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For more than two decades, the mission of Funding Arts Broward (FAB) has been to support and enhance our vibrant arts community in Broward County through grants.

FAB is proud to announce that the 2026 grants will total \$405,000—another record—thanks to the strong support from FAB members and community donors.

This Grants Celebration is the highlight of yet another successful year for FAB.

These grants form a tapestry of the arts in Broward County, woven together by artistic excellence, innovation, diversity, and inclusion.

Together, they create a bright future for the arts in our community.

Last summer, a special task force led by board member Steve Schermer conducted an in-depth review of FAB's grant procedures. The group was tasked with making recommendations to improve the application process, establish clear evaluation criteria, and make the screening process more accessible for volunteers.

It was a significant commitment of time and talent, resulting in positive changes. A pre-qualification process was introduced, an evaluation matrix was developed, and screening was carried out by 10 teams comprising 47 volunteers—all coordinated via Zoom calls—with final allocations based on equitable scoring across all programs.

Special thanks to this year's Grants Co-Chairs, Judy Zucker and Judy Feldman, as well as all volunteer captains, screeners, the task force, and advisory members, including Cindy Eden, Drazia Simon, Eleanor Levy, Mike Hartstein, Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson, Steve Schermer, and FAB Director of Operations, Kat Sierra.

We would like to recognize two outstanding volunteers who have dedicated themselves to the grants program over the past several years: Cindy Eden and Drazia Simon. We will be honoring them during tonight's program. Drazia also served as Grants Manager and is an expert on all matters related to FAB grants. Like all great leaders, Drazia recruited and trained her successor, FAB member, supporter, and lawyer Mark McGuire.

Together, we celebrate the achievements of the past year and look forward to a future filled with continued growth, creativity, and community engagement. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the arts in Broward County.

Mary Riedel



Program Timeline

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Cocktail Hour in the Courtyard

6:00 PM Guests Call into Tented Area

6:05 PM Program Begins

6:10 PM Open with Spotlight Entertainment:

Japan Arts and Brazilian Voices

6:15 PM Welcome by Mary Riedel, President, FAB

6:20 PM Presenting Sponsor:

Renee Johnson – JP Morgan

6:25 PM Mary Riedel, Volunteer Recognition –

Cindy Eden and Drazia Simon

6:30 PM Grant Co-Chairs Presentation: Judy Zucker

and Judy Feldman

6:40 PM Grantee Award Recipients are Recognized

(56 programs funded)

6:55 PM End of Grant Awards; Grant Co-Chairs

conclude program

6:55 PM Guests Return to Courtyard for Dessert

6:55 PM – 7:15 PM Grantee Photo Opp with Certificates

7:30 PM Program Ends

Grantee Entertainment Provided by:

Brazilian Voices, Hued Songs, Japan Arts, The Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre, Volta Music Foundation

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Funding Arts Broward Continues to Champion the Arts

2026 Grant Cycle Breaks Record, Awards \$405,000 to 56 Local Programs

FAB has contributed over \$5.4 million to support the Broward arts community throughout its history.

We are thrilled to share the inspiring highlights from our 2026 Grant Cycle—a true testament to our collective dedication to supporting the arts. This year, we received an impressive \$625,750 in grant requests, reflecting the vibrant creativity of our community. Thanks to the commitment of FAB members and Spark campaign supporters, we raised FAB's highest grant pool to date, allocating \$405,000 for programs in 2026.

This represents approximately 65% of the total funding requested, showcasing our strong impact on the arts community.

2026 FAB Grant Recipients by Discipline:

THEATRE

Support for 10 diverse programs totaling \$92,800:

Art Prevails Project, Developing Dreams Foundation, Fantasy Theatre Factory, Florida Children's Theatre, Inside Out Theatre Company, Island City Stage, New City Players, Plays of Wilton, Slow Burn Theatre Company, Thinking Cap Theatre.

DANCE

Support for Four (4) programs focused on storytelling through movement, totaling \$34,600:

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Dance NOW! Miami, Fort Lauderdale Children's Ballet Theatre, Miami City Ballet.





