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FAB! announces the calendar of events for the upcoming year:

Front row: Francie Bishop Good, left, Melinda Lee, Patrea St. John, Bharti Chokshi and Connie Folz.

Back Row: Holly Bodenweber, left, Susan Lochrie, Irvin Lippman, Bonnie Barnett, Dr. Silvia Flores, and Gail Kaplan

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FAB! gears up for a jam-packed upcoming season of events

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The FAB! board announces the calendar of events for the upcoming year



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Standing: FAB board member Holly Bodenweber, left, Irvin Lippman and FAB board member Gail Kaplan
Seated: Bharti Chokshi, left, and Joy Satterlee

Working over the summer, the Funding Arts Broward (FAB!) board announced its calendar for the coming year.

The group hosts four luncheon programs during the year that highlight groups and topics within the arts community. In addition, there are several other social events that offer behind-the-scenes looks at museums, collections and performances.

A season-opening reception is planned for Sept. 25 for

new members. The first luncheon meeting is Oct. 30 at the Tower Club. Other programs on the calendar for the 2006-2007 year are: Dec. 4, Feb. 5 and April 16 luncheon programs and May 17 annual meeting.

Funding Arts Broward (FAB!) was formed in 2003 by a dozen community people who were concerned about growing private support to the arts in Broward County.

Artist and philanthropist Francie Bishop Good is chairman of the group; art appraiser and consultant Erica Hartman is president. There is a 15-member community board. The group currently has a membership of 125.

Each FAB! member pays \$1,000 in annual dues that are pooled and distributed as grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations working in the visual and performing arts in Broward County.

The group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all contributions go directly to grant funding. As an all-volunteer organization, there are no administrative expenses taken

out of dues or contributions. The group also receives other contributions and matching funds from the companies of some of its members.

In just three years, a total of \$370,000 has been awarded to local groups. Many of the members serve on the grants review panels, do site visits and make funding recommendations.

"Funding Arts Broward has truly lived up to its name," Hartman said. "FAB! is indeed off to a fabulous start and has quickly gained support because it meets a very direct need. It channels new dollars to arts groups to continue and grow their work."

"Our sights are set much higher. Our goal is to double the membership and make even more impact on the arts in Broward and South Florida," she said.

Twenty grants totaling \$180,000 have been awarded for the coming year to the following groups: Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, ArtServe, Association of Performing Arts India, Balles Ferrer, Ballet Gamonet Maximum Dance, Broward Art Guild, Broward Center of Dance and Theater Arts, Coral Springs Museum of Art, City Theater, Florida Grand Opera, Florida Youth Orchestra, Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, Gold Coast Jazz Society, Inside

Out Theater Company, Miami City Ballet, Museum of Art For Lauderdale, Symphony of the Americas, The Women's Theater Project and Young at Art Children's Museum. Grants range from \$1,500 to \$15,000.

Additionally, three grants were made to collaborations between Broward-based artists and FAB!-funded arts group in a new category this year, Innovative/Collaborative Grant Program.

These inaugural grants went to the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood for "Beauty Pageants" by Colby Katz; ArtServe for "A Visualization of Validation" by Irvin Weintraub and Ballet Gamonet Maximum Dance for "Life in the Dance: Magic Behind the Curtain" by Josephine Cardin.

Those interested in membership should contact Jessica Ojefson at jolefson@bell-south.net.

A corporate membership level also is available for a minimum annual donation of \$2,500 and allows a company to host a FAB! event.

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FAB! board members Bonnie Barnett, left, Francie Bishop Good and Connie Folz



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