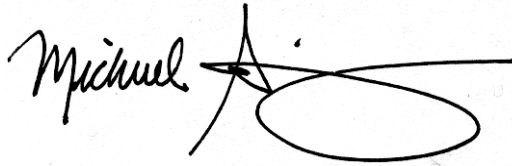


Date: May 17, 2017

To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director

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Subject: FY 2017-2018 Cultural Development Grants (CDG) Program Recommendations

The FY 2017-2018 award recommendations for the Cultural Development Grants Program will be set at an equal level for each organization that is funded. The program's FY 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 21 grants for the FY 2017-2018 Cultural Development Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Cultural Development Grants Program, chaired by Council member Mireille Chancy Gonzalez, convened on April 20, 2017 to review 21 applications requesting a total of \$1,050,000. The panel recommended funding all 21 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, within or across artistic fields and disciplines, which demonstrate 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.

The panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management and financial capability; 3) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment for Miami-Dade County; and 4) effective and illuminating education programs and public outreach initiatives to specialized populations.

Funding for the Cultural Development Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2017-2018 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

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1. Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, a company dedicated to presenting authentic Flamenco dance with live music in theatrical settings and expanding the art form beyond traditional limits and to appeal to broad based audiences. This season the company will present collaborations of new works as part of their mainstage season at the Colony Theater on Miami Beach. Additionally, the company will continue to present smaller-scale performances at various venues throughout Miami Dade County and continue its series of educational and outreach performances in collaboration with various community-based organizations.

2. Chopin Foundation of the United States, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-18 season activities of the Chopin Foundation of the United States, including the "Chopin for All" Free concert series, Chopin Salon Concerts, and three events presented in collaboration with other organizations. All events will take place within Miami-Dade County. The funds will help to pay artistic and administrative expenses, venue and office rent and some marketing expenses.

**3. Coral Gables Congregational Church
(United Church of Christ), Inc.**
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the Coral Gables Congregational Church Community Arts Program. The program stages its renowned June-August Summer Concert Series (33rd season in 2018) of internationally-renowned jazz and classical artists in performances and master classes. The program also offers an August-May Conservatory for the Arts to provide children (ages 5-18) with affordable in-depth music theory classes, one-on-one instrument training, and "active-learning" ensembles.

**4. Florida International University Board of Trustees
for the Benefit of School of Music**
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the FIU Music Season presented by the FIU School of Music. The 2017-2018 season will continue celebrating over 20 years in the Wertheim Performing Arts Center with many world-renowned musicians. The concert season will include chamber festivals, chamber series, and orchestral, jazz, chorus, and Latin music.

5. FUNDarte, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support FUNDarte's 15th season of cultural programming, serving South Florida's widely diverse community while supporting professional opportunities for local artists; educational residency activities with visiting artists that expand creative, critical and social perspectives among participants; and international exchange projects with artists in different disciplines and geographic locations.

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6. Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center. The center is dedicated to protecting the natural environment by providing environmental educational programs to the private and public school systems, as well as hosting various cultural arts events and programs that celebrate the environment. Events include rotating art exhibits, outdoor installations and lectures. All events will take place at the Biscayne Nature Center located on Key Biscayne.

7. Miami Beach Film Society, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support annual and ongoing programs at the Miami Beach Cinematheque. Located at Miami Beach Old City Hall, an historic building in the heart of South Beach, the Cinematheque offers weekly film screenings of foreign, art and classic films from across the globe and major film festivals such as the Sundance Film Festival, the Cannes Film Festival (among others), educational programming, art exhibitions, multi-media presentations, a world class collection of film memorabilia and special events, in an effort to promote an alternative to the commercial cinema experience.

8. Miami Beach Garden Conservancy
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support to support the development and execution of horticulture and education programs, arts and culture programs; including music, live performance and visual art, lecture series, family programming and film presentations at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden.

9. Miami Dade College – Koubek Center
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 Koubek Center season of multidisciplinary, Hispanic heritage-rooted programs including Little Havana Social Club, a live music series celebrating Miami's diverse Latin cultures; Playtime, a bilingual cultural series for families; and En Residencia, an artist-residency program rooted in social practice for Latino artists.