MUSIC

Support for 18 programs spanning a wide array of genres, totaling \$134,600:

Brazilian Voices. Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Chopin Foundation, Embrace Music Foundation, Florida Grand Opera, Florida Singing Sons, Florida Youth Orchestra, Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida, Gold Coast Jazz Society, Hued Songs, Japan Arts/Fushu Daiko, Master Chorale of South Florida, Seraphic Fire, South Florida Chamber Ensemble. South Florida Pride Bands. South Florida Symphony Orchestra. Symphony of the Americas, The Girl Choir of South Florida.

ISUAL AND FILM

Visual and Film: Funding for Five (5) programs, including art exhibits and film initiatives, totaling \$38,000:

Art and Culture Center/Hollywood, ArtServe, Coral Springs Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, NSU Museum of Art.

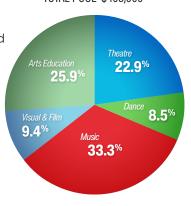
ARTS EDUCATION

Funding for 19 programs promoting arts awareness and skill acquisition, totaling \$105.000:

Art and Culture Center/Hollywood, Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Coral Springs Museum of Art, Evolutionary Arts Life Foundation, Fantasy Theatre Factory, Florida Children's Theatre, Florida Grand Opera, Florida Youth Orchestra, Florida's Singing Sons, Girl Choir of South Florida, Gold Coast Jazz Society, Lovewell Institute for the Creative Arts. Master Chorale of South Florida, Miami City Ballet, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Seraphic Fire, South Florida Pride Bands, Symphony of the Americas, Volta Music Foundation.

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS BY DISCIPLINE

TOTAL POOL \$405,000





VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS THEATER

Art Prevails Project \$8,100

"Calliope" is a season of original theatrical work. It includes three separate theatrical experiences that offer an opportunity for community members to engage in thought-provoking work. In the spring, there are readings of original short plays written by local playwrights. The summer will feature a production of the music, The Show Must Go On. The fall/winter show will be our annual multidisciplinary production, The Happening: A Theatrical Mixtape. Art Prevails Project seeks to cultivate and elevate the talent that exists in our local community.

Developing Dreams Foundation \$10,000

For over two decades, the "Choreographer's Ball" has been a culminating event for a variety of choreographers and aspiring dancers to highlight their work, featuring various dance forms set to captivating music and sound. Step into a world where movement becomes magic as these extraordinary choreographers push the boundaries of creativity. From contemporary to classical, hip-hop to ballet, the stage will ignite with the passion and precision of South Florida's finest dancers.

Fantasy Theatre Factory \$12,000

FTF's "Healing-Arts-Performance-Program-for-Youth" (HAPPY) will serve hospitalized children/families/staff at Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. FTF's innovative program features show/character interactions with patients/parents/visitors, adds laughter to elevate the spirit, and provides

moments of healing through art. Event-2: Family Enrichment Series Featuring "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz". We are off to see the Wizard in this all-new adaptation of Frank L. Baum's classic tale combining puppetry/magic/music/comedy and more to take audiences to Oz in a whole new way!





Florida Children's Theatre \$12,000

The 2026 Spring Series will consist of two distinct theatrical productions. Performances are open to the public, with additional dedicated field trip opportunities for schools. The first production is a Cirque-du-Soleil style original piece featuring FLCT's youth circus troupe. The second production will be a licensed Broadway or Off-Broadway-style musical. FLCT shows are high-quality theatrical productions directed, produced, and designed by theatre professionals, featuring performers in grades 2-12.

Inside Out Theatre Company \$5,000

The bi-lingual presentation of "Phantom of the Opera" will be a highlight of the season. There will be four performances: two in English and two in Spanish. Many of the actors, as well as the Musical Director, Choreographer, and Stage Manager, are bilingual, making it possible for performers to take on both the English and Spanish productions. As part of this carefully curated season, we will use the transformative power of musical theatre to illuminate shared human experiences, sparking conversations that resonate deeply within our diverse audiences.

