

EXCERPT

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**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 05, 2017 8:00 a.m.
FY2017-2018 CULTURAL GRANT REVIEW & SCORING MEETING
Tuesday, December 05, 2017 9:00 a.m.**

**Coral Gables Youth Center, Theater
405 University Dr., Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N+	D+	APPOINTED BY:
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Leslie Pantin *										P	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Betty Horwitz	P	P	P	P	E	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor Pat Keon
Dr. Fernando Alvarez-Perez	P	P	E	P	E	P	-	P	P	E	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Alfonso Perez	P	P	E	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Michael Mena
Geannina A. Burgos	P	P	E	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Frank C. Quesada
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	E	P	P	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	P	P	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P	Board Appointee

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^= Resigned Member;
- = No Meeting + = Special Meeting

STAFF:

Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts
Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts
Grethel Salas, Senior Administrative Analyst, City Clerk’s Office
Chris Cowen, IT Data Analyst

GUESTS AT THE FY2017-2018 CULTURAL GRANT REVIEW & SCORING MEETING:

Barbara Stein, Actors’ Playhouse; Helen Hauser, Alhambra Orchestra; Carlos Arteage, Artefactus Cultural; Judith Vigil, CAJE/Miami Jewish Film Festival; Jadwiga Gewert, Chopin Festival; Jessica Farr, City Theatre; Mark Hart, CGCC/Community Arts Program; Rep. from Coral Gables Art Cinema; Luciann Niebler-Spere, Coral Gables Music Club; Antonio Rodriguez, Cuatrogatos; Marcy Levitt, Dave and Mary Alper JCC; Rep. from Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden; Isabel Almaraz, Florida Grand Opera; Federico Musgrove, Florida Guitar Foundation; Robert Blatt, Inlets Foundation for Experimental Practices; Stephen Margulis, Friends of Chamber Music; Jeff Rosenberg, Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library; Monica Martinez, Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library; Katy LaFleur, GableStage; Christine Pascual, Greater Miami Symphonic Band; Inesa Gecprifti, Kaleidoscope MusArt; Maria Sumareva, Kaleidoscope

MusArt; Sally Baumgartner, Merrick Festival; Timothy Sharp, Miami Children's Chorus; Betsey Greene Freeman, MDC Miami International Film Festival; Laura Wilcox, Miami Youth for Chamber Music; Delma Iles, Momentum Dance Co.; Patrick Griffith, Montgomery Botanical Center; Ross Chuchla, Seraphic Fire; Ingrid Stuart, South FL PBS; Charles Davis, St. Patrick's Day Festival; Noel Stillings, St. Patrick's Day Festival; Trae Delellis, UM Cosford Cinema

RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

FY2017-2018 CULTURAL GRANT REVIEW & SCORING:

Members of the community arrived and Dr. Roth called the FY2017-2018 Cultural Grant Review & Scoring meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Dr. Roth welcomed guests. Board members introduced themselves and Ms. Cathers thanked the members of the Cultural Development Board and guests. Guests introduced themselves and were reminded to refrain from comments unless they are answering questions from the Board.

Ms. Cathers stated that applications will be reviewed in alphabetical order beginning with the Community grant category, followed by Coral Gables Based organizations and Cultural Series categories.

She advised that for each application opening comments will be made by a Board member prior to discussion by the Board as-a-whole with an opportunity for Board members to ask questions and revise scores. Applicants were informed that Board members had previously agreed to drop the highest and lowest score on each application prior to calculating the final average score.

Board members then commented on each of the thirty-seven (37) applications meeting the eligibility criteria, giving a brief overview of the program/project requesting funds. Comments provided by Board members at the meeting were also submitted with their application scores online. (Additional comments made will be added to the online application by staff). Board members recusing themselves from an application left the meeting during that applicant's discussion.

The Board did not score the Coral Gables Museum for funding purposes, but did discuss the organization and shared comments in support of the Museum's programming and its important role in the community.

It was noted that the combined request from the University of Miami exceeded the maximum funding request allowed and that both applications were submitted in the same category. Dr. Roth expressed concern about moving one of the applications to the Coral Gables Based organization category. The Board agreed and after brief discussion made the following motions:

Ms. Burgos made a motion to move the UM, Flaming Classics to the Community Category. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Burgos made a motion to change the UM, Flaming Classics and UM, Frost Music Live requests to \$5,000 each. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board members initialed all scores prior to turning them in to staff. Scores were entered into a spreadsheet and confirmed by Senior Administrative Analyst, Grethel Salas.

The Board took a short break while scores and initial funding recommendations were calculated. A multiplier and percentage formula was used to adjust requests proportionately.

