

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the nation's 95,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation's 4,500 local arts agencies, and the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six United States jurisdictions have regularly issued official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind, enhancing and enriching the lives of every American, as well as playing a unique role in the lives of our families, communities, and country; and

WHEREAS, the cities and states — through their local and state arts agencies and representing thousands of cultural organizations — have celebrated the value and importance of culture in the lives of Americans and the health of thriving communities during National Arts and Humanities Month for several years; and

WHEREAS, the humanities help diverse communities across the United States explore their history and culture with the support and partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the 55 state and territorial humanities councils, and local educational and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, the arts and culture industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.3 billion in total economic activity annually, \$26 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5 million jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the creative economy which drives tourism and commerce, supports American workers, and makes up 4.3% of the annual GDP, proposed federal legislation titled The CREATE Act (S. 650 and H.R. 1519) would support economic development of the creative economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables and our Cultural Development Board recognize the organizations below for their extraordinary participation of the arts in Coral Gables, including the 2018-2019 Cultural Grant Recipients; Actors' Playhouse, The Alhambra Orchestra, Area Stage Company, Chopin for All Concert Series, Compositum Musicae Novae, Coral Gables Cinemateque, Coral Gables Museum, Community Arts Program at CGCC, The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Florida Grand Opera, Florida Guitar Foundation, Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library, GableStage at the Biltmore, Greater Miami Symphonic Band, Merrick Festival, Mainly Mozart, Miami Children's Chorus, Miami International Film Festival, Miami Jewish Film Festival, The Miami Symphony Orchestra, Miami Youth for Chamber Music, Montgomery Botanical Center, The Murray Dranoff Foundation, The Opera Atelier, Peter London Global Dance Company, Seraphic Fire, UM - Department of Art & Art History, UM - Festival Miami, and UM - Lowe Art Museum, as well as the Arts & Business Council of Miami, Books & Books, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, Coral Gables Community Foundation, Mercedes Benz of Coral Gables, Royal Poinciana District of Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Steinway Piano Gallery Miami, University of Miami Frost School of Music, and The Sanctuary of the Arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as:

“NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I encourage the citizens of the “City Beautiful” to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this eighth day of October, A.D., 2019.

Raul Valdes-Fauli
Mayor

Vince Lago
Vice Mayor

Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner

Patricia Keon
Commissioner

Michael Mena
Commissioner