

NERISSA STREET

Nerissa Street firmly believes artists can and must succeed as entrepreneurs if they are to endure and make significant contributions to their communities.

“When an artist starves, the community is robbed of the inspiration and creativity that only she can provide,” says Street.

Nerissa’s company, The Artist Initiative, connects artists to resources so that they can take their financial lives into their own hands. Nerissa is the founder of **The Art = Wealth®** Program, an educational series designed to eliminate the “starving artist” syndrome. She’s a three-time grant panelist for the Broward County Cultural Division, and is on their Artist Micro-Credit Program Committee. She served four years on the board of a non-profit with a multi-million dollar budget. She is also a teacher for the Family Literacy Arts Program at Lillie C. Evans Elementary in Miami.

Nerissa has been featured in The Miami Herald, Miami Today, the EastSider, Education Week Magazine, and has appeared on Hot 105 FM (Florida) and WTPS 1080 AM (Florida). She is a contributing author to ***Women of Color Pray*** (Skylight Paths Press), ***Lessons on Living Abundantly*** (UFBL Press). Her essays have been published in Natural Awakenings magazine, Success South Florida, and The Miami Herald.