Island City Stage \$9,700

"LIGHT SWITCH" by Dave Osmundsen: Henry Sullivan, 27, single, gay, and autistic, lives his life vicariously through the heroes and heroines of the 19th-century British novels he devours. But no marriage plot has prepared him for dating as a contemporary gay man. When he meets a potential match in Joseph, every romantic notion of his will finally come true – or will it? Hilarious and heartbreaking, LIGHT SWITCH tells the story of one remarkable young man's journey toward love and acceptance over the span of twenty years.

New City Players \$8,100

"Burst", a 90-minute drama, explores the complex world of a pioneering tech CEO navigating corporate responsibility, climate innovation, and personal integrity. Centered on Sarah Boyd, founder of Tactix, the play follows her through a pivotal night confronting a probing reporter, a challenging lawsuit, and internal company tensions. By dramatizing the intersections of technological ambition, environmental vision,

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and individual resilience, the production offers a nuanced portrait of leadership in the climate era. New City Players will complement the production with post-show "Beyond the Stage" events, creating deeper audience engagement with the play's critical themes.

Plays of Wilton \$8,700

Plays of Wilton will expand our "POW! in the Park" initiative in 2026 with an innovative, interactive outdoor production of "Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine at Richardson Park in Wilton Manors, utilizing the park's wooded areas to transport audiences into the world of the Brothers Grimm. The production will guide attendees "into the woods," allowing them to follow the story as it unfolds throughout the park. With its thought-provoking themes and captivating music, "Into the Woods" explores the consequences

of wishes, personal responsibility, and communal

resilience.

Slow Burn Theatre Company \$10,500

"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" is a captivating production that tells the inspiring true story of Carole King's journey from teenage songwriter to iconic music legend. Featuring King's timeless hits, the musical explores themes of resilience, self-discovery, and empowerment as she overcomes personal and professional challenges to find her own voice. Through unforgettable music and heartfelt storytelling, "Beautiful" celebrates the power of perseverance and creativity, offering audiences an uplifting and emotionally rich theatrical experience.

Thinking Cap Theatre \$8,700

Continuing its efforts to preserve the legacy of master playwright and Off-Off-Broadway pioneer, Maria Irene Fornes, in 2026, TCT will present a main stage production of one of Fornes' plays. The production will be directed by TCT's Artistic Director, Nicole Stodard, who recently contributed a chapter for a book-length study on Fornes for the Literature in Context series published by Cambridge University Press.



Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida \$10.500

"Polovtsian Dances" by Maestro Vladimir Issaev is a celebrated Russian Opera Ballet repertoire masterpiece. The choreography brings to life the vibrant dances from Alexander Borodin's opera Prince Igor. Set in the camp of the Polovtsians—a nomadic Turkish people of the 11th to 13th centuries—the dances feature a chorus of Polovtsian slaves performing for the captive Prince Igor and his son. The dynamic blend of singing and movement creates a powerful and visually stunning production.

Dance NOW! Miami \$8,100

"Love-less: Dance of the last Moho braccatus," is a premiere from Co-Director Baumgarten, depicting tragic love, paradise lost, and the frailty of our world. This powerful metaphor for the human experience is told through dance with the story of this Hawaiian songbird facing extinction in 1985 due to habitat destruction. Fortunately, two birds resisted, yet in a tragic turn a hurricane killed the female with the male unaware of her fate. His song was last heard calling out for his mate, unable to understand why she did not respond.

Fort Lauderdale Children's Ballet Theatre \$5,500

"Cinderella", will highlight the artistic achievements of 120 young dancers, age 5-18, from the Tri-County area. The 90-minute classical ballet, with original music by Prokofiev, is a transformational experience for both children and families, in the audience and on the stage, to have in an accessible, delightful way. Renowned for making lasting first-impressions on first-time theater goers. FLCBT captures the imaginations of diverse audiences and brings classical ballet to everyone.

