

# BROWARD CULTURAL DIVISION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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# OUR VISION

Our VISION for Broward is a community where the arts are essential and significantly contribute to the quality of life for our entire community. The public recognizes and appreciates their enormous value. The Cultural Division is committed to making the arts accessible to all.

Artists, arts organizations, their leadership and staff, feel connected to each other and to the broader arts community. Collaboration and innovation are a core focus of organizations' programming.

The arts are recognized as integral to the local tourism economy and are leveraged to attract corporate investment.

The business community actively supports the growth and development of the arts and view the arts as key to success.

# MISSION

**TO ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY'S CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS.** ””

## GOALS

- INCREASE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT
- CATALYZE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- BUILD CAPACITY AND LEARNING
- AMPLIFY STORIES AND ELEVATE OUR BRAND

## PILLARS

- ACCESS
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COLLABORATION
- INNOVATION

# INTRODUCTIONS



## PHILLIP DUNLAP

DIRECTOR

The state of the arts in Broward County is strong — and growing stronger. Our focus remains on ensuring that all residents can access and benefit from the County’s wide array of arts and culture opportunities.

In Fiscal Year 2024, we were proud to support more artists and organizations than ever before — a testament to our community’s commitment to the arts. This year, we funded 84 artists, a 15% increase over FY23, and supported 96 organizations, marking a 28% rise. These expanded opportunities have allowed us to nurture more creative voices, foster innovation, and deepen our impact across the region.

With the support of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and our Cultural Council, we continue to shape a Broward County that is more innovative and inspired than ever.



## MONICA CEPERO

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Broward County is deeply committed to advancing the arts and culture sector, recognizing its essential role in enhancing quality of life by fostering education, inclusion, and economic growth.

Our non-profit cultural sector generates more than \$386 million annually, reinforcing the arts as a cornerstone of Broward’s future.



## SENATOR NAN RICH

2024 BROWARD COUNTY MAYOR

As Mayor of Broward County, I’m proud to champion the powerful impact of arts and culture. Investing in the arts enhances quality of life, strengthens our economy, and fosters collaboration throughout our community.

As a “Collaboration County,” we unite government, business, education, and nonprofits to support a vibrant and resilient arts ecosystem for residents and visitors alike.

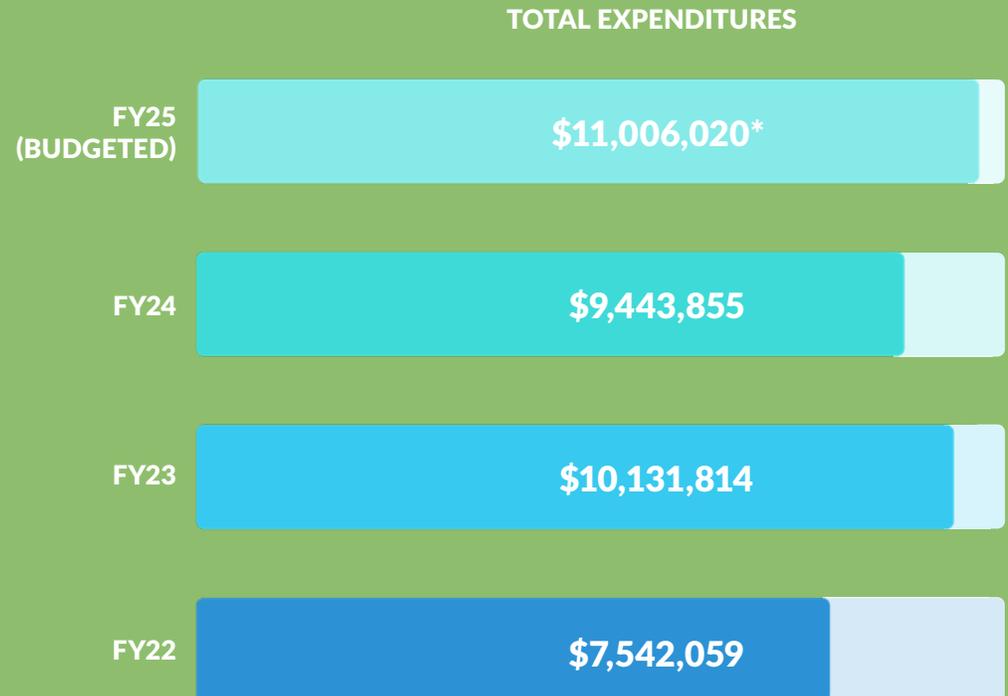
# FINANCIALS

## FY24 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Cultural Division’s FY2024 budget totaled \$9.14 million, reflecting stable public investment and strategic use of County funds to expand grantmaking, programming, and staff capacity. FY2025 is budgeted at more than \$10 million – a 9.5% increase aligned with the Division’s continued growth and goals.

### FY24 EXPENDITURES INCLUDED:

- \$5.92M in grantmaking to organizations and artists
- Program delivery and events
- Public art initiatives
- Administrative operations, including salaries and benefits



\*Public art expenditures vary from year to year (based on construction schedules) and will be updated with the actual expenditure in the FY25 report.

