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Encore Award recipients included (from left) Octavio Ortiz, Mills Corporation; Ben Menasche and Debbie Alley, City of Pembroke Pines; Michael Goodman; Cindy Stoddart of Comcast; Irvin Lippman, Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale; artist Janie Casoria; Ray Leightman, Northern Trust Bank of Florida; and Earl Bosworth, Broward County Cultural Division.

ArtServe Honors Visionary Leaders

More than 200 guests joined ArtServe and title sponsor BankAtlantic to honor visionaries and community arts leaders at the 17th Annual ArtServe Encore Awards. The winners of the 2006 awards included Michael Goodman, Individual Leadership Award; the City of Pembroke Pines, Government Leadership Award; Comcast, Business Leadership Award; MAC Papers, Professional Pro Bono Award; the Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Northern Trust Bank of Florida and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, Arts Collaboration Award; and Janie Casoria, Artist of the Year for Community Impact. Each honoree received an original fused stained glass award created by ArtServe

member and 2005 Artist of the Year Nadine Egan Floyd.

In addition to the Encore Awards, the ArtServe President's Award was given to the Mills Corporation and the staff of the Broward Cultural Division received the 2006 ArtServe Special Recognition Award. The 2006 Star Awards, presented to outstanding volunteers in the arts community, were given to Annabella Chaples, members of FAB!, Beth Katz, Betty Mayhue Lynch, Mark Nerenhausen and Ceci Weaver.

The Moretti Award for Cultural Excellence was presented to Ernestine Ray, curator of the Old Dillard Museum, by the Cultural Foundation of Broward in recognition of her work in developing the museum and Ancestral Legacies over the past 14

years. Ray's speech can be found on the Broward Cultural Division website at www.broward.org/arts/foundation/moretti.htm.

The Encore award winners were selected by a panel of judges including Broward Cultural Council Chair Anthony Abbate, Ginny Miller, Dawn Stagliano, Brooke Trace and Lili Tzikas.

ArtSpace Fort Lauderdale Receives Green Light

A groundbreaking was held in June for the long-awaited Sailboat Bend Artists Lofts following unanimous approval of the project by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. The Broward Cultural Division has spearheaded the project, a 10-year partnership involving the county, Minneapolis-based Artspace Projects and Lennar Homes. The project will create 37 affordable live/work space lofts for artists and a new home for the Broward County Historical Commission at the site of the historic West Side School. It is part of a larger Lennar Homes development in the Sailboat Bend area of downtown Fort Lauderdale.

The lofts will rent for an average of \$450 to \$1,000 per month for units that are larger than comparable units elsewhere. They will feature clean lines, 11-foot ceilings, cement





Peter Palin, chair of the Cultural Foundation of Broward, presents the Moretti Award to Ernestine Ray during the Encore Awards event.

flooring with a light color tint and basic interiors that will accommodate artistic elements to be created by the artists/renters themselves.

Interested artists should visit www.artspaceboatbend.org to learn more about the opportunity to live in the development. Residents will be selected through a process of interviews by a panel of peers as well as income qualification. Applicants must be able to illustrate a significant commitment to their art form.

In addition to the Board of County Commissioners and the Cultural Division, the Sailboat Bend Artist Lofts project has received support from the Broward County Historical Commission, Broward County Community Development Division, Housing Finance Authority of Broward County, City of Fort Lauderdale, School Board of Broward County, Sailboat Bend Civic Association, Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs, Lennar Homes, Citibank Community Development, Apollo Housing Capital, BankAtlantic and the Horvitz Family Foundation.

FAB! Grants Program Grows To \$180,000 in Third Year

In just its third year of existence, Funding Arts Broward (FAB!) awarded more than \$180,000 in

grants to 23 Broward County nonprofit visual and performing arts organizations. FAB! is funded by its more than 100 members, each of whom contributes \$1,000 in annual dues.

Organizations receiving grants of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 included Florida Grand Opera, Miami City Ballet, Young At Art Children's Museum, Ballet Gamonet Maximum Dance, City Theatre, Florida Youth Orchestra, the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, Gold Coast Jazz Society and Inside Out Theatre Company. Grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$9,000 were made to the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, Association of Performing Arts of India, Bailes Ferrer, Broward Art Guild, Coral Springs Museum of Art, Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Symphony of the Americas, The Women's Theatre Project, ArtServe, Broward Center of Dance and Theatre Arts and the Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus.

For the first time, \$2,500 Innovative Collaborative Grants were awarded to support partnerships aimed at fostering excellence in the arts and promoting unique, innovative and contemporary projects. Recipients included the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood with photojournalist

Colby Katz, ArtServe with photographer Irwin Weintraub, and Ballet Gamonet Maximum Dance with photographer Josephine Cardin.

