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To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director 

Subject: FY 2017-2018 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program
Recommendations

The FY 2017-2018 award recommendations for the Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. 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 36 grants for the FY 2017-2018 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2017-2018 DAN Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Xavier Cortada, convened on June 29, 2017 to review 36 applications requesting \$540,000. The Panel recommended funding all 36 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 2017-2018 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. Academia de las Luminarias de las Bellas Artes, Inc.

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 performing arts season, A.L.B.A.'s 29th annual season, which includes the 5th annual presentation of ALBA's *Lecuona International Music Festival* at Miami-Dade County Auditorium; a comedy titled *Three Widows on a Cruise* at Teatro de Bellas Artes; a poetry and music recital at Goodlet Theater in Hialeah; and a program focused on the music of Chaplin, Porter, and Gershwin in the Black Box Theater at Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

2. Alhambra Music, Inc.

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of free or nominal-cost public concerts, including three symphonic concerts, a Halloween multimedia concert for children, a holiday pops concert, a Baroque chamber concert and summer opera program. Outreach efforts include a concerto competition for youth and chamber music workshop. Programs will take place at Florida International University's Wertheim Auditorium, Ransom Everglades in Coconut Grove, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Pinecrest Gardens, and various locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

3. Antiheroes Project, Inc. (FundArte, Inc. as fiscal agent)

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season, which includes the creation, production and presentation of contemporary performing arts programs, literary events and a year-round workshop series. The company places special emphasis on the development of collaborative projects and workshops focused on fostering inclusion through the arts among individuals with and without disabilities of all age groups. This season, the organization will present a series of multidisciplinary theater pieces by a collective of Miami-based Latino artists, author presentations and a full series of workshops for children and adults. Programs will take place at various locations throughout Miami-Dade, including Artefactus Teatro in West Kendall, Centro Cultural Español and the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, among others.

4. Arca Images, Inc.

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support outreach initiatives of the 2017-2018 season of Arca Images, a theater company that presents both original contemporary theater and new adaptations of classic works. In addition to mainstage productions taking place at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, the 2017-2018 season will include additional theater productions and theater arts education opportunities for the local community, specifically: master classes taught by invited theater professionals, sixteen youth workshops, one student production with participants at Bridgeprep Academy of Arts and Minds, thirty adult acting workshops and one production of a play with adult students to take place at the Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center in Little Havana.

5. Brazz Dance Theater Incorporated d/b/a Augusto Soledade BrazzDance

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Brazz Dance Theater d/b/a Augusto Soledade BrazzDance (ASBD). This season the company will present a free performance at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts as part of their international residency program with Bale Jovem de Salvador; the *Capturing Brazzdance* exhibit of photographs and original art works inspired by company dancers in motion at the Amadlozi Gallery at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center; and the continuation of its education and outreach programs for children, *ASBD for ABCs: Promoting Literature Through Dance* initiative. In addition, ASBD will perform with other dance partners and collaborators, such as Dale Andre and the National Water Dance Project and other collaborative opportunities that may arise over the course of the performance season.

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6. **Civic Chorale of Greater Miami**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami. The Chorale, in partnership with Miami Dade College's Community Chorus, will produce a series of four choral concerts of diverse choral literature at venues throughout Central and South Miami-Dade, including St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Pinecrest Gardens. The Chorale will also continue the tradition of presenting the annual *Messiah Sing-In*, now in its 46th year, at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church.

7. **Community Arts And Culture, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 series of community-based festivals and special events presented by Community Arts and Culture (CAC). Festivals include the inaugural *Concerts for Social Change* series and the 20th annual *Afro Roots World Music Festival*. 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, North Beach, Doral, Homestead and Coral Gables.

8. **Delou Africa, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of community-based programming. Activities include the *DanceAfrica Miami Festival Concert Extravaganza*, the Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration, the Annual Spring Music and Dance Concert, guest artist workshops and performance series, community drum and dance classes and various educational programs. All programs will take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center.

9. **El Ingenio, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of El Ingenio, a theater company dedicated to providing Hispanic theater, preserving Hispanic/Latino culture, and deepening Latino heritage by way of the performing arts. This season the company will present a musical concert at Cubaocho Museum and Performing Arts Center; the second annual *Cassandra International Women's Theater Festival* featuring five plays by international artists, a photo exhibition, film screening and panel discussion. El Ingenio will also continue its ongoing theater workshops for children and youth. In addition to the Cubaocho Museum and Performing Arts Center, programs will take place at the Koubek Center and Centro Cultural Español.