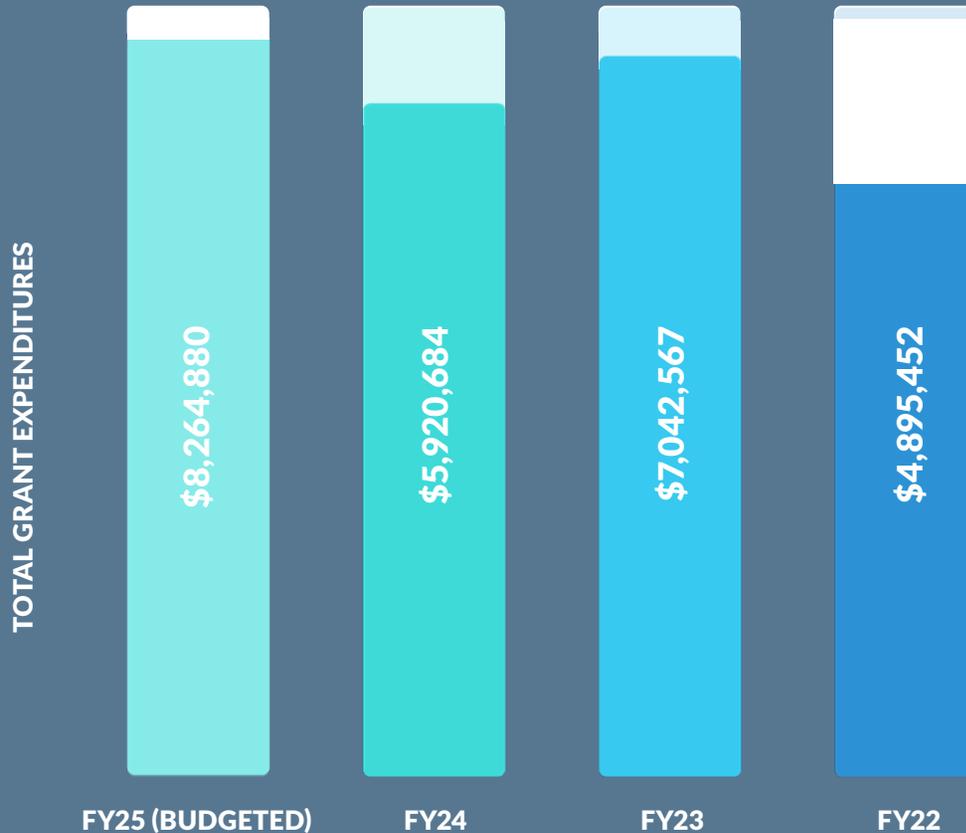
# GRANTMAKING AND FUNDING

*Spring Awakening* by Inside Out Theatre Company at Sunrise Civic Center



The Broward Cultural Division’s core investment strategy is grantmaking — providing direct financial support to artists, organizations, and cultural projects that strengthen community connection, creativity, and access to the arts. In FY2024, the Division awarded nearly \$6 million in funding, with a significant increase in support for individual artists and expanded resources for regional collaboration, capacity-building, and facilities development.

In FY2024, the Division awarded over \$5.5 million in grant funding to 91 nonprofit cultural organizations and \$375,000 to 84 individual artists — representing a nearly 40% increase in artist funding from the previous year.



In FY2024, Cultural Division grantees collectively:

**2M** ENGAGED EVENT ATTENDEES

**3.6K** HIRED ARTISTS AND CREATIVES

**2.5K** SUPPORTED LOCAL JOBS

These numbers reflect the cultural sector’s essential role in Broward’s creative economy and quality of life.

# GRANTS FOR ARTISTS

Investing in Creative Vision

## ARTIST SUPPORT

Supports new and existing projects and programs that include a public component. Open to emerging and established artists of all disciplines.

## ARTIST INNOVATION

Supports ambitious and original work by individual artists in any discipline. This competitive program is funded in partnership with the Community Foundation of Broward.

## REGIONAL ARTIST

Available to artists based in Palm Beach or Miami-Dade counties to support projects that will be presented in Broward. Fosters regional collaboration and local cultural exchange.

## ARTIST RESIDENCIES

Provides direct funding to artists to develop public-facing work through hosted residencies. Supports community engagement and place-based artmaking.

*For awardees and amounts, please refer to pages 32-34*

# GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Building a Strong Cultural Foundation

## GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT

Provides unrestricted support for Broward-based nonprofit arts and cultural organizations to help cover essential operations, staffing, and ongoing programming.

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

Funds high-quality artistic programs and projects produced by nonprofit organizations. Awards are based on project scope and community impact.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

Helps cultural organizations develop long-term sustainability through leadership development, strategic planning, governance, and infrastructure improvements.

## CULTURAL & ARTISTIC FACILITIES

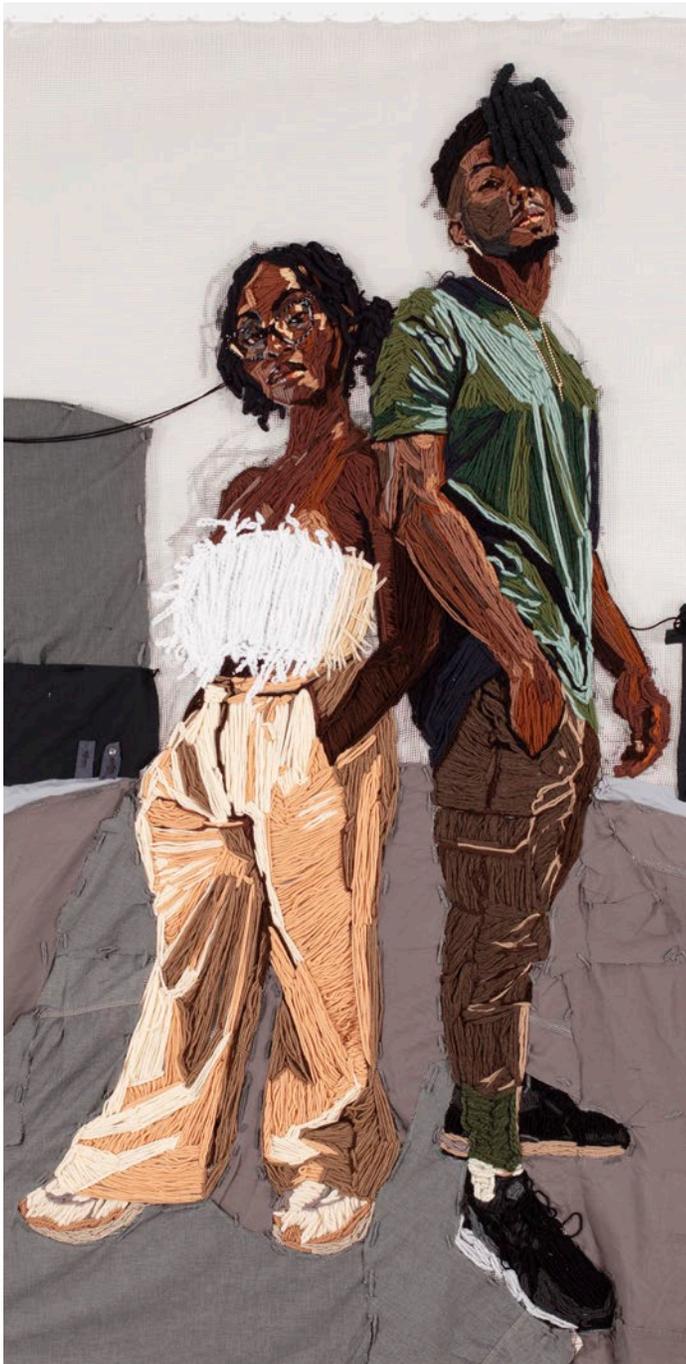
Supports the development, expansion, or renovation of cultural facilities that strengthen Broward's arts infrastructure and access to the arts.

## SPONSORSHIPS

Strategic funding for special projects, one-time initiatives, or collaborations that promote cultural engagement and broaden reach.