Miami City Ballet \$10,500

Stephanie Martinez will debut a world premiere for Miami City Ballet's 40th anniversary season. Renowned for her innovative choreography, Martinez's accolades include an NEA grant for "Bliss!" - a premiere with Joffrey Ballet – and the Chicago 3Arts Award, highlight her impact as a female artist of color. Dubbed "a chameleon" by Chicago Tribune, her works challenge conventional ballet norms. These premier promises to intertwine themes of American identity and cultural heritage, celebrating both MCB's legacy and new artistic voices in dance.





MUSIC

Brazilian Voices \$5,500

"Quiet Bossa Jazz 4 All", a sensory-inclusive program, blends American, Hispanic, and Brazilian tunes in two one-hour interactive performances. Featuring 15-20 Brazilian Voices singers and two local musicians, it creates a supportive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum or with sensitivity issues. "Taiko & Batucada" performance features a collaboration with Fushu Daiko, combining Taiko drumming and Brazilian harmonies.

Broward Center for the Performing Arts \$10,300

The free "Rhythm by the River" event will highlight some of Broward County's most exciting and innovative Black artists while also bringing community members of all ages and backgrounds together to experience and engage with the performing arts at no charge. The outdoor event will feature a minimum of four live performances by local professional artists spanning a variety of musical genres, including jazz, reggae, blues, classical and more.

Chopin Foundation \$6,500

The annual "CHOPIN for ALL" free concert series takes place monthly from November through May at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC), a beautiful 300-seat auditorium. Steinway and Sons will provide grand pianos for the concert. The seven artists presented in the series will include some of the absolute best young American pianists performing today.

Embrace Music Foundation \$3,500

"Rhythms of Africa" is a musical journey describing the movement of ancient rhythms sprung from the souls of vibrant cultures and carried by hand and heart from Africa to the New World. It's World Music, the universal language, and our performances welcome all to celebrate with us. Our program challenges children to recognize, channel, and direct their creativity. The show features 25 – 40 students, most musical novices who participated in a series of workshops, pairing them with professional musicians who join them on stage for two performances.



Florida Grand Opera \$8,100

"Turandot" by Giacomo Puccini tells the story Princess Turandot, whose suitors must answer riddles to win her, with the penalty of death for those who fail, and the passion-filled resolve of mysterious suitor Prince Calaf. The dramatic tension is supported by Puccini's famously soaring melodies, grand orchestration, and emotional intensity, which elevate the timeless themes of love, sacrifice, and revenge. "Turandot" will feature world-renowned artists.

Florida's Singing Sons \$5,500

The "2026 SPRING POPS CONCERT" will be the Florida Singing Sons (FSS) culminating performance of artistic/professional achievement for the year at Sunshine Cathedral in Fort Lauderdale. Attendees will embark on a journey across a broad spectrum representing all four FSS choirs. The program begins with beloved standards from the choral repertoire and additional selections that will be performed during our Summer Tour. The second half of the program will feature a semi-staged Broadway Medley.

Florida Youth Orchestra \$8,300

"Music Around the World" is a dynamic symphonic concert highlighting classical works from unexpected countries and cultures. Performed by over 200 talented young musicians, the program will feature compositions from Turkey, Armenia, Finland, Japan, and more, celebrating global diversity through the power of orchestral music.

Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida \$12,000

"The Music Stopped - The Pulse Nightclub Shootings": "I heard 20, 40, 50 shots. The music stopped." This is how Jon Alamo described the evening of June 12, 2016, when 29-year-old Omar Mateen shot and killed 49 people and wounded 53 more in a mass shooting at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. In partnership with the Orlando Gay Chorus, GMCSF is commissioning a moving and healing work in observance of the 10-year anniversary of the attack. Familiar songs will round out the evening, delivering messages of hope and unity.

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Gold Coast Jazz Society \$12,400

The "2026 Jazz Project" will include four mainstage jazz concerts at the Amaturo Theater and one jazz performance of "Jazz Reflections" at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. Artists will include pianist Shelly Berg; Brazilian guitarist, Diego Figueiredo, and guests; pianist/

vocalist, Karrin Allyson; and saxophonist, Grace Kelly. mainstage ΑII concert musicians are renowned and recognized both nationally and internationally. They all enjoy a large following worldwide. "Jazz Reflections" is a free performance and will feature an ensemble of stellar local iazz musicians from the Gold Coast Jazz Society Band.