This year's special grants were in memory of Thomas T. Kilhenny and in honor of Kelly and Brian Swette, Lillian and Benjamin Olefson, Connie and Theo Folz, Andrea Silverthorne and Patricia Peretz. The Albert Bishop Jazz Fund also established a special grant. FAB! has made grants of \$370,000 since its inception. For more information, call (954) 523-9594 or visit www.fundingartsbroward.org.

Carbonell Awards Celebrates 30th Year

Two Broward County theater companies were among the top honorees during the 30th Annual Carbonell Awards presentations at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Mosaic Theatre received the Best Ensemble award for its production of *Art*, while E. L. Losada captured the Best Actor in a Musical award for his performance in *Jekyll & Hyde* at Broward Stage Door Theatre.

In addition, two productions that appeared locally were honored in a new set of categories for stock and roadshow productions. The tour of *Hairspray* that appeared at the Broward Center brought awards to Jerry Mitchell for Best Choreography



(From left) Photographer Colby Katz is joined by Art and Culture Center of Hollywood Curator Samantha Salzinger and Joy Satterlee, executive director, at the FAB! grant presentations.



Students created colorful depictions of butterflies for the Coconut Creek art contest.

and Kenneth Posner for Best Lighting, while Harold Gould won the Best Actor Carbonell for his appearance in *Tuesdays With Morrie* at Fort Lauderdale's Parker Playhouse. Both shows were presented by Broadway Across America.

The Carbonell Awards program was established in 1976 to acknowledge excellence in theater and the arts throughout South Florida. The awards event raises funds for college scholarships. Since the program's inception, nearly \$100,000 has been awarded to South Florida students studying journalism and the performing arts.

Coconut Creek Students Create Butterfly Art

In celebration of 30 years of public art in Broward County, the City of Coconut Creek invited the art departments from the city's schools to participate in a contest that culminated at the Fourth Annual Butterfly Festival earlier this year. The schools were asked to have their students draw or create a butterfly design to reflect the City of Coconut Creek's distinction of being the "Butterfly Capital of the World."

Participating schools included Winston Park Elementary, under the art direction of Hans Kuhlman; Lyons Creek Middle School, under the art direction of Stephanie Richman; Monarch High School, under the art direction of Ann Ayers; North Broward Preparatory Middle School, under the art direction of Susan

Greeley; and North Broward Preparatory High School, under the art direction of Shelly Weiss.

The art was judged by Mayor Marilyn Gerber, Vice Mayor Jim Waldman and Commissioners Becky Tooley, Lou Sarbonne and Leonard Freund. The schools each received a \$500 check for their art departments from the City of Coconut Creek in recognition of their students' outstanding work.

Artists Create Hero Tributes

ArtServe and A National Salute to America's Heroes recognized six local artists as winners of a fighter jet pilot helmet design contest in conjunction with the recent McDonald's® Air & Sea Show® in Fort Lauderdale. The honorees included Janie Casoria, Nadine Egan Floyd, George Gadson, Tereza Hazelton, Timothy Leistner and Michael Anthony Thomas.

The helmets were shown at ArtServe in an exhibition, *Heroes, A National Salute*, and were later auctioned to



Michael Anthony Thomas' helmet, *Ordinary Heroes*, received the highest bid in the auction.



Heroes Defined, by Nadine Egan Floyd

raise funds for ArtServe and Ronald McDonald House Charities. The designs depicted each artist's concept of a hero, a role model or a tribute to an inspirational figure. Photos of the helmets can be seen on ArtServe's website at www.artserve.org.

Short Takes...

► **Art and Culture Center of Hollywood** Executive Director **Joy A. Satterlee** was named "Lexus Leader of the Arts" for the month of April by South Florida Lexus Dealers and WPBT Channel 2 in honor of her commitment to promote and preserve the arts in South Florida. Satterlee also was named the 2006 Woman of the Year in the Nonprofit Category by the Atlantic Chapter of Women in Communications.

► **Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF)** was one of just 11 organizations nationwide to participate in a four-day, 12-title presentation of the **2006 Full Frame Documentary Film Festival** in April. "This is what we are all about," says **Gregory von Hausch**, president and CEO of FLIFF. "With our art house, Cinema Paradiso, we are constantly striving to create the festival atmosphere on a year-round basis."

► The 20th anniversary season of **Miami City Ballet** culminated in a nationwide spring tour, with performances in Virginia, New York and New Jersey in April and May. The company is scheduled to perform at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Los Angeles Music Center from June 30 through July 2.

Correction

A photo caption in the Spring issue of *Cultural Quarterly* incorrectly identified Sara DeGregory as Lori Sessions' mother. In fact, DeGregory was Sessions' former high school drama teacher. Sessions' mother, Judy Slade, is equally proud that her daughter was named Broward County's 2005 Arts Teacher of the Year. ★