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SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES REPORT 2020-2021

The South Florida Cultural Consortium (SFCC) accomplished the following activities and programs in FY 2020-2021:

A. REGIONAL MARKETING, OUTREACH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1) Theatre League of South Florida: Through the auspices of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the SFCC provided significant technical and financial assistance to the Theatre League of South Florida, the only service organization for the theater industry in the region. The Theatre League is an alliance of theatrical organizations and theater professionals dedicated to nurturing, promoting, and advocating for the growth and prestige of the South Florida theater industry.
- 2) Regional Budget Advocacy and the Florida Cultural Arts Alliance (FCA): The SFCC reinforced its role as advocate for strong arts policy and funding throughout the state through its leadership-level membership in the Florida Cultural Alliance. The SFCC Board Chair continues to serve as chair of the statewide FCA. The need for strong advocacy by and leadership exercised through the Florida Cultural Alliance during legislative sessions is evidenced by the State's adopted investment in Culture and Museum Grants increasing from \$12.3 million in FY 2019-20 to \$13.6 million for FY 2020-21.
- 3) The Carbonell Awards: The SFCC provided leadership through representation on the board and financial assistance to The Carbonell Awards, the regional non-profit that annually recognizes and honors excellence in theater and the arts. The Carbonell Awards, established in 1976, celebrates the extraordinary work of theatrical professionals in South Florida, and furthers the development of the next generation of working theater artists in our community.

B. VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTISTS PROGRAM AWARDS

2020-2021 Winners & Judges: The SFCC awarded \$165,000. The twelve (12) artists were chosen through a competitive process involving 390 applicants received from all five member counties and reviewed by two (2) panels. One panel, consisting of regional arts experts, met on March 18, 2021 to review all of the submissions and to select a pool of finalists. This regional panel's recommendations were forwarded to a national panel of three (3) out-of-state arts experts that met on April 9, 2021. The national panel's recommendations were approved by the Consortium's Board of Directors on April 23, 2021. The 2020-2021 SFCC recipients were:

Miami-Dade County

\$15,000.00
\$7,500.00
\$15,000.00
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Francisco Maso	\$15,000.00
Quinn Projects, LLC (Jared McGriff)	\$15,000.00
Sasha G Wortzel	\$15,000.00
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Broward County	
Harume Abe	\$15,000.00
Zoraye Cyrus	\$15,000.00
Catalina Jaramillo	\$15,000.00
Catalina Garannio	ψ10,000.00
Palm Beach	
Sofia Rebeca Valiente Noailles	\$15,000.00
Cona Nebeca Valiente Noaliles	ψ10,000.00
Monroe County	
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Sally Y. Binard	\$15,000.00

As noted, the recipients were selected through a two-tier panel process which included the participation of regional and national arts experts. The 2020-2021 regional panel, whose adjudications are based on the evaluation of the artists' work as evidenced by the work samples submitted, included: Dejha Carrington, National YoungArts Foundation (Miami-Dade), Meaghan Kent, Chief Curator, Art & Culture Center/Hollywood (Broward), Rene Morales, Chief Curator, Pérez Art Museum Miami (Miami), Ates Isildak, Artist, SFCC 2019-2020 Recipient (Broward), and Kara Walker Tome, Independent Curator (Palm Beach). The submissions selected by the regional panel for further consideration were forwarded for final adjudication and selection to the national panel, which was comprised of: Jeffrey De Blois, Assistant Curator and Publications Manager at the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston (Boston, MA), Grace Deveney, Associate Curator, Prospect New Orleans (New Orleans, LA), and Daniel Palmer, Curator, Public Art Fund (New York, NY).

Exhibition and Catalogue: The annual exhibition of works by Visual and Media Artists award winners from the 2020-2021 cycle, entitled *Under the Florida Sun,* took place at the Florida Atlantic University Galleries, Schmidt Center Gallery | Schmidt Center Gallery Public Space | Ritter Art Gallery: September 17, 2021 – October 30, 2021 and opened on Friday, September 17, 2021, 6:30 PM. The exhibition's curator was Mikhaile Solomon.

The exhibition continues to be an essential feature of the Visual and Media Artists program, enabling South Florida artists to be shown in major exhibitions in the flagship visual arts institutions throughout the region. The annual exhibitions rotate across the counties, being hosted in a different County's major museum each year. As has been the practice every year since the program's inception, a catalogue of the winners is published and distributed specifically for the show.

Applicant Workshops: Technical assistance to applicants is provided through a series of application preparation workshops led by Amanda Sanfilippo Long, Director of the South Florida Cultural Consortium, and

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Curator and Artist Manager for the Art in Public Places Program of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs. For FY 2020-2021, interactive webinars were offered online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While a dedicated workshop was held for each county, artists from throughout the 5-county region were welcome to join any workshop, increasing the opportunity to participate. Workshops took place online in the fall of 2021: Saturday, October 2, 2:00-3:30 PM, Thursday, October 14, 6:00-7:30 PM, and Tuesday, October 19, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. The deadline for the 2021-2022 SFCC grant cycle was Monday, December 13, 2021, 11:59 PM, and applications were received on the Submittable online program.

C. ART ACQUISITION PROGRAM

In FY 2020-21, Miami-Dade continued the second year of the Art Acquisition program, contributing an additional \$45,000 to purchase artworks by Miami-Dade SFCC awarded artists to include within the Miami-Dade County Public Art collection.

D. **PLANS FOR FY 2021-22**

During FY 2021-22, the SFCC will continue work to:

- Facilitate other regional arts in education, marketing, outreach and professional development initiatives, includina:
 - hosting workshops examining fundraising through social media;
 - extending previous professional development series;
 - continuing support of the Theatre League of South Florida and the Carbonell Awards;
 - hosting national conferences available to artists and arts organizations regionally (e.g., the Theatre Communications Groups and National Arts Marketing Conference);
 - exploring the development of regional services for the industry (e.g., e-ticketing services for non-profit arts groups; a regional shared calendar of events database, etc.); and
 - initiating honorariums to regional jurors to support the work of local arts administrators, curators and museum professionals
- Support the work of individual Visual and Media Artists by:
 - continuing to confer at least eleven \$15,000 Visual and Media Artist awards, as budgeted for FY 2021-
 - o organizing an exhibition of the 2021-22 winners' work, planned for a flagship visual arts institution in Miami-Dade County;
 - exploring ways to support the work of awarded artists, such as establishing a dynamic, online presence for a virtual gallery and/or catalogue of their work and identifying strategies to acquire works for collections, etc.;
 - continuing the Art Acquisition Program for Miami-Dade, accessioning artworks of Miami-Dade SFCC grantees within the Miami-Dade Public Art Collection
- Continue arts advocacy work at the state and federal levels in support of funding and policies for the arts.