10. **Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season presented by the Florida Guitar Foundation. This year the Foundation will present five performances by world-renowned guitar masters and ensembles, the International Guitar Competition, a series of community outreach activities and master classes, "open mic" nights, and workshops at local schools and hospitals. The concert series will take place at the Clarke Recital Hall at the University of Miami; additional events and performances will take place at locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

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11. **Florida Opera Prima, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

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Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of operas, zarzuelas and outreach programs presented by Florida Opera Prima. This season the company will present classics such as *Los Gavilnaes*, *Messiah*, and *Rigoletto* at The Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theater, senior centers and schools. In addition, Florida Opera Prima will partner with the City of Miami Beach to present a free festival in May 2018, the *Zarzuela on the Beach Festival*, at the North Beach Bandshell. The festival will feature twelve Cuban and Spanish zarzuelas, participation by members of the Voices of Miami, Miami Beach Senior Chorus and local jota, flamenco and seguidilla dancers.

12. **Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of 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 include *FETA FEST*, the *Sound Bites* series, *Experimental Music of the Americas* series, *Ars Feminae Miamiae*, *Street: Festival of Electronic Music, Art and Performance* and FETA8MCM, a children's program at Miami Children's Museum. Performances will take place at the Harold Golen Gallery, the Center for Visual Communication in the Wynwood Art District and the Betsy Hotel on Miami Beach.

13. **Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of 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.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Ground Up and Rising, a theater company dedicated to providing dramatic presentations that speak to a younger generation of theater patrons. This season the company will present a series of plays by award-winning playwrights and a world premiere production at little or no cost at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC). The company will also collaborate with SMDCAC to offer arts and education outreach initiatives for children and youth visiting the center.

15. **Homestead Community Concert Association, Inc. (Homestead Center for the Arts as fiscal agent)**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 2017 and March 2018. These concerts, now in their 41st 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. **Juggerknot Theatre Corporation**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season, *Miami Motel Stories*. Founded in 1998, Juggerknot Theatre Corporation seeks to support artists in Miami and around the world by providing a forum where they can perform or showcase their works to new audiences; present original and challenging works in creative settings; and invite audiences to engage in new dialogue. This season, the company will present *Miami Motel Stories*, an immersive, real-time theatrical experience set to take place at three historic hotels/motels within the City of Miami's oldest neighborhoods.

17. **Mad Cat Theatre Company, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 Miami Theater Center Mainstage in Miami Shores, with additional performances at The Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Center for the Performing Arts and Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, with additional venues to be determined as the season progresses.

18. **Marti Productions, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 three events featuring traditional Spanish music, Broadway favorites, folkloric dance and dramatic arts. Events are scheduled to take place at the Manuel Artime Theater, the Goodlet Theater in Hialeah and Koubek Center.

19. **Miami Piano Circle, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 perform for residents and participants of the after school music program at the Edison Corps Salvation Army in Little Haiti; selections of Scandinavian chamber music by Edvard Grieg and Jean Sibelius at the Steinway Gallery in Coral Gables; and *CONSTELLATIONS*, an original ten-piano multimedia event at the New World Center on Miami Beach.

20. **Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 and senior citizens' activities and produces publications about the art form.

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21. **Miami Wind Symphony, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

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Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 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 and Pinecrest Gardens.

22. **Moksha Arts Collective, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Moksha Arts Collective (MAC). Founded in 1999, the organization seeks to provide a platform for local artists from the South Florida region to collaborate, creating unique works for the community while fomenting, encouraging, and mentoring local talent. This season, MAC will present a series of gallery openings featuring art exhibitions which are free and open to the public; a digital gallery intended to serve as an extension of the physical space, whereby additional information would be easily accessible and available for the general public and individuals with disabilities; and the 11th annual *Moksha Art Fair*, a satellite event to *Art Basel* scheduled to take place at the MAC Space Gallery and Naomi's Garden in Miami.

23. **Mz. Goose, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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.

24. **North Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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.

25. **PAXy, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season presented by PAXy. Founded in 2013, PAXy seeks to inspire creativity and inspire Miamians to become art lovers and artists by providing performance opportunities to emerging local talent. This season PAXy will present *Wake Up Miami!*, a series of live music and dance concerts that take place on Monday mornings at Miami-Dade's busiest Metrorail/Metromover station; *Nature Into Art/Art Into Nature*, a day of visual art exhibitions, performances, sound installations, live music and more at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden; and *Connecting Sweetwater Through the Arts*, a concert and film series in the City of Sweetwater intended to activate the city's public plaza currently under construction.