# FY2024 GRANT AWARDS SUMMARY

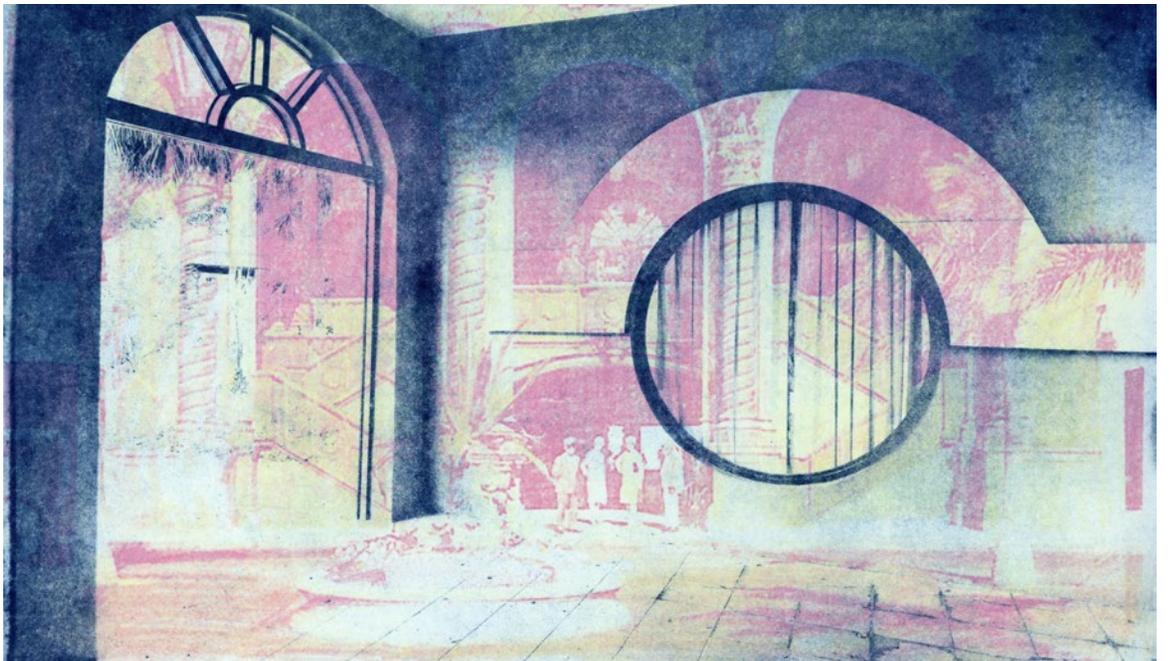
PROGRAM	NUMBER OF AWARDS	TOTAL AWARDED
<b>ARTIST GRANTS</b>		
Artist Innovation	10	\$104,000
Artist Support	74	\$271,000
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL GRANTS</b>		
General Operating Support	37	\$4,765,684
Program Support	46	\$457,000
Cultural & Artistic Facilities	2	\$250,000
Sponsorships	9	\$73,000
<b>INDIVIDUAL AND FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
Individual Artists	84	
Municipalities	2	
Cultural Organizations	88	



*TAYINA AND JORDAN, 12' X 7.5' BY KANDY G. LOPEZ*



*THE LOOK, 38.5" X 54" BY ROSCOÉ B. THICKÉ III*



*HOLLYWOOD BEACH HOTEL, 16.5" X 18.5" BY ANGELICA CLYMAN*

# SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM

The South Florida Cultural Consortium (SFCC) awards stand among the nation’s most significant regional artist fellowships, providing vital support to visual and media artists throughout Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Monroe, and Martin counties. The Broward Cultural Division invests \$75,000 annually and provides local leadership in this regional partnership, ensuring Broward artists gain critical funding and visibility. In Fiscal Year 2024, Broward County SFCC recipients—Kandy G. Lopez, Angelica Clyman, and Roscoé B. Thické III—demonstrated outstanding creativity and vision, each receiving a \$15,000 fellowship. Their work, spanning a range of diverse media, was celebrated in a five-county exhibition that reflected the depth and dynamism of our regional arts community.



## KANDY G. LOPEZ

Kandy G. Lopez is an Afro-Caribbean visual artist whose vibrant portraits explore themes of identity, representation, and community. Through her dynamic use of color and form, she celebrates the diversity and resilience of marginalized groups, capturing the spirit and strength of South Florida’s cultural landscape.



## ROSCOÉ B. THICKÉ III

Roscoé B. Thické III is a visual artist who blends photography, experimental printing, and sculptural framing to create compelling narratives rooted in personal and community experience. Drawing inspiration from everyday life and South Florida’s unique environment, his work invites viewers to engage with stories of memory, identity, and place.



## ANGELICA CLYMAN

Angelica Clyman is a visual artist whose practice bridges South Florida’s past and present. Integrating historical research, archival materials, and contemporary techniques, she reimagines local history to illuminate the region’s cultural heritage and foster a deeper sense of community identity.

# PUBLIC ART & DESIGN

*Public Art & Design Committee member Marc Aptakin; Public Art Project Manager/Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD), Christina Roldan; CEO/Director of Aviation, Mark E. Gale; Artist Marielle Plaisir; Cultural Division Director, Phillip Dunlap; BCAD Chief Development Officer, Michael Pacitto; and BCAD Director of Capital Project, Mariana Pitiriciu*



## PUBLIC ART & DESIGN BY THE NUMBERS

The Public Art & Design Program integrates high-quality, site-specific artworks into County-owned facilities and public spaces. In FY2024, the program advanced innovation and engagement through new commissions, conservation efforts, artist opportunities, and piloted a virtual public art experience.

**16** ACTIVE  
PROJECTS

**2** INSTALLATIONS

**2** ARTIST  
CALLS

**2** CONSERVATION  
PROJECTS

**NEARLY \$700,000 IN EXPENDITURES**

# COMPLETED PUBLIC ART & DESIGN INSTALLATIONS



A LARGE-SCALE SCULPTURAL INSTALLATION CELEBRATING EQUINE HERITAGE AND THE DYNAMIC MOVEMENT OF HORSES, ENGAGING PARK VISITORS THROUGH ABSTRACTION AND FORM.

**LEFTY LUCY**  
**ARTIST: JOSHUA WIENER**  
**LOCATION: TRADEWINDS PARK & STABLES, COCONUT CREEK**



A 1,578-SQUARE-FOOT TERRAZZO FLOOR ARTWORK THAT TRANSFORMS A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY INTO A TRANQUIL PASSAGE INSPIRED BY SOUTH FLORIDA'S DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE, FEATURING A SERENE BLUE BACKDROP WITH INTRICATE BOTANICAL MOTIFS THAT EVOKE THE REGION'S TROPICAL IDENTITY.