After the break, scores and initial funding calculations were projected on a large screen. Staff stated that scores could be accepted as presented or the Board could decide as a whole to make adjustments. The Board discussed briefly and the following motion was made:

Dr. Alvarez-Perez made a motion to lower the minimal threshold to receive funding from a score of 80 to 75 with a condition for organizations scoring between 75 and 80 to meet with staff prior to the end of January, 2018. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The scores and funding allocation was re-calculated with a remainder of funds to distribute. The following motion was made:

Ms. Burgos made a motion to split the remaining funds between the two UM organizations. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which failed.

The Board discussed how best to determine the greatest need while maintaining the integrity of the competitive scoring process. Board members generally agreed that placing the funds in the Community category may fulfill this intent and the following motion was made:

Ms. Burgos made a motion to place the remaining funds in the Community Category and distribute the amount evenly. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Perez made a motion to accept the Board's scoring and recommended allocations for distribution of FY2017-2018 Cultural Grant funds. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Attendees were advised that a notice will be sent announcing when the City Commission will consider the recommendation of the Cultural Development Board.

The results were as follows:

FY 2017-2018 CULTURAL GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

<i>FY 2017/18 Cultural Grants Allocation Recommendations</i>				CGB	\$33,100
				CS	\$134,200
				C	\$12,950
				Funds Available	\$180,250
				ALLOCATED	\$180,250
				Balance	\$0

	Organization	New App.	Score	Request	Board Recommended Amount
CORAL GABLES BASED					
CGB2	Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.		97.00	\$10,000	\$7,000
CGB1	Actors' Playhouse		93.80	\$10,000	\$6,800
CGB3	Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden		91.80	\$10,000	\$6,600
CGB4	GableStage		90.80	\$10,000	\$6,500
CGB5	Montgomery Botanical Center		86.60	\$10,000	\$6,200
					\$33,100
CULTURAL SERIES, FESTIVALS, & SPECIAL EVENTS					
CS18	Seraphic Fire		93.40	\$10,000	\$6,700
CS2	Chopin Foundation of the United States		93.00	\$10,000	\$6,700
CS5	Florida Grand Opera, Inc.		93.00	\$10,000	\$6,700
CS3	CG Congregational. Church (CAP)		92.00	\$10,000	\$6,600
CS25	UM, Frost Music Live		92.00	\$5,000	\$3,300
CS22	The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.		91.20	\$10,000	\$6,600
CS14	Miami Dade College Foundation		90.75	\$10,000	\$6,500
CS20	South Florida PBS		89.00	\$10,000	\$6,400
CS11	Merrick Festival Incorporated		88.20	\$7,500	\$4,800
CS1	Cntr for the Advancement of Jewsh Educ.		87.60	\$5,000	\$3,100
CS21	The Dave and Mary Alper JCC		87.40	\$10,000	\$6,300
CS9	Friends of the Miami Dade Public Library		86.00	\$10,000	\$6,200
CS12	Miami Bach Society		86.00	\$10,000	\$6,200
CS8	Friends of Chamber Music of Miami		84.20	\$10,000	\$6,100
CS13	Miami Children's Chorus		83.25	\$10,000	\$6,000
CS7	Florida Opera Prima	x	83.20	\$10,000	\$6,000
CS6	Florida Guitar Foundation		83.00	\$10,000	\$6,000
CS15	Miami Momentum Dance Co.		82.50	\$6,000	\$3,500
CS4	Coral Gables Music Club	x	81.00	\$4,750	\$2,700
CS23	The Opera Atelier		80.40	\$10,000	\$5,800
CS10	Greater Miami Community Concert Band		80.00	\$10,000	\$5,800
CS16	Miami Youth for Chamber Music		80.00	\$9,000	\$5,200
CS17	Piano Lovers	x	77.80	\$9,610	\$5,400
CS19	South Florida Composers Alliance	x	77.40	\$10,000	\$5,600
					\$134,200
COMMUNITY					
C1	Alhambra Music		88.25	\$2,000	\$1,290
C3	City Theatre		85.60	\$5,000	\$3,190
C5	South Florida Chamber Ensemble	x	78.20	\$5,000	\$2,890

CS24	UM, Flaming Classics		76.60	\$5,000	\$2,790
C4	Cuatrogatos Foundation	x	75.50	\$5,000	\$2,790
C2	Artefactus Cultural Project	x	69.80	\$5,000	\$0
C6	St. Patrick's Day Committee		69.40	\$5,000	\$0
					\$12,950
	Total of All Requests			\$288,860	\$180,250
	Minimal Score to receive funds			75	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona M. Spain
 Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director