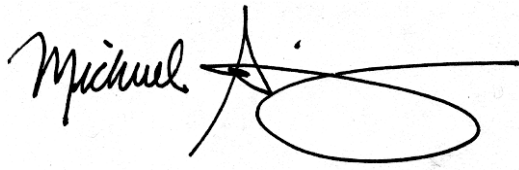


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To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director

Subject: FY 2017-2018 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Cultural Grants Program Recommendations



The FY 2017-2018 award recommendations for the Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural 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 19 grants for the FY 2017-2018 Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel, chaired by Council member Monty Trainer, convened on April 26, 2017 to review 19 applications requesting a total of \$570,000. The panel recommended funding all 19 applications.

The Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program provides funding and technical assistance support to mid-sized semi-professional and professional arts, scientific and historical organizations with a full-time presence in Miami-Dade County of presenting, performing or exhibiting a year-round season of cultural activities. Grants are awarded to not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations with annual operating budgets of \$100,000 or more. The Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program is designed to assist groups in reaching their long range goals by encouraging a proposal focusing on organization development and institution building.

The panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management capability and organizational development; 3) capacity to attract financial support; and 4) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment of area served.

Funding for the Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural 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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FY 2017-2018 HANNIBAL COX, JR. CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

1. Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season 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. Works completed during or following AIRIE's residency program will be featured as part of AIRIE's *Sundays in the Park*, a series of performances, lectures and workshops led by AIRIE Fellows at Everglades National Park. In 2017, AIRIE opened the AIRIE Nest, a multidisciplinary space located in the Everglades providing education and outreach programs on-site, complementing existing outreach programs that take place at other venues throughout Miami-Dade County.

2. Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of programs presented by the Bas Fisher Invitational (BFI). Founded in 2004, BFI provides local artists and artist-initiated projects space for free expression, creativity, discourse and experimentation. This year, the Bas Fisher Invitational will launch *Nomadic Miami*, a roving experimental itinerant structure and exhibition platform for programming at site-specific locations, and continue the *Weird Miami* exhibitions, bus tours, lectures, performances, and events. The majority of events offered by BFI are free and open to the public.

3. Creation Art Center Corporation
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of the Creation Art Center. Founded in 1983, the Creation Art Center's mission is to preserve and encourage Hispanic culture through arts education programs for children, young adults, older adults and the elderly in the local community. This year, Creation Art Center will present literary encounters, musical performances, art exhibitions, theater plays and other presentations featuring the talents and works of local and visiting artists and performers. All events will take place at the Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center, located in Little Havana.

4. Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami. Founded in 2006, the company promotes the art of classical ballet and the Cuban ballet style while developing future career classical dancers. This season performances will take place at the Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center in Little Havana, the Lehman Theater at Miami Dade College – North Campus and Miami Dade County Auditorium, among others. Additionally, special presentations of children's classics will be presented for students from the Miami-Dade County Public School System.

5. Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator (DVCAI). Founded in 1996, DVCAI seeks to promote, nurture and cultivate the vision and diverse talents of emerging artists from the Caribbean and Latin American Diaspora through exhibitions program, artists-in-residence program, international cultural exchange programs and education and outreach activities that celebrate Miami-Dade County's rich cultural and social fabric. DVCAI's *Caribbean Crossroads Series* will take place at gallery spaces and venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to the Maggie Knox Gallery, Font B Studios in the Bird Road Art District, among others.

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6. Edge Zones, Inc.

FY 2017-2018 Season

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Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 series of programs and activities presented by Edge Zones. The organization is committed to presenting an ambitious program of research of new works, performance and video festivals, art exhibitions, residencies and educational opportunities of more than 300 culturally diverse artists that reflect its mission to make contemporary art an integral part of the intellectual growth of the Miami community. Activities will take place at the organization's primary performance and exhibition space in Allapattah, as well as venues and exhibition spaces located throughout Miami-Dade County.

7. Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.

FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Friends of Chamber Music of Miami. The season will feature a series of performances by internationally renowned ensembles, concert recitalists and emerging musicians. Each ensemble will also participate in a series of master classes for advanced instrumental music students of the region's high schools, art magnet programs and colleges. Ensemble performances will take place at the Maurice Gusman Hall on the University of Miami Campus and the Coral Gables Congregational Church; other venues may be added as the season progresses.

8. Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc.

FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of the Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre. The company, formed in 1987, presents work in the field of opera, ballet and zarzuelas at venues throughout Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the company seeks to support and encourage young artists and provide them with various performance opportunities. This year, the company will perform programs that reflect the various musical styles of Spanish lyric music and its influences on non-Spanish composers. Performances will take place at the Florida International University Wertheim Performing Arts Center and the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

9. Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.

FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season presented by Karen Peterson and Dancers. The company will present a year-round series of community outreach performances, present new work with co-choreographer Katrina Weaver entitled *TIME* at the Excello Dance Space, and host *FORWARD MOTION: An International Festival of Physically Integrated Dance*. Workshops and performances will take place over three days in September 2018 at venues such as the Miami Dade County Auditorium and the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami, among others.

10. Main Street Players, Inc. d/b/a Main Street Players

FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season, which takes place from October 2017 through September 2018. During the season, the Main Street Players will produce and present four live theatrical plays, dramas, comedies and musicals, plus an additional play to be presented in Spanish, 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.

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11. Miami Dade College - Department of Arts and Philosophy
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 Jazz at Wolfson Visiting Artists Series (J-VAS!). Renowned jazz artists will be presented monthly at the Wolfson Auditorium, located at the downtown campus of Miami Dade College. Visiting artists will also work with students, conduct master classes and workshops. All performances are free and open to the public.

12. Miami Dade College – Teatro Prometeo
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season presented by Teatro Prometeo. This season, four main stage productions will be presented – *Esto es Troya (This is Troy)* by Francisco Lopez Salamanca, *Piaf* by Pam Gems, *El developer* (adaptation of Moliere's *The Miser*) by Johnny Acero, and *Cena para seis (Dinner for Six)* by Cristina Rebull. Teatro Prometeo will present the series at the Koubek Center, located in Little Havana.

13. Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 Miami Lyric Opera season, which consists of four full-scale opera productions, all with full orchestra, including *La Boheme*, *Carmen*, *Il Trovatore* and *Romeo and Juliet*. All performances will be held on select Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the South-Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay.

14. Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of the Miami Short Film Festival (MsFF), dedicated to promoting the short film genre showcasing films from one to thirty minutes long. This year the festival celebrates its 16th edition which will take place November 6-11, 2017 at the Cinapolis in Coconut Grove, with one screening each evening at the Miami Beach Cinematheque. In addition, MsFF will continue to host monthly film screenings at the Coconut Grove Cinapolis; present two free public screenings in Miami Beach and Doral; and redevelop our educational outreach program with a focus on student showcases and technical/skill development.

15. Orchestra Miami, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Orchestra Miami, whose mission is to provide symphonic music for all residents of South Florida. This season, Orchestra Miami will present several concerts for adults and children, most of which will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including Pinecrest Gardens, the Coral Gables Museum, the Miami Beach Bandshell, among others, as well as various schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

16. Patrons of Exceptional Artists, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season and the 21st annual *Miami International Piano Festival* including the Miami Beach Discovery Series at The Colony Theater and the Aventura Cultural Series at the Aventura Cultural Arts Center. Both series feature exceptional education opportunities with the artists. Patrons of Exceptional Artists seeks to discover, promote, support and document the great Masters of the keyboard emerging in this generation, rediscover unusual repertoire, become a resource to agents, promoters and orchestras, and build the audiences of the future to help insure the very existence of classical music.

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17. Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

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upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of Peter London Global Dance Company, dedicated to providing professional training, performance and choreographic opportunities for local dance artists. The company will perform repertory work alongside new choreographies by artists returning to Miami after successful forays in national and international companies. Performances, lectures and workshops will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, the Little Haiti Cultural Center, the Writer's Room at the Betsy Hotel on Miami Beach, among others.

18. Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2017-2018 season of the St. Martha - Yamaha Concert Series at Broad Performing Arts Center at Barry University. The concert series, founded in 1999, will present five music concerts featuring a wide range of musical genres, including classical, contemporary and crossover music. The company also plans to produce in-school performances and a student art program, whereby students from local schools will be asked to design the program cover art for each of the series performances.

19. University of Miami - School of Communication (Cosford Cinema)
FY 2017-2018 Season

***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the Cosford Cinema 2017-2018 season. The Cosford Cinema's mission is to provide an educational and cultural resource for the University of Miami and greater Miami-Dade County by programming a wide variety of contemporary, classic, and foreign films in a classic wide screen format. Programs at the Cosford Cinema include first run films and documentaries, panel discussions and lectures. All programs are open to the public.