***A JOURNEY***

**ARTIST: MARIELLE PLAISIR**

**LOCATION: TERMINAL 1, FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (FLL)**

# AIRPORT EXHIBITIONS

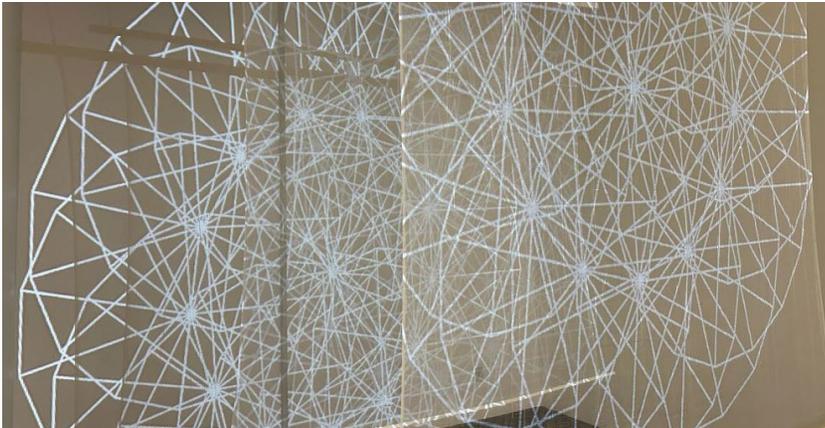
The **Broward County Aviation Department**, in partnership with the Cultural Division, incorporates rotating art exhibitions at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) to enrich the airport experience for passengers and visitors while enhancing its aesthetic appeal. In FY2024, exhibitions featured works by local artists KX2, Parinaz Moghadampour, Lisa MacNamara, and Evelyn Politzer, showcasing diverse artistic expressions.



**HYDRA** BY KX2  
TERMINAL 1, CONCOURSE C GALLERY



**THE CONTAINING LAYERS** BY LISA MACNAMARA  
TERMINAL 2 ART GALLERY



**THE TRANSITION** BY PARINAZ MOGHADAMPOUR  
TERMINAL 1, CONCOURSE C GALLERY



**FELT DREAMSCAPES** BY EVELYN POLITZER  
TERMINAL 2 ART GALLERY

# ART PURCHASE PROGRAM

In FY2024, the Division expanded its permanent collection by establishing a new **Art Purchase Program**, acquiring works from local artists whose work demonstrates artistic excellence and cultural relevance. This initiative reflects the Division's commitment to supporting regional talent and preserving contemporary art for future generations.



***SUBSTRATE*** BY FRANCESCO LO CASTRO



***OCHRE / RUDDY ORANGE / MIDNIGHT BLUES*** BY ADDISON WOLFF

# COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT



# COMMUNICATIONS

The Cultural Division’s communications, programs, and community engagement efforts are designed to deepen participation, build awareness, and amplify the stories that define Broward’s creative identity.

## AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER

The Division’s monthly e-newsletter serves as a cornerstone of outreach, linking residents and visitors to Broward’s diverse cultural offerings. In FY2024, **subscriptions grew by 12%** and the newsletter achieved an impressive **64.7% average open rate**—far surpassing national industry benchmarks.

Its impact and innovation were recognized nationally with a **2024 Award of Excellence from the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO)**.



Get Arts in Your Inbox



**Broward Arts Journalism Alliance**

**BAJA is back!**

We're excited to announce the official launch of our Broward Arts Journalism Alliance (BAJA). The program will increase local arts coverage by arts journalists through strategic partnerships with area media outlets.

**Arts writers are invited to become paid contributors by applying now through Dec. 1, 2023.**

[Apply to BAJA](#)



**The State of the Arts is Strong!**

Broward's arts community recently joined County Mayor Lamar Fisher, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Senator and Commissioner Steve Geller, and County Administrator Monica Cepero along with Cultural Division Director Philip Dunlap at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts for our Inaugural **State of the Arts Address**.

[View Photos](#)



**Mark your Calendars!**

**IGNITE Broward**, Florida's most exciting art, light, and projection mapping festival is coming back to Fort Lauderdale and Dania Beach January 24-26, 2024.

[More](#)

**EXTRA EXTRA - read all about it!**  
*Broward Arts and Artists in the News:*

**Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF)** is showing nearly 200 new films from 40 countries now through Nov. 16; read about it in the [Sun Sentinel](#) or visit [FLIFF.com](#)

**So Long, Seastown**: Developer commissioned eight local muralists to brighten up the demolition for a new large-scale project at Sunrise Boulevard and Federal Highway; learn about the process from the artists in the [Sun Sentinel](#)

Our **State of the Arts Address** unveiled lots of news including a special announcement about a new Arts and Cultural Center in Davie; read about it in the [Sun Sentinel](#) or [here](#)

New CEO named for **Broward Center for the Performing Arts**; read about it in the [South Florida Business Journal](#)



Dear Members of the Community,

On top of this week's rainstorms, the State of Florida's Fiscal Year 2025 budget was signed by Governor DeSantis and Arts and Culture took a serious gut punch. In total, the Governor vetoed \$32 million in grants that would have supported 563 arts and culture organizations around the State of Florida through the Division of Arts and Culture.

Less than 10 years ago, Florida ranked third in the United States for arts funding, and while we have been trending toward the middle of the pack in recent years, the FY25 budget puts Florida squarely at the bottom.

For Broward County, this means 54 grant requests will go unfunded and \$3.3 million in arts funding will no longer be coming to our community. In economic impact terms, this loss translates to more than \$30 million loss to the local economy, which sees a 9:1 return on investment in arts and culture. This funding supports jobs, programming, tourism and contributes to a \$366M economic impact in Broward County.

We have reached out to Florida House District 100 Representative and Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Sub Committee member, Chip LaMarca. He has contacted the Governor's Office for insight on the decision. We will share that insight once we receive it. We have also been in touch with our colleagues at Americans for the Arts who are coordinating with the Florida Cultural Alliance to see if anything can be done.

Despite this unfortunate reality, rest assured that Broward County's support of our Cultural sector remains strong, and this decision from the state does not impact grant funding from the Broward County Cultural Division.

Where do we go from here? At this point, we are not sure what can be done with regard to state funding, but our collective voice still has power. We urge you to be active with the [Florida Cultural Alliance](#). Support their work as they are the state-wide arts advocacy organization working to secure state funding of arts and culture. Let's do our part to be involved in advocating for what our sector needs and what our community values. Convey this to elected officials at the State level. At the local level, be consistent in your engagement with city and county commissioners. Let them know that funding arts and culture is important to you and always remember to be respectful.

The Broward County Commission, Cultural Council, and Cultural Division staff remain committed ensuring the success and growth of our Cultural sector.