Hued Songs \$3,500

"Soulful Christmas" is a rich tapestry of sound that weaves together cultural celebration, community building, and artistic excellence to create a transformative holiday experience. The performance creates an immediate bridge between familiar holiday traditions and the vibrant cultural heritage of Broward County's diverse communities. This concert serves as more than mere entertainment, it becomes a powerful tool for cultural representation, allowing audience members to see their own experiences and traditions reflected in this annual holiday.

Japan Arts/Fushu Daiko \$2,000

"Taiko & Batucada" is a collaboration of Fushu Daiko and Brazilian Voices. This concert integrates sound, movement, and environmental awareness. Music has the power to transcend boundaries, bringing together cultures that seem worlds apart. Rooted in the universal language of rhythm, the music will be structured around the elements of nature, each offering a unique sonic and symbolic perspective. The dynamic and powerful drumming of Fushu Daiko and the soothing harmonies and rhythmic energy of Brazilian Voices will share the stage for an unforgettable performance that celebrates unity in diversity.



Master Chorale of South Florida \$10,500

"Mass for the Endangered" will immerse listeners in a concert that transcends tradition, blending awe-inspiring music, innovative visuals, and a call to protect the world we cherish. This unique concert combines music and environmental advocacy in a way that is truly immersive. Sarah Kirkland Snider's "Mass for the Endangered", accompanied by stunning projections, offers a powerful, multimedia experience that

highlights the beauty and fragility of the natural world. The program also features a world premiere commission by Marques Garrett, providing a fresh musical perspective on nature. An unforgettable journey blending, art, nature, and music.



Seraphic Fire \$12,000

Seraphic Fire's" 2026 Winter Concert Season" will include

three ambitious, historically informed choral concerts featuring repertoire from the Renaissance era through today's most exciting contemporary works. Renowned guest conductor Jason Max Ferdinand will return for a concert celebrating spirituals, gospel influence, and the Great American Songbook, Artistic Director Patrick Dupre Quigley will conduct a program dedicated to the development of American folk song traditions. Guest conductor Arianne Abela will make her Seraphic Fire debut, leading a program of Renaissance, 20th century, and contemporary music with thematic connections to water.

South Florida Chamber Ensemble \$4,000

"Season 15: America" is a celebration of American music, dance, art, stories, and composers. We are celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States along with the South Florida Chamber Ensemble's 15th anniversary. Each concert this season connects to American artists of all genres. Former members of the SFCE will participate and there will be collaborations with American composers, artists, poets, choreographers, with a specific focus on Broward based artists. Each program will focus on a type of art, such as musicals, pop music, classical music, jazz, and more.





South Florida Pride Bands \$4,000

"Waves and Wanderers" is a concert performance by the South Florida Pride Concert Band, SFPB's main performance unit, the Pride Jazz Ensemble, and the Pride Steel Drum Band. Experience the power and allure of the ocean with this nautically themed concert. Featuring sea shanties, cinematic scores, and evocative symphonic works, the program celebrates the adventures of sailors, explorers, sea creatures, and the vast, uncharted waters that have inspired composers for centuries.

South Florida Symphony Orchestra \$12,400

"Masterworks III: Simon, Joachim, Mozart, Rimsky-Korsakov" offers a captivating program highlighting a blend of contemporary and classical works. The evening opens with Carlos Simon's "Four Black American Dances", celebrating African American heritage through vibrant rhythms and melodies, followed by the Florida premiere of "Joachim's

Cello Concerto", performed by acclaimed cellist Seth Woods. Mozart's Symphony No. "Haffner" offers elegance while Rimskyand energy, Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol" concludes the concert with dazzling orchestral color and Spanish-inspired themes. This program highlights diverse musical traditions and virtuosity, promising an unforgettable experience for audiences.