**10. Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida
Moving Image Archives**
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 series of curated screenings and activities which explore the history and culture of Florida, especially South Florida, by means of its moving images, whether film or video offered at the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Archives at the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus. Since 1960, the Wolfson Archives is dedicated to preserving Florida's moving image history, sharing Florida's moving image history with educators, students, historians and individuals interested in Florida, providing filmmakers valuable visual elements for telling their stories, providing a

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nurturing training ground for future archivists, becoming a center for excellence and expertise in film preservation.

11. Miami Dade College - Museum of Art and Design
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 series of exhibits and programs presented by the Museum of Art + Design at Miami Dade College (MDC) at the Freedom Tower in downtown Miami. The mission of the museum is to encourage the appreciation and understanding of art and its role in society through direct engagement with original works of art and art-related creative processes. Exhibitions, educational programs, student tours and engagement activities are all offered for the public's enjoyment and to encourage inquiry, while building and preserving its collection in trust for future generations. All programs are offered free of charge and open to the public.

12. Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of programs presented by the Cultural Arts Department of the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center (MARJCC). This season, the Department will present a variety of community oriented cultural arts programming designed to appeal to general audiences, including dance programs, theatre presentations, a concerts series, author presentations, film and educational lectures. Programs will take place at the MARJCC, and various locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

13. New World School of the Arts - Dance Division
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the NWSA Dance Division's Professional Choreographers' Presentation Series. National and internationally renowned professional choreographers will create and/or stage significant works of dance in collaboration with professional dancers at New World School of the Arts. Each work will be premiered for the general public as part of the New World School of the Arts' Dance Division Concert Series in the fall and spring. Performances will take place at various locations, including the New World School of the Arts Theater, the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center, and the Olympia Theatre at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami, the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center, among others.

14. Nu Deco Ensemble, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-18 season of Nu Deco Ensemble, a 27+ member, virtuosic and flexible chamber orchestra focused on the commissioning of living composers, performance of eclectic genres, and community-wide education of classical based composition. During the 2017-18 season, Nu Deco will present various styles of music and media collaboration in both traditional and alternative venues, including The Light Box, New World Center, The Colony Theater, and the Arsht Center.

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15. Olympia Center, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support the presenting efforts of Olympia Theater's 2017-18 season, Olympia Theater Presents. The presenting efforts include the ongoing "In The Lobby Lounge" Series at the historic Olympia Theater, the Recent Cinema from Spain film series, the monthly Moth StorySLAMs, Comedy and Latin Concerts, and the South Florida premier of Vox Lumiere.

16. Sociedad Pro Arte Grateli, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support Sociedad Pro-Arte Grateli's 2017-2018 season including "Afro Cuban Festival" a revue of Afro Cuban music and dance; "Las Leandras" a traditional Zarzuela; a concert of traditional Latin American music; an anthology of the best of operettas from Spain and Cuba; and our annual Enrique Chia Concert, which brings delight to our audiences yearly, particularly the many seniors that attend our productions. All programs take place at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

17. The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support Dance Now! Miami's (DNM) 2017-2018 24-week season with 6 main stage concerts, 4 community/site specific performances and educational programming including classes, a summer intensive, lecture/demonstrations and open rehearsals at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex. The Season includes premieres by Artistic Directors Salterini and Baumgarten and NEW VOICES, DNM's newest initiative, bringing emerging choreographers from the national arena to create original works on the company.

18. The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds will be used to support administrative costs involved in our Cultural, Performing, Literary, Fine and Visual Arts programming.

19. The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds are requested to support Dranoff 2 Piano programming throughout the 2017-2018 performance season. Dranoff will present a season of internationally-renowned pianists and top local artists performing in Miami-Dade County's major concert venues. Dranoff will premiere a 2 piano commission for Miami audiences and present live Classical music performances, engaging over 10,000 teens in Miami-Dade County Middle and High schools.

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20. Tigertail Productions, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds will be used to support development and expansion of the organization core and its projects.

21. Zoetic Stage, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***CDG award to be determined
based upon available allocation***

Funds will be used to support Zoetic Stage's 2017-2018 season to present four exciting and relevant productions to the South Florida community: the world premiere of WRONGFUL DEATH AND OTHER CIRCUS ACTS, the Pulitzer Prize winning TOPDOG/UNDERDOG, the regional premiere of the groundbreaking musical FUN HOME, and a fourth production TBD. All will take place at the Arsht Center as part of the Theater Up Close series.