See the full list of Broward County arts organizations impacted by this veto on [ArtsCalendar.com](#). Stay tuned for more updates as they are available.

Until then, here are some good places to start contacting:

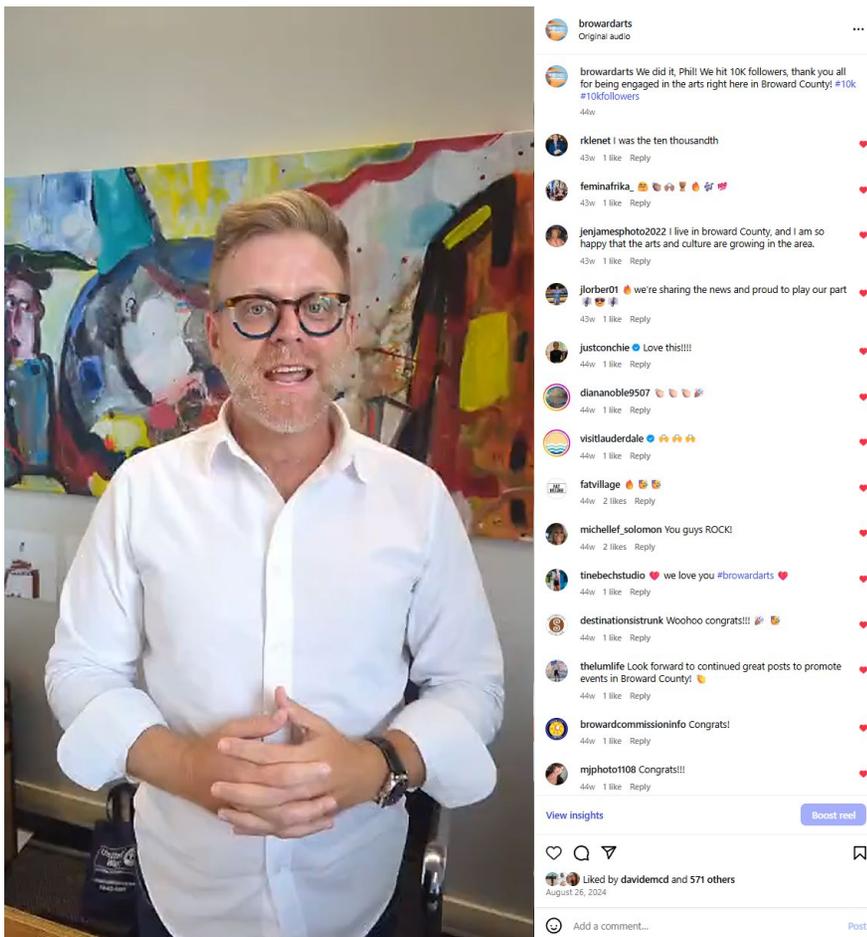
[Florida Council on Arts and Culture](#)  
[Broward Legislative Delegation](#)  
[Contact Governor DeSantis](#)

Philip Dunlap, Director  
Broward County Cultural Division

Janet Erick, Chair  
Broward County Cultural Council

# SOCIAL MEDIA

The Division's digital presence continues to expand through the [@BrowardArts](#) brand on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and X. These platforms share grantee news, event updates, artist calls, and highlight Cultural Division initiatives like the IGNITE Broward: Festival of Art + Light and editorial coverage produced through the Broward Arts Journalism Alliance (BAJA).



## FY2024 MILESTONES:

- Instagram: 10,222 followers
- Facebook: 7,192 followers
- X (Twitter): 6,649 followers
- YouTube: 32,521 impressions

## SHOUTOUT:

In FY2024, the [@BrowardArts](#) Instagram community **surpassed 10,000 followers**, marking a major growth milestone. By following and engaging with [@BrowardArts](#), audiences gain direct access to Broward's vibrant cultural scene.



Follow [@BrowardArts](#)

# DATA TRANSPARENCY

In FY2024, the Division advanced its commitment to openness and accountability by launching a suite of public-facing **Arts Data Dashboards** in partnership with the Resilient Environment Department’s Innovation and Information Systems team.

These interactive tools visualize the distribution of grant funding, showcase the full Public Art & Design collection, and provide new ways to track cultural impact. Together, they form the foundation of the Division’s new **Arts Data Portal** – a centralized hub for local and national cultural data that supports advocacy, evaluation, and storytelling.

Accessible at [Broward.org/Arts](https://www.broward.org/Arts), the portal fosters transparency while giving residents, leaders, and partners a clearer understanding of Broward’s cultural landscape.



Explore the Dashboards



## Grants Dashboard

Discover the impact of Broward County’s arts and cultural grants through this comprehensive dashboard detailing funding allocations, project types, and community reach across various disciplines and organizations.

EXPLORE



## Public Art & Design Dashboard

Explore Broward County’s diverse public art collection through this interactive dashboard showcasing project locations, artists, mediums, and funding details across the County.

VIEW



## SMU DataArts

Gain insight into Broward County’s cultural landscape through this comprehensive dashboard offering detailed analytics on the local arts and culture sector’s economic impact, organizational health, and community engagement.

LEARN MORE

# ARTS JOURNALISM

Launched in FY2024, the **Broward Arts Journalism Alliance (BAJA)** is a transformative initiative created to counter declining local arts coverage and strengthen cultural storytelling. Through partnerships with regional media outlets, the Division worked in its inaugural year with a small, select group of writers to document Broward’s arts and cultural landscape.



## FY2024 MILESTONES:

- 84 articles published spotlighting the breadth of Broward’s creative community
- 45 grantee stories featured, bringing greater visibility to artists and organizations supported by County funding
- 5 media partnerships established, expanding reach across South Florida and strengthening connections with local audiences

## At MAD Arts, Contemporary Dance Weaves Ancestry, Technology

Roxana Barba’s contemporary dance performance uses cutting-edge tech from MAD Arts to tell a story of ancestry and the future.

Oct 16, 2024 / JULIE LANDRY LAVIOLETTE, BAJA /



Stories of a post-human society helped inspire “In my center, a cyborg seed,” which merges contemporary dance and technology. (Photo by Andres Ibarra)

It’s a tender weaving of Roxana Barba’s Peruvian roots and the post-human world of the future, fusing contemporary dance and technology to create a 50-minute performance titled “In my center, a cyborg seed.”

The work will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19 at MAD Arts, an immersive art museum in Dania Beach.

Miami-based Barba says her inspiration came from two sources – her Peruvian ancestry and the philosophical question of what comes after the human race?

“There are post-human authors that got me thinking about this idea: What would it mean being something that’s beyond human?,” she says. “It’s part philosophy, but there’s a current, science fiction element.”