Symphony of the Americas \$6,000

Music without Borders..." One World, One Language": Impressionistic influences. Arabian artistry. Worldly wonder. Music bridges land and conquers borders in this confluence of Spanish and German composers who combine sounds and cultures, demonstrating music is the one true international language.



The Girl Choir \$8,100

The repertoire for "Earth, Water, Fire, Air" is crafted with a social-emotional learning lens, encouraging choristers to explore themes of connection, resilience, and empowerment through their performance. This intentional focus fosters personal growth, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of the music's messages, ensuring the experience resonates beyond the stage for both performers and audience members. What connects us to the natural world and to each other? Earth, Water, Fire, Air explores this question through music inspired by the classical elements.

VISUAL/FILM

Art and Culture Center/Hollywood \$5,000

"Hollywood Walk" features digital photographs by Peggy Levison Nolan and Pip Brant exhibited as a slide show that showcases their unique perspective as two friends in their pajamas walking the City's alleyways and getting to know their neighbors. What began in 2021 as an escape from the rigors of form and tradition in their artist process, Nolan and



Brant began going for daily walks in their East Hollywood neighborhood near the Center to discover and capture in cellphone photographs the treasures and oddities of daily life in the city.

ArtServe \$8,100

"The Art of Language: Celebrating the Aesthetic and Intellectual Beauty of Words" is an homage to words, showcasing of all aspects of language as artform, from bookbinding to graphic design, typography to calligraphy, interpretative dance to American Sign Language. Multidisciplinary artwork by local artists will highlight how language is essential and inspirational to their work. First-edition books and antique typewriters, a printing press and vintage calligraphy set will be displayed. A sign language interpreter will be at the opening reception.

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Coral Springs Museum of Art \$7,000

A series of exhibitions will feature different artists using a variety of mediums. Exhibitions include a curated selection of paintings that

embody Arte Povera (using humble, everyday materials); works that bridge the gap between handmade weaving and digital media; and a series of ancestral explorations of performance, video, and installation. A Picasso prints exhibition will be featured. The diverse artists will promote equity and engage visitors in community conversations around accessible art.



Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival \$5,500

Savor Cinema will be the host venue for a series of nine films anchored by a collaborative performance that will showcase the vibrancy of the arts in Broward. By pooling resources, we can collectively broaden our audience bases and amplify creative capacity. Examples include Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida mini concert - screening of Auntie Mame and Dance NOW! Miami performance - screening of Billy Elliot.

NSU Museum of Art \$12,400

The groundbreaking exhibition "Black Bodies, Blue Spaces" explores the intersections of Black identity, belonging, and water ecologies, highlighting the cultural, historical, and environmental significance of aquatic spaces in Black experiences across the diaspora and local communities of South Florida. Through dynamic artworks, cross-disciplinary performances and community engagement initiatives, the exhibition, curated by Rachel Panton, PhD, will provide a platform to examine themes of spirituality, memory, aquatic leisure, and environmental justice. The exhibition aims to foster meaningful dialogue around these critical issues while celebrating the contributions of Black artists and scholars.



Art and Culture Center/Hollywood \$4.900

"Summer Arts Outreach" will provide youth and field-trip groups with an interactive arts-education experience during the exhibition, Florida Printmakers. This show organized by the Center Curator will feature prints by Brian Reedy, Joseph Valesquez, Jennifer Harper, Tom Virgin, Ingrid Schindall and other Florida artists, along with art-making activities and auided tours for families and school-age visitors. Printmaking dates to the Sixth Century in China, but in the hands of these Florida artists, the medium becomes a modern tool of communication and inspiration for our youngest visitors.

Broward Center for the Performing Arts \$6,700

The "Advanced Musical Theater Program" will engage Broward County students to develop, implement and star in a pilot production of a musical, with the show to later be made available nationally as part of Music Theatre International's (MTI) Broadway Junior offerings. Students will participate in weekly workshops that provide top-tier professional

instruction in musical theater skills and insight into the process of show development. The project will culminate in a minimum of two ticketed performances in the Amaturo Theater, giving students the unique opportunity to perform on a world-class stage with professional crew.



