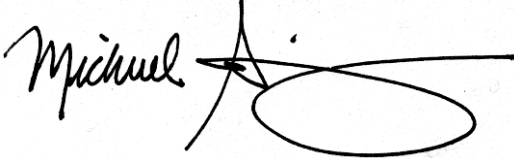


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To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director

Subject: FY 2018-2019 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Cultural Grants Program Recommendations



The FY 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 22 grants for the FY 2018-2019 Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel, chaired by Council member Monty Trainer, convened on June 7, 2018 to review 22 applications requesting a total of \$660,000. The panel recommended funding all 22 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 2018-2019 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. Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc.

FY 2018-2019 Season

Award to be calculated based upon HCJ funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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. Programs include an artist-in-residence program in Everglades National Park hosting 10 artists per year; exhibitions at the AIRIE Nest Gallery in the Everglades' Ernest Coe Visitor Center; and *Sundays in the Park* programs consisting of performances, artist-led excursions, artmaking workshops and outdoor exhibitions at various sites within the park's 1.5 million acres.

2. Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.

FY 2018-2019 Season

Award to be calculated based upon HCJ funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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 present *Nomadic Miami*, a roving and 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 2018-2019 Season

Award to be calculated based upon HCJ funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 Season

Award to be calculated based upon HCJ funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 season of Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami. Founded in 2006, the company seeks to promote the art of classical ballet and the Cuban ballet style while developing future career classical dancers. This season's 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 and the Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theater. Additionally, special presentations of children's classics will be presented for students from the Miami-Dade County Public School System.

5. Dade Heritage Trust, Inc.

FY 2018-2019 Season

Award to be calculated based upon HCJ funding formula

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 programs presented by Dade Heritage Trust (DHT), Inc. Founded in 1972, DHT's mission is to preserve Miami-Dade County's architectural, environmental and cultural heritage through education and advocacy. Programs include on-going exhibits, a walking tour and bike tour program, as well as expansion of current outreach and awareness efforts demonstrating the power and benefits of historic preservation. DHT will also expand their educational program geared to K-8 students, *Historic Places, Green Spaces*.

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6. Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.
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***Award to be calculated based
upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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, the 4726 Warehouse in the Bird Road Art District, the Gallery @ 400 South Pointe in Miami Beach, among others.

7. Edge Zones, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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 Allapatah, as well as other venues and exhibition spaces located throughout Miami-Dade County.

8. Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 season of Friends of Chamber Music of Miami. The season will feature ten 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, Temple Beth Am in Pinecrest, the Coral Gables Congregational Church and the Wertheim Performing Arts Center on the campus of Florida International University.

9. Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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.

10. Historic Hampton House Community Trust, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 season of events presented at the Booker Terrace / Hampton House Motel ("Hampton House"), an iconic segregation-era motel and lounge located in Miami-Dade County's Brownsville neighborhood.

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The Hampton House Trust is dedicated to preserving this unique period of cultural history by providing a forum for educational, cultural, and historic activities for community residents and visitors. This season will include collections development and management, programs and events designed to increase public understanding and awareness of historical resources and their preservation, public performances, cultural exhibits, and planning for future development activities.

11. Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 season presented by Karen Peterson and Dancers. The company will present a year-round series of community outreach performances, and develop new physically-integrated dance collaboration with video artist Maria Lino. In addition, the company will present the second edition of *FORWARD MOTION: An International Festival of Physically Integrated Dance*, one of the first festivals/conferences dedicated to showcasing groundbreaking physically integrated dance companies and choreography. Workshops and performances will take place over four days in September 2019 at Miami Dade County Auditorium.

12. Main Street Players, Inc. d/b/a Main Street Players
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 season, which takes place from October 2018 through September 2019. During the season, the Main Street Players will produce and present five 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.

13. Miami Dade College - Department of Arts and Philosophy
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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.

14. Miami Dade College – Teatro Prometeo
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 season presented by Teatro Prometeo. This season, four main stage productions will be presented – *Inti* by Alejandra Ramos Riera; *The Spanish Vampiro* by Luis Santeiro, a yet untitled new work by Emilio Rodriguez and a fourth show to be determined by the theatre's newly hired artistic director. In addition, a series of workshops will be offered for professional theatre artists and youth. Teatro Prometeo will present the series at the Koubek Center located in Little Havana.

15. Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 Miami Lyric Opera season, which consists of four full-scale opera productions, all with full orchestra, including *La Cenerentola*, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, *Il Trovatore* and an Opera Gala. All performances will be held on select Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the South-Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay.

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16. Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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upon HCJ funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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 17th edition which will take place November 7-11, 2018 at the Cinepolis in Coconut Grove. In addition, MsFF will continue to host free public film screenings throughout Miami-Dade County; continue educational outreach programs with focus on student showcases, educational workshops, question & answer sessions, technical/skill development; and partner with local community organizations to host *Focus On* screening events.

17. Orchestra Miami, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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, which will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including Pinecrest Gardens, the Coral Gables Museum, the Scottish Rite Temple, the Miami Beach Bandshell, among others. In addition, Orchestra Miami will continue its education and outreach program at various schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

18. Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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.

19. Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 season of the St. Martha - Yamaha Concert Series. This season, four music concerts featuring a wide range of musical genre, including classical, contemporary and crossover music will be presented. 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. Performances will take place at two venues located on the grounds of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Allapattah – the church's main sanctuary and La Merced, a museum/performance space/chapel constructed in the spirit of a Spanish colonial church.

20. Siempre Flamenco, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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 Sephardit / Passion and Grace* at Temple Emanu-El on Miami Beach; the 14th

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annual Festival of Flamenco Song at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, and performances at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay. The company will also continue its annual education and outreach initiatives in partnership with the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

21. South Florida Composers' Alliance, Inc.
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support the 2018-2019 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 new works created a new 32-channel sound system installed at Audiotheque. The company will offer six artist residencies; each artist will create a sound art exhibit to be shared with the public as exhibitions for periods of up to 6 weeks each. The Audiotheque is located at ArtCenter South Florida, which will partner with SFCA for these projects.

22. University of Miami – Frost School of Music
FY 2018-2019 Season

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

Funds are requested to support *Frost Music Live!*, a series of musical performances of various genres featuring international musical guest artists, Frost School artist-faculty and award-winning student ensembles. *Frost Music Live!* will also provide educational components as part of their series, such as master classes, open rehearsals, and talks with the artists. Performances take place September 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 at various locations such as the Maurice Gusman Concert Hall, Victor E. Clarke Recital Hall and Watsco Center at the University of Miami, and the Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center in downtown Miami.