Barba says she applied to the Knight Foundation because they were funding projects that integrated technology. She received a \$30,000 Knight New Work grant for 2022.

## Broward’s Music Scene is Live and Well

A resounding medley of venues and genres make the county a thriving showcase for live music

Oct 04, 2024 / GREGORY CARANNANTE, BAJA /



Why is Broward County a great place for live music?

Well, for starters, there’s that giant Hard Rock guitar. The 450-foot guitar-shaped casino hotel in Hollywood has become more than a signature South Florida landmark — it’s a singular, de facto symbol of Broward’s thriving live music scene.

With its beaches, downtowns, neighborhood haunts and legendary party vibe, the county’s live music landscape is a sprawling mosaic of acts, a resounding medley of styles that caters to a culturally eclectic audience of tourists, transplants and natives.

On just about any weekend, and many weeknights, music lovers can choose from a big-name national act, a regional symphony orchestra, a local original punk band, a Broadway musical tour, an island reggae group, a dueling piano show, a touring tribute group, a karaoke night, and more rock and pop cover bands and solo acts than you could possibly sing along with in a year of weekends. And that’s merely a partial list. During Season, when snowbirds and tourists are flocking in, the options are more mind-boggling.

For an authoritative take on the scope and spirit of Broward’s live music scene, we went to the source — a core sample of those who make it happen, from a performing arts center exec to a restaurateur-impresario to a few musicians who’ve performed on local stages for well over a decade.

Josh Bishop, sax player for Behind the Houses, Nova High School Band director

“The cool thing about the local music scene is that there is such a huge variety of music out there, which I don’t think some people even realize,” says Bishop, who since 2011 has played throughout the region with the surf rock-punk-funk quintet Behind the Houses.

“There are really cool little spots, like Tough Times (537 S. Dixie Highway E, Pompano Beach), a quaint little punk rock bar. They’re one of the places that are keeping original live local music alive.”



Grant Galuppi, restaurateur-impresario

“The Broward County music community far has exceeded my expectations, for sure,” says the owner of Galuppi’s restaurant (1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach), an avid exponent of live music for two decades — and half of that in the vanguard of the tribute-band trend. “Twenty years ago I had no idea how big the music community network is in Broward. It’s blowing me away. The tribute bands took off 10 to 12 years ago. I just kept building and they just kept coming. I feel like classic rock is much bigger here than in Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach County. I often wonder if you took a music venue similar to a Galuppi’s, would it be as successful up in Jupiter? Would it be as successful in Naples?”

# STATE OF THE ARTS

On October 26, 2023, the Cultural Division hosted its inaugural **State of the Arts Address** at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The event earned a **2024 National Association of Counties (NACo)** Achievement Award and spotlighted the transformative role of arts and culture in Broward County.



Chalk artwork draws attention Thursday as attendees head to the "State of the Arts" address, a presentation at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, which discussed the impact of the arts in Broward. **JOE CAVARETTA/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL**

## 'A perfect location'

New center for the arts poised to open in Broward County

By Lisa J. Hurish

South Florida Sun Sentinel

A new venue billed as the "perfect location" for musical performances, plays and presentations will be opening in Broward.

County officials announced Thursday while noting the importance of offering destinations that celebrate the arts and culture. The West Broward Cultural Center will become a "hub of creativity," opening as early as 2026 on State Road 84 east of Flamingo Road in Davie, said County Commissioner Steve Geller, who revealed the plans Thursday at the county's inaugu-

ral State of the Arts Address. "You can tell a lot about the soul of a county by how it funds its art and culture," Geller said. "Arts and culture plays a pivotal role" in the county's identity. Thursday's event at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts highlighted efforts to showcase public art, and support local artists in their genre ranging from jazz to fashion, and promote

events such as the IGNITE Broward festival, a five-day event with light-based art. The next festival will be in January. Meredith Clements, business development manager for the Broward Cultural Division, said the county is seeking local paid writers to be part of their new digital freelance writing staff to

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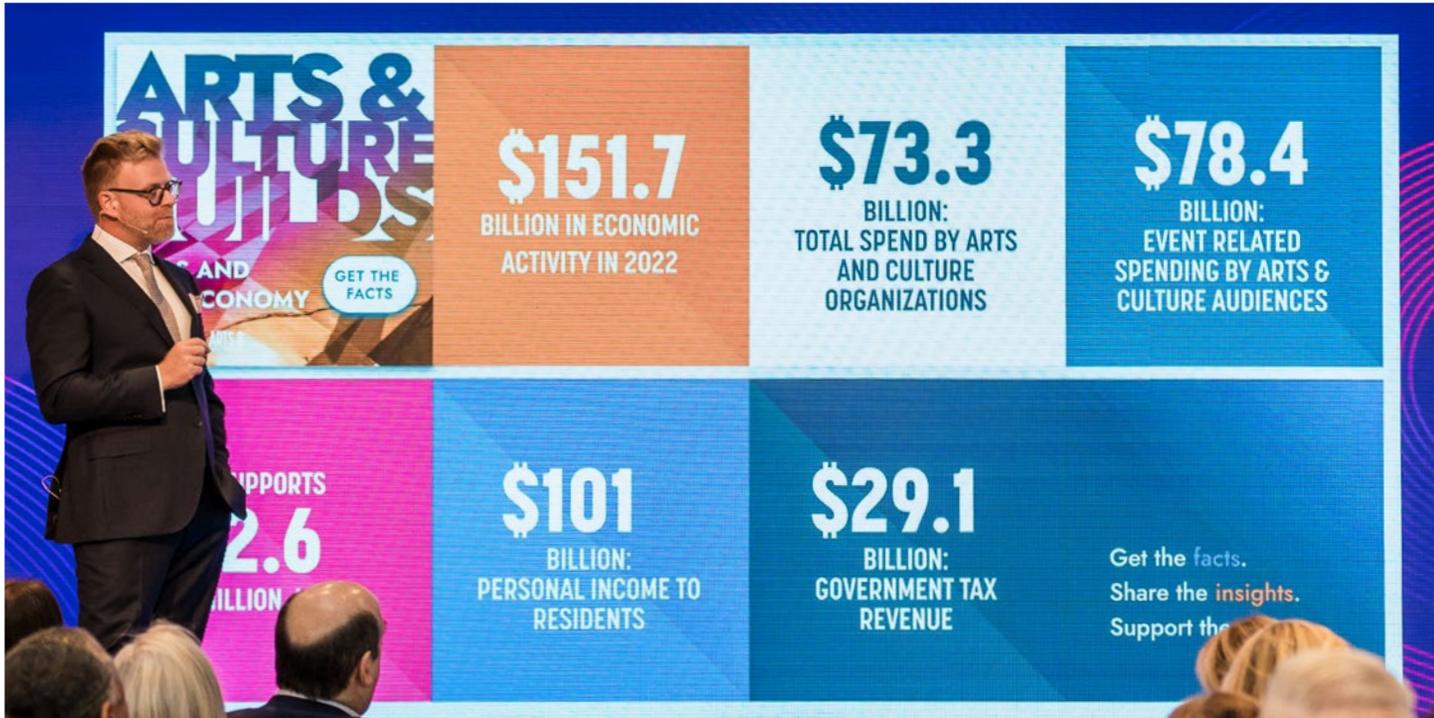
## KEY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