Coral Springs Museum of Art \$6,500

"ArtVentures" will provide engaging arts classes for children ages 5-12, along with an interactive family fun day once a month. Professional artists teach children's classes with arts appreciation and fundamental techniques in subjects like drawing, ceramics, comic illustration and painting. The skills learned translate into the traditional classroom, personal interactions and eventually careers. The whole family will participate once a month in a day that includes art making, other activities and a tour of the current exhibits in the gallery.



Evolutionary Arts Life Foundation \$7,500

"Broward Arts Evolve" is a dual-track arts education initiative focusing on Musical Theater and Symphonic Band. This program, held at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, will serve 25 economically

challenged youth participants, ages 6-18 and includes eight tuition-free workshops (two per month). "Broward Arts Evolve" culminates in one free Community Showcase fostering pride in cultural identity and heritage.



Fantasy Theatre Factory \$3,200

"Bringing Books to Children" is a theatre/language-arts program that directly supports elementary school pre-kindergarten-second grade reading curricula, introducing young children to the joys of reading. The program creates positive in-school experiences linked to theatre and literacy/books. The project reaches 4,500+ underserved students in 20 Title I (low-income) elementary schools in Broward. The project begins with a performance of the literacy-incentive play, "The Misadventures of Pinocchio" After the show every child participates in a post-show educational workshop, and they receive a free program-related book. Teachers receive comprehensive study-guides.

Florida Children's Theatre \$3,300

Through a variety of workshops, firsthand artistic and technical training, and community partnerships, participants learn the skills needed to enter the creative industry's work force and gain acceptance into top collegiate level training programs. Activities cover all aspects of the filmmaking process including writing copy, light design, sound mixing, producing, directing, and editing. Leading professionals provide focused mentorship and there is experiential learning on high end, industry standard equipment within the structure of a weekly after school program model; students work directly with industry professionals serving as mentors.



Florida Grand Opera \$3,200

"The HOPE (Having an Opera Performance Experience) Program" provides free tickets and busing to FGO's Opening Night performances of its Mainstage Operas at the Broward Center for thousands of Broward County students. As a part of this program, FGO Teaching Artists visit schools prior to the performances to educate students on opera history and the context of the show they are specifically viewing to ensure that their experience in the theater is a meaningful one.

Florida Youth Orchestra \$8,500

"Core Ensemble": 300+ talented musicians, ages 6-19, hone their skills through weekly rehearsals (40 weeks/year) and public performances, fostering artistic growth and performance confidence (eight ensembles: Symphony Orchestra, Principal Orchestra, Repertory Strings, Chamber Strings, Silver Strings, Alpha Strings, Flute Choir, & iPlay). "Music STEPS": 530 children, ages 2-13, from underserved communities discover the joy of music through our afterschool program at Title 1 schools and social service agencies, sparking creativity and enriching their lives. "No Limits": provides one-on-one violin lessons for ten students with Down Syndrome / Autism Spectrum disorder.

Florida's Singing Sons \$7,500

The "FSS Choral Music Education Program" serves Broward youth in grades 2-12 with four choirs, delineated by the maturity of choristers' voices. Choristers learn vocal production, sight-singing, music history/theory, performance, and stage presence. These skills are learned in rehearsals, theory classes, vocal/theory camps, and public performances as a stand-



alone choir and collaboration with other choirs. Funding will be used for scholarships for choristers whose families request financial assistance, because everyone should be able to participate in the arts regardless of income.



Girl Choir of South Florida \$6,500

This "Choral Education Program" equips girls ages 6-18 with vocal technique, music literacy, and collaborative skills through weekly rehearsals and workshops from August to May. Participants grow as musicians and individuals while preparing for self-produced concerts and community performances. Focused on skill mastery and personal growth, the program fosters

confidence, teamwork, and a lifelong love of the arts. Scholarships ensure financial accessibility, enabling students from all backgrounds to experience the transformative power of choral music education.

