

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the nation's 120,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation's 4,500 local arts agencies in communities across the country, the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six U.S. jurisdictions and districts have regularly issued official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month; and

WHEREAS, cities and states through their local and state arts agencies which represent 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 nearly 30 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 50 states and six jurisdiction and district humanities councils, and local educational and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, despite significant losses due to the coronavirus pandemic, the creative industries remain among the most vital sectors of the American economy providing new opportunities for developing cities, creating jobs and economic activity within their own industry and across sectors, and making communities attractive to business development; and

WHEREAS, the nation's arts and culture sector-nonprofit, commercial, and education is an \$877 billion dollar industry that supports 4.6 million jobs representing 4.2% of the nation's economy, a larger share of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) than powerhouse sectors such as agriculture, transportation, and utilities (2020); and boasts a \$33 billion dollar international trade surplus (2019); and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry alone generates \$27.5 billion dollars in government revenue and \$166.3 billion dollars in economic activity (2015) annually by organizations and audiences, including spending by attendees to arts events of \$31.47 dollars per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission on items such as meals, parking, and lodging, making the arts a vital income source for local businesses; 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 2022-2023 Cultural Grant Recipients; Actors' Playhouse, Coral Gables Cinemateque, Coral Gables Museum, GableStage at the Biltmore, Montgomery Botanical Center, Lowe Art Museum, Across Missions, The Alhambra Orchestra, Area Stage Company, Chopin for All Concert Series, City Theatre, Compositum Musicae Novae, Community Arts Program at CGCC, The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Florida Grand Opera, Florida Guitar Foundation, Friends of Chamber Music, Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library, Greater Miami Symphonic Band, Greater Miami Youth Symphony, Les Ailes du Desir Foundation, Merrick Festival, Mainly Mozart, Miami Children's Chorus, Miami Jewish Film Festival, The Miami Symphony Orchestra, Miami Youth for Chamber Music, The Murray Dranoff Foundation, O Miami, The Opera Atelier, Peter London Global Dance Company, Seraphic Fire, South Florida Chamber Ensemble, South Florida Friends of Classical Music, and South Florida Youth Symphony, as well as the Arts & Business Council of Miami, Books & Books, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, Coral Gables Community Foundation, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami International Film Festival, Royal Poinciana District of Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Steinway Piano Gallery Miami, The Sanctuary of the Arts, and University of Miami Department of Art & Art History and the Frost School of Music;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as:

“NATIONAL ARTS AND 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 twenty-eleventh day of October, A.D., 2022.

Vince Lago
Mayor

Michael Mena
Menendez

Rhonda Anderson

Jorge L. Fors, Jr.

Kirk

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