- Announcement of plans for a **West Broward Cultural Center**
- Launch of the **Broward Arts Journalism Alliance (BAJA)**
- Debut of the **IGNITE Broward Festival** lineup and dates
- Keynote remarks from **Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz**
- Release of findings from the **Arts & Economic Prosperity 6** study



Existing facade of building proposed for West Broward Cultural Center

# STATE OF THE ARTS



Phil Dunlap unveiled the Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 study results, underscoring the arts' significant local economic impact



Gabe Salazar, Mark B. Kent



Darius V. Daughtry's original poem "IGNITE" lit up the audience



Kathleen Cannon, Ina Lee, Sharon Zalkin



Tayina Deravile, Meredith Clements



Ebonni Chrispin, William Braemer, Eris Sandler, Alice Simon, Darran Blake



Cultural Division Director Phil Dunlap, County Mayor Lamar Fisher, County Commissioners Hazelle Rogers and Senator Steve Geller, County Administrator Monica Cepero



Jodi Jeffreys-Tanner, County Mayor Lamar Fisher, Alana Scheuerer



Marc Martorana, Wilton Manors Commissioner Don D'Arminio



Janet Young, Darius V. Daughtry



# IGNITE BROWARD 2024

**IGNITE Broward**, in its third year, welcomed more than 30,000 attendees for five days of immersive art, light, and technology experiences. Held across Esplanade Park in downtown Fort Lauderdale and MAD Arts in Dania Beach, the festival transformed public spaces into vibrant galleries of interactive creativity.

Nightly outdoor installations illuminated Esplanade Park with large-scale projections, sculptures, and participatory works, and Mad Arts hosted cutting-edge video and light-based exhibitions daily. Highlights included a live digital mural painting by Broward-based artist Rosanna Kalis and an electrifying performance by Holly Danger.

**Presented by the Broward Cultural Division and produced by Mad Arts** with support from Visit Lauderdale, the City of Dania Beach, and FPL, IGNITE Broward continues to set the standard for free, high-impact public art experiences.



*Tetra* by Ottomata



*existence* by Makoto Tojiki



IGNITE Broward projection on the Hibiscus Garage façade at FLL



*Solar Hive* by Anaisa Franco Studio



*Ophelia* by Studio McGuire



*SysCalls* by Jaime Reyes



*Luminescent Sylva* by MadLabs



*RÉSONANCE* by LP Rondeau, co-produced with ELECTRA



*Fast Forward* by Rosanna Kalis

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Located in the historic heart of Fort Lauderdale’s community, **Destination Sistrunk Cultural Center** continues to thrive as a vibrant gathering place for culture, music, and community.

For more than a century, the Sistrunk corridor has been a hub of African American life in Broward County—where residents gather, artists develop their craft, and traditions are passed forward. With ongoing support from the Cultural Division and community partners, the area continues to host programs and events that honor this legacy while creating new opportunities for cultural expression.

Through performances, workshops, and collaborations, Destination Sistrunk provides a welcoming space for residents, artists, and organizations to connect. These efforts strengthen community identity, support local talent, and contribute to the long-term cultural development of the corridor.



Jazz at The Circuit: Featuring Jazz at Lincoln Center Ensemble



Jazz at The Circuit: featuring Riley Mulherkar (left) and Chris Pattishall (right)

In FY2024, Destination Sistrunk presented programs that brought people together through music, storytelling, and cultural exchange:

- Jazz at The Circuit, in partnership with Jazz at Lincoln Center, highlighted the foundations of American jazz.
- Open Mic Nights offered a stage for emerging and established local voices.
- Grantee projects, teaching artist trainings and other collaborations filled the calendar with workshops and community events.



Broward Teaching Artist Credentialing Program Graduation



SongFest Finale II Performance (above); Participants (below)



Tanya Maksood



Knarley Noso



Lisa Thayer



Elsten Torres



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Grant recipients at the Grantee Reception hosted at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale



Broward County Mayor Nan Rich speaks to grantees

# GRANTEE ENGAGEMENT

In FY2024, the Cultural Division hosted events that brought together grant-funded arts professionals, artists, and community leaders.

The **Grantee Reception at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale** and **Artists Connect at Coral Springs Museum of Art** featured remarks from elected officials and created space to celebrate the work of Broward’s cultural community while strengthening connections among its members.



Commissioner Michael Udine, Iryna Kanishcheva



Caryl Fantel, Commissioner Michael Udine, Alice Simon, Janet Erlick



Artists and Grantees at Artists Connect hosted at Coral Springs Museum of Art (above and left)

# GRANT RECIPIENTS

## GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT

ALL FLORIDA YOUTH ORCHESTRA, INC.	\$127,867
ARTSERVE, INC.	\$120,645
BONNET HOUSE, INC.	\$172,161
CORAL SPRINGS MUSEUM OF ART, INC.	\$87,508
CURTAIN CALL PLAYHOUSE, INC.	\$19,393
DAVIE SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.	\$47,154
FLAMINGO GARDENS, INC.	\$241,882
FLORIDA'S SINGING SONS, INC.	\$49,899
FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.	\$80,867
GAY MENS CHORUS OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.	\$90,990
GOLD COAST JAZZ SOCIETY, INC.	\$62,600
GRACE ARTS CENTER, INC.	\$19,545
HOLLYWOOD ART AND CULTURE CENTER, INC.	\$118,753
HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION & EDUCATION CENTER, INC.	\$134,990
INSIDE OUT THEATRE COMPANY, INC.	\$27,589
ISLAND CITY STAGE, INC.	\$58,061
LOVEWELL INSTITUTE FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS, INC.	\$44,611
MASTER CHORALE OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.	\$39,818
MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE, INC.	\$306,500
NEW CITY PLAYERS, INC.	\$20,833
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, INC. ON BEHALF OF ITS MUSEUM OF ART DIVISION	\$252,634
OPERA GUILD, INC. OF FORT LAUDERDALE	\$182,381
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AUTHORITY	\$950,000
SAMPLE MCDUGALD HOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.	\$25,809
SLOW BURN THEATRE COMPANY, INC.	\$151,258
SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC.	\$167,966
STONEWALL LIBRARY & ARCHIVES, INC.	\$76,175
SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS, INC.	\$112,807
THE BROWARD COUNTY FILM SOCIETY, INC.	\$118,527
THE FORT LAUDERDALE CHILDREN'S THEATRE, INC.	\$109,511
THE GIRLCHOIR OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.	\$38,494