Gold Coast Jazz Society \$3,800

Gold Coast Jazz Society will provide up to 15 live presentations of "JazzSLAM" (Jazz Supports Language Arts & Math), in Broward County Public Elementary Schools from January through December of 2026. "JazzSLAM" is provided at no cost to each participating elementary school. It is targeted at 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students and includes a one-hour, live and interactive jazz presentation with a professional jazz quartet. The program integrates jazz with elements of Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies.

Lovewell Institute for the Creative Arts \$7,500

As an interdisciplinary program, we offer young artists the chance to develop diverse skills through the collaborative creation of an original musical. Our flagship programs are immersive three-week summer workshops. Guided by a team of professional artists, students experience the entire creative journey: from brainstorming ideas to writing, composing, choreographing, and performing a fully realized production of their own original musical, taking it from the first word to the final bow.

Master Chorale of South Florida \$3,800

Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf "for children and their families is part of its popular free interactive educational Family Concert series. Prokofiev's symphonic tale uses specific instruments to represent characters in the



story. Children will enjoy recognizing the instruments and melodies and viewing the instruments up close after the performance. This is a fun, kid-friendly guide to classical music and how to understand it. It is also a fabulous way to introduce children to the joys of classical music.

Miami City Ballet \$3,800

"Ballet for Young People" (BFYP) enhances access to classical ballet by offering free, professionally produced performances for students. In



collaboration with the Broward Center for the Arts and the Students Enrichment through the Arts (SEAS) program, BFYP extends its reach to students during school hours. This initiative directly addresses significant barriers to arts access, such as financial costs and geographic limitations, ensuring that young people can experience the joy of live performances without obstacles.

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale \$3,800

The free quarterly "Sensory Saturdays" provides children with diverse, neurodivergent needs and their families with access to the Museum 9:30am-10:30am, prior to public hours, to create art in designated workspaces with sensory-friendly art supplies and explore the Museum in a serene and supportive atmosphere (dimmed lighting, reduced noise). The program is KultureCity

Certified® and recognized as a community partner with UM-NSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. KultureCity Sensory Bags® (noise-cancelling headphones, weighted lap pads, soft seating) are distributed during public hours to provide sensory-friendly experiences anytime).

Seraphic Fire \$3,800

"Seraphic Fire Youth Initiative" (SFYI) consists of assembly-style in-school workshops and educational concerts. As part of a three-year partnership, Seraphic presents workshops at two partner elementary schools, themed around different topics relating to American music, world music, and



popular music, and highlights elements of music theory, music history, and singing techniques. Educational concerts welcome students from throughout the district to experience and explore vocal music from many traditions in an engaging and approachable way.

South Florida Pride Bands \$8,500

The" Pride Youth Band" is an annual honor band style program that brings LGBTQ and allied students from South Florida together. Students will develop their musical skills during rehearsals and workshops with adult coaches and performers from the SFPB. and guest conductor/clinician Dr. Erika Svanoe. Music selections will include several of Dr. Svanoe's arrangements and transcriptions for concert bands. The program

concludes with a concert at the Parker. Students will perform the first act, with the SFPB adult band joining them for act two.

Symphony of the Americas \$3,200

The "Side by Side" program engages K-12 students from



Broward County's public and private schools, offering a transformative musical experience under the leadership of Music Director Pablo Mielgo and Concertmaster Scott Flavin. Approximately 100 students rehearse and perform alongside professional Symphony musicians, receive scholarships, instrument loans and expert instruction. The program nurtures musical talent fosters inclusivity and strengthens community bonds, enriching Broward County's cultural fabric and inspiring the next generation of musicians.

Volta Music Foundation \$9,000

"Link Up", dedicated to bringing high-quality music education to South Florida schools, has successfully nurtured talent, built confidence, and inspired a passion for music in over 1,800 students in its inaugural year. In collaboration with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute, Volta harnesses "Link Up's" acclaimed curriculum, resources, and training, elevating standard school music programs into dynamic learning experiences.



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