

Date: August 19, 2015
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Subject: FY 2015-2016 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program Recommendations

The FY 2015-2016 award recommendations for the Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2015-2016 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2015-2016 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 33 grants for the FY 2015-2016 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2015-2016 DAN Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Bob Jensen, convened on July 8, 2015 to review 33 applications requesting \$495,000. The Panel recommended funding all 33 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.

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 2015-2016 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. Alhambra Music, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of free or nominal-cost public concerts, including three classical concerts, a Pops Concert, two chamber orchestra concerts, a summer opera production and performances at various schools located throughout Miami-Dade County. Main stage programs will take place at Ransom Everglades in Coconut Grove, the University of Miami - Clarke Recital Hall in Coral Gables, the Coral Gables Congregational Church and other locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

2. Arca Images, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support outreach initiatives of the 2015-2016 season of Arca Images, a theater company that presents both original contemporary theater and new adaptations of classic works. Arca Images will present three plays and approximately 20 performances, a 3-week Summer Theater Camp for kids, a master class by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Nilo Cruz, and 22 free professional adult acting workshops for local artists. Programs will be offered at the Academy of Arts and Minds in Coconut Grove and Morphe Studio in Miami.

3. Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of programs presented by Artists in Residence in Everglades (AIRIE). AIRIE partners with Everglades National Park to support and enhance the arts and cultural heritage of this subtropical wilderness through artist residency and public outreach programs. To commemorate AIRIE's 15 year anniversary and the Centennial of the National Park Service, AIRIE will present a series of performances, lectures and workshops that will primarily take place at Everglades National Park, as well as other venues throughout Miami-Dade County.

4. Brazz Dance Theater Incorporated d/b/a Augusto Soledade BrazzDance *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of Brazz Dance Theater d/b/a Augusto Soledade BrazzDance. The company seeks to promote dance as a form of art through the production and presentation of dance concerts, classes and workshops. This year, the company will support a season-long initiative to bring the company's Arfo-Fusion style of dance programs to the company's primary performance venue - the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center - as well as the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and the Colony Theatre on Miami Beach.

5. CACEC, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of events by CACEC, an organization which seeks to empower the South Dade and West Kendall community with arts, education and cultural expression. The performances will incorporate creative movement, music, dance, poetry and drama. Events will take place at the Miriam Dean Pratt Community Center, the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center, Christ the King Performance Hall and Larry & Penny Thompson Park. CACEC was founded to develop high quality arts programs, projects and events for the residents and visitors of southwest Miami-Dade County.

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6. Civic Chorale of Greater Miami *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami. The chorale, in partnership with Miami Dade College's Community Chorus, will produce a series of concerts and open summer rehearsal programs of diverse choral literature at venues throughout Central and South Miami-Dade, including St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Temple Bet Shira and the William and Joan Lehman Theater. The chorale will continue the tradition of presenting the annual *Messiah Sing-In*, now in its 44th year, at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church.

7. Community Arts And Culture, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 series of community-based festivals and special events presented by Community Arts and Culture (CAC). Festivals include the 18th annual Afro Roots World Music Festival and the Day at the Beach Series. In addition, CAC will continue to present community-wide projects that feature world music and art, educational workshops and performances. Events will take place in venues located in Little Haiti and North Beach.

8. Community Theatre of Miami Lakes, Inc., d/b/a Main Street Players
2015-2016 Program Activities *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season, which takes place from October 2015 through September 2016. During the season, the Main Street Players will produce and present four (4) live theatrical plays, dramas, comedies and musicals, which have been carefully determined by the script committee under the guidance of the theatre's Artistic Director. All performances will take place at the Main Street Playhouse, located in downtown Miami Lakes.

9. Deco Echo Artists Delegation d/b/a Center for Folk and Community Art
2015-2016 Program Activities *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 creative writing/drawing workshop series and traveling mural exhibition presented by the Center for Folk and Community Art. The project will feature a multi-paneled tapestry crafted with stories and artwork created at various workshops at schools and community centers throughout Miami-Dade County. Program participants will express their personal experiences regarding a specific issue and create a tapestry of panels, which will then be displayed at local district venues.

10. Delou Africa, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of community-based programming. Activities include the annual African Diaspora Dance and Drum Festival of Florida, the Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration, guest artist workshops and performance series, community drum and dance classes, and various educational programs. Programs will primarily take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center, with a presentation scheduled at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami.