THE STRANAHAN HOUSE, INC.	\$71,733
WORLD AIDS MUSEUM INCORPORATED	\$39,272
YOUNG AT ART OF BROWARD, INC.	\$60,791

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

ARTSERVE, INC.	\$88,000
SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC.	\$27,500
STONEWALL LIBRARY & ARCHIVES, INC.	\$64,350

## OTHER INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

DESTINATION SISTRUNK CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, INC.	\$124,000
THE FORT LAUDERDALE CHILDREN'S THEATRE, INC.	\$40,000
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FL	\$10,000

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

ACTOR'S CULTURAL THEATRE, INC.	\$4,000
ART GALLERY 21 INCORPORATED	\$4,000
ART PREVAILS PROJECT, INC.	\$5,000
ART REACHING TODAY'S YOUTH, INC.	\$4,000
ARTS ACCELERATOR, INC.	\$12,000
ARTS BALLET THEATRE OF FLORIDA, INC.	\$13,500
ARTS UNITED, INC.	\$12,000
ASSOCIATION OF PERFORMING ARTS OF INDIA, INC.	\$5,000
BENGALI ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.	\$6,000
BRAZILIAN VOICES, INC.	\$5,000
BREVO THEATRE, INC.	\$4,000
BROWARD ART GUILD, INC.	\$10,000
BROWARD WOMEN'S CHORUS, INC.	\$5,000
CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FL	\$13,500
CORAL SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, INC.	\$13,500
DEVELOPING DREAMS FOUNDATION, INC.	\$13,500
EMBRACE MUSIC FOUNDATION, INC.	\$12,000
FANTASY THEATRE FACTORY, INC.	\$15,000
FORT LAUDERDALE CHILDREN'S BALLET THEATRE, INC.	\$10,000
HALLANDALE SECTION OF CID/UNESCO, INC.	\$12,000
ISLAND SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL EDUCATION, INC.	\$15,000

JAPAN ARTS, INC.	\$13,500	CARLOS DIAZ DE ARCE	\$3,000
JAYADEVI ARTS, INC.	\$5,000	CARMEN SMITH	\$3,000
JAZZ EDUCATION COMMUNITY COALITION, INC.	\$4,000	CAROL ROUSSO	\$3,000
LOUSIE BENNETT-COVERLEY HERITAGE COUNCIL (FLA), INC.	\$12,000	CATHLEEN DEAN	\$5,000
MIAMI CITY BALLET, INC.	\$15,000	CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL	\$3,000
MIAMI GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL, INC.	\$13,500	CINDY-ANN BOISSON	\$5,000
NORTH AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC AND DANCE ALLIANCE, INC. DBA BROWARD FOLK CLUB, INC.	\$3,500	CLAUDETTE SERNIUS	\$3,000
NOT YOUR AVERAGE THEATRE GROUP	\$4,000	CYNTHIA SAUNDERS	\$3,000
PLAYS OF WILTON, INC.	\$13,500	DANIEL MAROSI	\$3,000
RED HISPANA FLORIDA, INC.	\$3,500	DION KERR	\$5,000
SERAPHIC FIRE, INC.	\$13,500	DJERLENS CHERY	\$3,000
SISTRUNK HISTORICAL FESTIVAL, INC.	\$13,500	EDUARDO LIS	\$3,000
SOUTH FLORIDA BALLET THEATRE, INC.	\$12,000	EDUARDO ROSAS	\$5,000
SOUTH FLORIDA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, INC.	\$13,500	EMILY KENNEDY	\$3,000
SOUTH FLORIDA JUBILEE CHORUS, INC.	\$4,000	ERIKA TOMMIE	\$3,000
SOUTH FLORIDA PRIDE WIND ENSEMBLE, INC.	\$15,000	GABRIELA GAMPERL	\$5,000
SPF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.	\$12,000	GALAL RAMADAN	\$3,000
THE ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER WESTON, INC.	\$4,500	HALLE MAYNE	\$3,000
THE PERFORMANCE PROJECT, INC.	\$5,000	HEATHER WATLER	\$3,000
THE PUPPET GUILD OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.	\$5,000	JACOUB REYES	\$5,000
THINKING CAP THEATRE, INC.	\$10,000	JAMES QUAKENBUSH	\$3,000
VENETIAN ARTS SOCIETY, INC.	\$5,000	JAVIER A. LARA	\$3,000
VOLTA MUSIC FOUNDATION, INC.	\$5,000	JEMILAH JONES	\$5,000
WOMEN IN MUSIC AYO CORP.	\$10,500	JENNIFER MARTINEZ-BRE	\$3,000
YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.	\$7,000	JEREMIAH JENNER	\$3,000
<b>ARTIST SUPPORT</b>		JHEANELLE FERGUSON	\$3,000
AARON GOUSSE	\$3,000	JOANNE LAM	\$3,000
ALANA DACOSTA	\$5,000	JOHN CALDWELL	\$3,000
ALEJANDRA ABAD	\$5,000	JORDAN SOLOMAN	\$5,000
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		LAURA CUGNO	\$3,000
		LAURA MAE NEWITT	\$5,000

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LUKE JENKINS	\$5,000	POMPANO BEACH CRA AGENCY	\$500,000
MAN LIU	\$5,000	THE STRANAHAN HOUSE, INC.	\$458,762
MARIA A. BARREIRO-FUTTERMAN	\$3,000	<b>SPONSORSHIPS</b>	
MARIA LUNA PALAZZOLO	\$3,000	ART FORT LAUDERDALE, LLC	\$15,000
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OSCAR MONTOYA	\$3,000	STONEWALL LIBRARY & ARCHIVES	\$10,000
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CHRISTINA LIHAN	\$10,000	TERMINAL 2 GALLERY, FELT DREAMSCAPES, EVELYN POLITZER	\$2,500
PABLO MATUTE	\$12,000	TERMINAL 2 GALLERY, THE CONTAINING LAYERS, LISA MACNAMARA	\$2,500
EDISON PENAFIEL	\$10,000	TERMINAL 1 GALLERY, HYDRA, KX2 DANA KLEINMAN AND RUTH AVRA	\$5,000
		TERMINAL 1 GALLERY, THE TRANSITION, PARINAZ MOGHADAMPOUR	\$5,000

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