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26. **Pioneer Winter Collective, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of programs and performances presented by the Pioneer Winter Collective (PWC). The season will feature professional contemporary dance and physical theater performances that will take place at various venues and locations throughout Miami-Dade County - including premieres and repertory works; outreach initiatives including Project LEAP (a performing program for teens to promote art as a vehicle of social change and self-expression); and *Grass Stains*, a platform for South Florida-based artists to create site-specific work throughout Miami. Performances will take place at O Cinema in Wynwood, the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, The Light Box at Goldman Warehouse, among other venues throughout Miami Dade County.

27. **Siempre Flamenco, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 open the season with their performance of *Flamenco Soul of Manuel de Falla* at the Fillmore Miami Beach's Gleason Room; *Flamenco Sephardit 5* with Maestro Jeffrey Eckstein at Temple Emanu-El on Miami Beach; the 13th annual *Festival of Flamenco Song* at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts; and performances at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and PAN – Performing Arts Network performance space in North Miami. The company will continue its annual education and outreach initiatives in partnership with the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

28. **South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of chamber music performances 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 Jewish Museum of Florida, among other venues throughout Miami-Dade County.

29. **South Florida Bluegrass Association, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of activities presented by the South Florida Bluegrass Association (SFBA), the only association in Miami-Dade County dedicated to the teaching and preservation of bluegrass music. The SFBA will present their annual *Everglades Bluegrass Festival* as well as a series of monthly one-day mini-festivals at Greynolds Park in North Miami. All programs will feature local and nationally known bluegrass musicians.

30. **South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of events presented by the South Florida Center for Percussive Arts (SFCPA). Founded in 2013, SFCPA is dedicated to creating new and enhancing existing opportunities to study, perform, and enjoy music through percussion. The SFCPA provides programs from classical to world percussion and helps make music accessible to the surrounding West Kendall community through school presentations, workshops, and performances. In 2017-2018, the SFCPA will continue to present its three signature programs – the Community Jam Session, the *Free Friday Drum Jam* and community performances by the SFCPA Ensemble.

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31. **South Florida Composers' Alliance, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of the South Florida Composers' Alliance (SFCA). Founded in 1985 to foster knowledge, awareness and understanding of new, experimental music, sound art and the work of living composers and sound artists, the organization seeks to act as a link between artists and their community through support in the development of new work and through opportunities for artists working in the field of sound to experiment, discuss and disseminate new ideas. This season, SFCA will present an Artist-in-Residence program and the annual day-long Marathon Concert program, featuring over twenty-five local experimental music performers, artists and composers. Events will take place at The Audiotheque on Lincoln Road on Miami Beach.

32. **Teatro en Miami Corp.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Teatro en Miami (TEM) Corp. Founded in 2002, TEM seeks to promote and preserve Hispanic theater for local audiences. The 2017-2018 season includes the presentation of four professional theater programs taking place at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Teatro 8 and Havanafama Teatro Estudio. In addition, the company will continue to maintain www.TeatroenMiami.com, an online theater magazine providing reviews, critiques, articles and resources regarding the most important topics relevant to the national and international theatre scene.

33. **The Cove/Rincón Corp.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 and 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.

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

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 30th anniversary of the *International Guitar Masters and Laureates Series*, which will take place at St. Bede Episcopal Chapel at the University of Miami, Saint Phillip's Episcopal Church in Coral Gables, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Palmetto Bay, Centro Cultural Español and Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus. 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 held by the Guitar Foundation of America. Master classes and lectures will also be presented as part of the season, along with a three-day gala celebration of the organization's 30th anniversary.

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35. **Miami Rail Publishing Corporation**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 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 Miami Rail will present two public programs: the *Visiting Writer Lecture Series* and the *Block by Block* talks by local writers.

36. **The Opera Atelier, Inc.**

2017-2018 Program Activities

Award to be calculated based upon program funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of The Opera Atelier. Founded in 2012, the company presents original and classic works of opera through mainstage and education and outreach productions for all audiences. This season the company will present mainstage productions at the Aventura Cultural Arts Center and the Manuel Arttime Theater in Little Havana, with smaller-scale concerts, recitals, lectures and lecture-recitals taking place at Steinway Hall and University of Miami – Gusman Hall in Coral Gables, the Barry University Concert Hall and the company's home base, the Opera Atelier Sala Santa Cecilia in Little Havana.