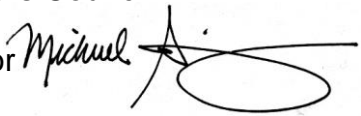


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Subject: Culture Shock Miami (CSM) – Discount Tickets for Youth Program

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- **Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective** - As reported in October, CSM joined The Adrienne Arsht Center's Education and Community Engagement team, Miami Theater Center (MTC), and the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center's (SMDCAC) Education and Outreach Division to form the Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective. This group of South Florida Presenters came together to identify and pool resources to meet the arts education needs of school-aged children, grades K-12, during the pandemic. The Collective seeks to support schools in Miami-Dade County, including Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (MDCPS) *Cultural Passport Program*, by providing diverse and high-quality virtual programming to students.

The following performances are being made available to schools on an on-demand basis:

- *A Kid's Play About Racism* (Theater - Grades K-5), October 2020 – May 2021;
 - *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* (Theater - Grades 6-12), October 26 – November 13;
 - *Hip Hop Nutcracker* (Dance - Grades K-12), December 7 – 18;
 - *Air Play* (STEAM-based curriculum, Acrobatics - Grades K-8), January 2021;
 - Black Violin (Music – Grades K-12), January and February 2021;
 - *Emil and The Detectives* (Theater - Grades 3-6), March 2021;
 - Ballet Hispanico (Dance - Grades K-12), April 2021; and
 - Inez Barlatier (Storyteller – Grades K-3), May 2021.
- **CSM Student Advisory Council** - CSM staff reactivated the program's Student Advisory Council in September and continues to hold virtual monthly meetings. Council members are involved in all aspects of decision making, launching new virtual initiatives to encourage participation in the arts amongst their peers, and serving as ambassadors for the arts in their respective schools. New initiatives include the CSM [Student Council Blog](#) launched in mid-November, and an *Outstanding Arts Educator* campaign. This initiative looks to honor teachers who have provided outstanding arts education during the pandemic. Selected teachers will be notified by December 10 and interviewed by student councilors via Zoom for a feature in the student blog. An update will be provided at the January Cultural Affairs Council meeting.
 - **Miami Book Fair 2020** - CSM Student Advisory Councilors are participating in a series of online book discussions being held by the *Miami Book Fair*. Student Councilor Jimena Romero Guzman, interviewed Elizabeth Lim, author of *New York Times* bestseller, *So This Is Love*; Councilors Melissa Manrique and Victoria Azurdia lead a virtual discussion with Gavriel Savit, author of *The Way Back*; and Soumia Hammi participated in a conversation with Mark Oshiro to discuss his new book, *Each One is a Desert*. The interviews are featured on the newly launched CSM Student Council blog.
 - **Cultural Partners Update** - Vizcaya Museum and Gardens continues to provide a monthly allotment of 50 tickets to the program. The \$5 CSM tickets have been selling out since the museum re-opened its grounds in May. As of November 1, The Bass Museum of Art renewed its monthly allotment, offering 30 tickets via the program's website. Other cultural partners who have offered tickets include Dance Now Ensemble, The Deering Estate, and Fantasy Theatre Factory.

- **2020/21 Season Update** – Staff continues to work with agents and venues to reschedule performances from the program's 2019/20 season. The presentation of three (3) performances originally scheduled to take place between April and August 2020 are being renegotiated as artists re-evaluate their routing plans for the 2020/21 season. In addition to the virtual performances planned in collaboration with the Miami-Dade Arts Education Collective, CSM staff is considering other performances this season including a collaboration with Miami Dade College's *Live Arts* to co-present multi-media, animation performance artist, Miwa Matreyek.

Please be sure to visit *Online Experiences* at www.CultureShockMiami.com.