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11. **Fire Haus Projects, Inc. f/a for The Unconservatory, Inc.**
2015-2016 Program Activities *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of concert performances and educational activities produced by The Unconservatory. Main stage concerts presented as part of the annual *Gala for Two Pianos*, will take place at the Miami Conservatory of Music in Coconut Grove. Educational events and programs will take place at various public and private schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Performances will feature acoustic ensembles, professional and student performers, as well as solo and duo piano performances.

12. **Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.**
2015-2016 Program Activities *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of 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 will primarily take place at the Harold Golen Gallery and Bakehouse Art Complex, as well as other galleries located throughout Miami's Wynwood Art District.

13. **Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.**
2015-2016 Program Activities *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of events 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 traditional rituals and festivals for residents and tourists of South Florida. All events are free and open to the public.

14. **Ground Up And Rising, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of Ground Up and Rising, a theater company dedicated to providing dramatic presentations that speak to a younger generation of theater patron. This season, the company will present a series of low cost and free productions at Artistic Vibes in Kendall and The Gleason Room at the Fillmore Miami Beach. The company will also continue its arts and education initiatives with its collaborative partners, GableStage and Miami Dade College.

15. **Homestead Community Concert Association, Inc.**
2015-2016 Program Activities *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of the Homestead Community Concert Association (HCC). This season, HCC will present four professional music performances to be held at the South Dade High School Auditorium between December 2015 and March 2016. These concerts, now in their 38th annual season, provide high quality, touring soloists and music ensembles at an affordable price and convenient location to residents of far South Miami-Dade as well as visitors from the Upper Florida Keys.

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16. **Key Biscayne Fountation, Inc. f/a for Art Heart Foundation, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the Art Heart Artist-in-Residence program for teaching artists to serve child and adult patients and their families undergoing treatment in Miami hospitals. The residency program will culminate in a series of public exhibitions of works created at various museums throughout Miami-Dade County, including the Miami Children's Museum, the Key Biscayne Community Center and local hospital galleries for child and adult patients to enjoy. All exhibitions will be open to the public.

17. **Mad Cat Theatre Company, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of Mad Cat Theatre. Founded in 2000, the Mad Cat Theatre Company seeks to produce and present a series of theatre productions that provoke thought, discussions, and enlighten its audience about diversity through what is presented to audiences onstage and challenges them to reflect on their own lives. Mad Cat Theatre will present their season at The SandBox at Miami Theater Center in Miami Shores, with additional performances anticipated at other venues throughout Miami-Dade County.

18. **Marti Productions, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 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. This year, Marti Productions will present four events featuring traditional Spanish music, Broadway favorites, folkloric dance and dramatic arts. Events are scheduled to take place at the Manuel Artime Theater and the historic Lyric Theatre in Overtown, with smaller-scale outreach performances planned at The Big Five Club in Westchester.

19. **Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc. f/a for Pioneer Winter Collective** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of programs and performances presented by the Pioneer Winter Collective (PWC). This year, PWC will present Project LEAP, a performing program for teens to promote art as a vehicle of social change and self-expression; *Grass Stains*, a platform for South Florida-based artists to create site-specific work throughout Miami, offered free and open to the public; as well as new works and works-in-progress performed by company dancers at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, such as RIFT Blackbox Theater, the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, the Deering Estate at Cutler, among others.

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20. Miami Piano Circle, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of performances presented by the Miami Piano Circle (MPC). MPC presents a series of traditional and contemporary piano and chamber ensembles at traditional and non-traditional venues throughout Miami-Dade County. This year, MPC will present the *Piano in the Parks* concert series, a free series of classical, jazz, and pop music concerts at SoundScape Park in Miami Beach; a chamber concert entitled *Klezmer Miami Project: Tango Fusion* at the Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach; and *MIAMI GRANDS*, a 10-piano show with visual projections sprawling the three sails above the stage at the New World Center.

21. The Miami Rail Publishing Corporation *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of public programs and events presented by Miami Rail Publishing Corporation. Founded in 2012, the organization seeks to provide high quality critical coverage of arts and culture by and for the Miami community through its publication, *The Miami Rail*. The journal, which covers local visual and performing arts from the perspective of Miami-based and visiting writers, and international cultural issues from the perspective of Miami writers, is available free of charge in print and online. Additionally, the organization presents three public programs per quarter: the Visiting Writer Lecture Series, the Reading Art Book Club, and Block by Block Local Writer Talks.

22. Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season, featuring a 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, the Miami Watercolor Society provides student exhibitions, senior citizens' activities and produce publications about the art form.

23. Miami Wind Symphony, Inc. *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of performances presented by the Miami Wind Symphony (MWS). Founded in 2010, the organization seeks to provide South Florida with a world-class professional wind orchestra. The MWS performs in concert throughout South Florida, and also works with school music programs and students in the community to encourage their musical education. Performances are scheduled to take place at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center at the south campus of Florida International University.

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24. **Mz. Goose, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of activities 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. In addition, the organization will present *The Holiday Merriment* program, a free series of crafts workshops for underprivileged youth; the annual *Earth Day Celebration*; a *Bahamian Independence Day Celebration*, and other outreach events with collaborative partners and neighborhood organizations.

25. **National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally III, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of exhibitions by the National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally III (NAEMI). Founded in 1988, NAEMI's mission is to increase public awareness, knowledge, and understanding of art that is conceived and created by persons recovering from mental illnesses through the discovery, study, promotion, exhibition and preservation of their art. NAEMI also provides opportunities for artistic and vocational development through the exhibition and sale of art works. Exhibitions will take place at various locations throughout Miami-Dade, including Ideobox, Borders Gallery and Centro Cultural Español in downtown Miami.

26. **North Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of community concerts, featuring light classics, marches, overtures, show tunes and music from the "Big Band" era. Performances are scheduled to take place at a number of neighborhood venues, including the Gwen Margolis Community Center, senior centers and nursing homes. The orchestra will also collaborate with the City of North Miami and participate in the annual Fourth of July Concert.

27. **Red Chemistry, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of Red Chemistry, which seeks to promote the art of filmmaking by providing a forum for foreign filmmakers so they may present their films at independently produced Florida film festivals. This year, Red Chemistry will present its signature program, *The European Film Festival* (previously known as *Romance in a Can*) at various film venues including O Cinema, Books and Books and the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center, among others. In addition, Red Chemistry will continue to present its outreach programs for seniors at the Key Biscayne Community Center and educational programs for children and young adults at various schools located throughout Miami-Dade County.

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28. **Siempre Flamenco, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of Siempre Flamenco. Founded in 2002, the company's mission is to promote awareness of and preserve the art and tradition of flamenco music and dance. This year, the company will present the 11th annual *Festival of Flamenco Song* at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, as well as the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, Temple Emanuel in Miami Beach and PAN – Performing Arts Network Performance Space in North Miami. A series of educational and outreach programs are also planned to complement the performance season.

29. **South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of *Music in Beautiful Spaces*, an annual chamber music series 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, including the Coral Gables Museum, the Miami Beach Botanical Garden and the 1100 Block Outdoor Stage on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach.

30. **South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of programs and performances by the South Florida Friends of Classical Music. Programs include the Miami International Music Academy, the Miami World Music Festival, and the Miami Chamber Players. Performances will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including the Miami Lakes Congregational Church, the Florida International University Wertheim Theater, and the Miami Dade College Lehman Theater in North Miami, among others.

31. **The Arts at St. Johns, Inc.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of The Arts at St. Johns. The organization, in its 17th season, will continue to provide season of multidisciplinary programs while supporting local and emerging artists, building community through the arts, and using the arts as a tool to address social issues. Events are scheduled to occur at the grounds of St. Johns Church in mid-Miami Beach and other surrounding venues.

32. **The Cove/Rincon Corp.** *Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*
2015-2016 Program Activities

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 season of events which includes monthly presentations by local, national and international artists at Florida International University - South Campus. Additionally, funds will support Cove/Rincón's education and outreach programs as well as the publication of the organization's monthly magazine. The organization is dedicated to fostering collaborations among artists by providing them with a forum to showcase and create their work.

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33. **The Miami Classical Guitar Society, Inc.**

2015-2016 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2015-2016 International Guitar Masters and Laureates Series, which is expected to take place at St. Bede Episcopal Chapel at the University of Miami, Saint Phillip's Episcopal Church in Coral Gables and Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Palmetto Bay. The series will showcase the talents of a number of renowned national and international classical guitarists representing various countries around the world, including Spain, Russia, the United States and Italy, among others. Additionally, the organization will present the first-prize winners of international guitar competitions of the Guitar Foundation of America and Coria, Spain. Master classes and lectures will also be presented as part of the season.