembles and benefit from skills key to social-emotional learning and positive youth development, including academics and community-building.

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**Grant #23 : Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater Inc.**

11155 SW 112 AVE  
Miami, Florida 33176

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support season program activities for 600 students ages 5-19 at the Alper JCC in Kendall and First United Methodist Church in Coral Gables. Program activities will include singing, dancing, acting and technical theater skills. Participants will engage in all forms of dramatic and musical theater and benefit from expert faculty's lessons in both the artistic and technical theater realms.

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**Grant #24 : Miami Theater Center Inc.**

9806 NE 2 AVE  
Miami Shores, Florida 33138

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Theater Center's (MTC) season programming for students in grades K-12, at Miami Theater Center located in Miami Shores. Program activities will include the presentation of a diverse range of artists across multiple disciplines, including music, theatre, dance, and visual arts. In addition, MTC will continue to collaborate with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Cultural Passport Program to provide virtual content to their students.

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**Grant #25 : Miami Youth Ballet Inc.**

9210 SW 158 LN  
Miami, Florida 33157

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Youth Ballet's season for 150 students ages 8-18, from the areas of Cutler Bay, Homestead, Goulds, West Kendall, and Palmetto Bay. Programs include The Nutcracker, Carnival of the Animals, Dance Past Present and Future and Dance Creative workshop and free masterclasses, all at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay. Participants will receive expert coaching/training, performance opportunities, participation in the creative process, and guidance towards professionalism in dance.

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**Grant #26 : Musically, Inc.**

6701 SW 80 ST  
Miami, Florida 33143

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support music classes, theory/piano lab, orchestras, ensembles, and enrichment classes for 800 students ages 2-18 at multiple locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes, rehearsals, performances, and summer programs. Participants will engage in music programs, concerts, and workshops and benefit by refining their music knowledge and instrumental skills and deriving evidence-based improvements both socially and academically.

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**Grant #27 : National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.**

2100 Biscayne BLVD  
Miami, Florida 33137

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support YoungArts programs for 4,000 students ages 15-18 at the YoungArts Campus in Miami and other venues across Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes with acclaimed artists, performances, exhibitions, and general outreach programs. Participants will engage in programs for the visual, literary, and performing arts and will benefit from creative and professional development from renowned artists.

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**Grant #28 : PATH: Preserving, Archiving && Teaching Hip Hop, Inc.**

10917 NW 12 CT  
Miami, Florida 33167

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support PATH to Hip Hop for 900 students ages 12-22, at Miami-Dade Public Libraries, The Lightbox, Juvenile Justice Center, Miami Bridge, TruPrep Academy, and the Museum of Graffiti, in Downtown Miami, North Miami, Wynwood, and Miami Gardens. Program activities include workshops, performances, and artist residencies. Participants will engage in Hip Hop-based visual and performing arts and benefit from creative, personal, and professional development.

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**Grant #29 : South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.**

12770 SW 125 AVE #101  
Miami, Florida 33186

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support South Florida Center for Percussive Arts' (SFCPA) youth programs for children ages 18 months – 18 years, at the SFCPA in West Kendall. Program activities will include music instruction, rehearsals, workshops, and performances. Participants will engage in learning, playing, and enjoying music through the use of the percussion family and benefit from the consistency, concentration, and teamwork required to make, perform, and experience music together

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**Grant #30 : South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.**

12645 SW 114 AVE  
Miami, Florida 33176

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the South Florida Youth Symphony for 200 students ages 3-23, at the Pawley Creative Arts Center of Miami Dade College North Campus in North Miami Dade County. Program activities will include music classes for beginners to advanced students, and community concerts showcasing the youth talent. Participants will engage in weekly classes and rehearsals, benefiting from working with skilled musicians as teachers, conductors, and mentors.

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**Grant #31 : The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.**

14401 Old Cutler RD  
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support choral music education for 200 students ages 5-18, at the Old Cutler Presbyterian Church in Palmetto Bay and Branches, Inc. in Florida City, South Miami, and Lakeview. Program activities will include weekly rehearsals, four major concerts, and participation in community events throughout Miami and beyond. Participants will engage in choral performances and benefit from increased musicianship skills and personal growth.

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**Grant #32 : The Motivational Edge, Inc.**

2103 Coral Way FL-2  
Miami, Florida 33145

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support transformative arts-based youth development for 3000+ youth and young adults ages 6-23, throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include various multidisciplinary cultural arts experiences. Participants will engage in culturally relevant arts programming and showcasing opportunities that intertwine mentoring, life-skill development, social emotional learning, and job readiness development within the curricula.

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**Grant #33 : The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.**

7900 SW 34 ST  
Miami, Florida 33155

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support The Roxy Theatre Group for 120 students ages 8-23, at the ROXY in West Kendall and at the Westchester Cultural Arts Center. Program activities will include musicals, a winter and summer recital, and student showcases. Participants will engage in classes and workshops in ballet, tap, contemporary dance, hip hop, acrobatics, acting, musical theatre, improvisation, and singing, and benefit from technique in their respective disciplines and social skills.

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**Grant #34 : Young Musicians Unite, Inc.**

1260 NW 29 ST Suite 103  
Miami, Florida 33142

**Award:** *Grant Amount  
to be calculated based on  
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Young Musicians Unite's programs for 3,500 students ages 9-18, at Young Men's Preparatory Academy, Carol City Middle School, Booker T High School, Fienberg Fisher K-8, and more in Wynwood, Carol City, Opa-Locka, West Little River, and Miami Beach. Program activities will include in-school and after-school music education, performances, and vocational arts activities. Participants will engage in youth development through music education and benefit from the positive effects of learning an instrument.

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