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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF GUIDELINES FOR
2010-2011 GRANTS PROGRAMS SPRING CYCLE**

Applicants Required to Apply Via New Culture Grants Online Web-Based System

(MIAMI, February 19, 2010) – The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs is pleased to announce the spring cycle of the fiscal year 2010-2011 arts and cultural grants programs available to eligible Miami-Dade County based non-profit cultural organizations. Guidelines for the grants programs listed below are available on the Department’s website www.miamidadearts.org.

This year, the Department of Cultural Affairs has launched “Culture Grants Online,” a new web-based grant application, management and award system that will transform the entire grant making process and most importantly, the way organizations apply for funding. The Department is offering training workshops which organizations are required to attend if they wish to apply for the spring cycle grant programs. The dates, times and locations of the workshops are posted on the Department’s website www.miamidadearts.org.

Guidelines and application forms have been released for the following programs:

2010-2011 GRANTS PROGRAMS SPRING CYCLE

ANNUAL OPERATING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- ◆ *Major Cultural Institutions Grants Program (MCI)*
- ◆ *Cultural Advancement Grants Program (ADV)*
- ◆ *Festivals and Special Events Grants Program (FEST)*
- ◆ *Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program (HCJ)*

YOUTH ARTS PROGRAMS

- ◆ *Youth Arts Miami Grants Program (YAM)*

CULTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAMS

- ◆ *Capital Development Grants Program (CAP)*

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- ◆ *Audience Access Grants Program (AUD)*

Please note that the spring cycle grants programs address projects that take place between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011 and all funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2010-2011 budget by the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, and are subject to the availability of funds. To register for one of the mandatory workshops or to see the entire array of grants opportunities available via the Department of Cultural Affairs please visit the Department's website at www.miamidadearts.org or call (305) 375-4634.

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The Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, its 15-member volunteer advisory board, develop cultural excellence, diversity and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida through the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council, The Children's Trust, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Other support and services are provided by Ticketmaster for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium and the Tourist Development Council.