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Funding Arts Broward (FAB) is a, privately funded non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the arts in Broward County. Established in 2003 by local artist and philanthropist Francie Bishop Good, along with 74 other committed arts supporters, FAB aims to sustain and enrich the arts through strategic grant-making and program development.

FAB curates an annual grant pool fueled by the generous contributions of its members, corporate partners, and allied foundations. This funding, along with additional support from initiatives like “Be the Spark,” empowers non-profit organizations and visual artists across Broward to implement impactful performing arts programs, visual arts initiatives, public art projects, and arts education efforts.

Since its inception, FAB has awarded over \$5.3 million in grants, championing arts advocacy and supporting a vibrant cultural landscape in the community. Through its ongoing efforts, FAB continues to play a pivotal role in fostering creativity and access to the arts for all residents of Broward County.

FAB 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

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FAB 2024 Highlights

- Record Grant Pool: **\$400,000**
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- Arts Access Awards: **\$300,000 for Arts Education Multi-Year Grants**
- Raised: \$2.3 million towards a \$3 million goal for “Be the Spark”
- Launched: “**Enhancing the Arts Opportunities in Broward County’s Arts Community**”
- Arts Access Awards: **\$300,000 Granted in Multi-Year Funding for Arts Education**
- FAB Goes Public: **Approved Funding of \$30,000 for Pilot Public Art Project in Collaboration with Mad Arts Museum, the Broward Performing Arts Foundation, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and The Parker.**
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- FAB Goes Public Hosted Art and Technology Workshop for **12 visual artists in collaboration with Mad Arts Museum**
- Raised: **\$2.3 million towards a \$3 million goal for “Be the Spark”**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Building on our two decades of supporting the arts, Funding Arts Broward (FAB) reached new milestones during the past year,

With support from our members and community partners, FAB extended its reach, increased its impact as an arts supporter and branched out with exciting new initiatives.

After a yearlong study, FAB released its “Enriching the Arts Opportunities in Broward County’s Arts Community” in October 2024. The report focused on what arts organizations need to survive and thrive and provided a guide to the areas where FAB could have the most impact. For FAB now and in the coming years, five key areas were identified:



Mary Riedel, President

GRANTMAKING

FAB reached a record \$400,000 in the annual grants pool and began a new multi-year Arts Access grant in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Broward that will provide an additional \$300,000 to two arts education programs over the next three years. Led by a volunteer task force, FAB also revamped its grants process to make it more accessible to grantees and to volunteer screening team members. Grants supported more than 20 arts education programs and 40 visual and performing arts programs serving Broward County.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

Among the tools to help arts organizations is a new FAB website. Other projects are in the works to collaborate on training and tools for audience development.

FAB’s “Be the Spark” campaign has so far raised \$2.3 million in funding to increase grant funding, begin new initiatives, strengthen FAB’s own infrastructure and ability to assist arts organizations and create a \$1 million endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Broward to sustain FAB’s future as a funder. More than 90 FAB members and a number of other donors and foundations have contributed to the campaign to date. The Spark campaign’s goal is to reach \$3 million.

ARTS EDUCATION

The requests for art education grants continue to grow each year. The “Enriching the Arts” report pointed out the gaps in K-12 public education system lacking arts curriculum and using the arts as an educational tool. The two Arts Access grants will expand arts education programs in Title 1 schools within the Broward School District.

PUBLIC ART

One of the FAB new initiatives is, “FAB Goes Public” public art pilot project that fuses art and technology. It is a collaboration together with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA), The Parker and Mad Arts that began in January of 2025.

ADVOCACY

Recognizing the need for a stronger, collective voice for the arts, FAB is spearheading the formation of a new community wide arts advocacy group. Participating organizations include FAB, the Broward County Cultural Division, the Community Foundation, Our Fund, Business for the Arts and other related groups. FAB members are ambassadors for the arts in Broward County and continue to be open to new ideas, enjoy “but-for-FAB” experiences and support partnerships that elevate the arts in our community.

This past year has been remarkable for FAB with many more milestones to reach as we move forward.

Mary Riedel, President



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MEMBER ENGAGEMENT IN THE FUNDING PROCESS
discussions, and face to face interviews. - first line

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MISSION

Funding Arts Broward supports, sustains and enriches the arts in our community.

VISION

Through a diverse, dynamic, and engaged membership, Funding Arts Broward will be known as the leading arts ambassador – nurturing, supporting and promoting the arts in our community.

OUR GRANT IMPACT

Since its establishment in 2003, Funding Arts Broward, Inc. (FAB) has awarded over \$5.3 million to support high-quality visual and performing arts programs, significantly enriching the cultural landscape of Broward County. To date, FAB has funded over 70 arts organizations, ensuring that diverse and accessible artistic experiences are available to the public. Our commitment to the local arts community has transformed lives and fostered a sense of unity, demonstrating the power of art to transcend differences and celebrate our shared humanity.

HOW WE ADVANCE OUR MISSION

FAB Funding Programs: FAB provides funding to a wide range of non-profit arts organizations, supporting performance and visual programming, arts education initiatives, and a public art program which supports local visual artists. This financial support empowers organizations and individuals to deliver impactful artistic experiences that engage and inspire the community.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT IN THE FUNDING PROCESS

We actively involve our members in the funding process through evaluations, discussions, and site visits. This hands-on approach not only enhances members' understanding of the local arts landscape but also ensures that funding decisions are made with insight into the needs and potential of the organizations we support.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FAB hosts a series of events designed to educate and connect our members and the broader community. These gatherings feature informative presentations on various arts-related topics, providing opportunities for networking and collaboration while fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts.

Through these initiatives, FAB continues to play a pivotal role in nurturing the vibrant cultural fabric of Broward County, ensuring that the arts remain an integral part of our community for years to come.

GRANTS

In 2024, Funding Arts Broward (FAB) proudly hosted its annual grant presentation at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale, attracting nearly 200 attendees.

This year marked a significant milestone as FAB distributed a record \$400,000 in grants—its largest funding amount in 21 years. A total of 61 grants were awarded to 45 arts and culture organizations in support of performances, exhibitions, and educational initiatives, reflecting FAB's commitment to enhancing the arts through private donations and community support.

Notably, eleven organizations received funding for the first time, including the National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Black LGBTQ+ Liberation, Inc., and the Lovewell Institute for the Creative Arts, further emphasizing FAB's dedication to supporting diverse and innovative arts initiatives within the community.



GRANTS AWARDED

Grant Cycle Years: We fund a year in advance. The following organizations have been selected by the Grants Committee and approved by the FAB Board and Membership to receive funding for programs in 2025.

Arts and Culture Organizations funded for a program in 2025

Grant cycle years are one year ahead, the following organizations were selected by the Grants Committee and approved by FAB Members to receive an award in 2024.

Arts Education Grants Awarded

- All Florida Youth Orchestra: \$7,400.00
- Art Prevails Project: \$5,000.00
- Be Eccentrich Inc: \$2,000.00
- Broward Performing Arts Foundation: \$6,500.00
- Coral Springs Museum of Art: \$5,500.00
- Fantasy Theatre Factory: \$10,000.00
- Florida Singing Sons: \$6,700.00
- Gold Coast Jazz Society: \$5,000.00
- Hollywood Art and Culture Center: \$5,500.00
- Lovewell Institute for the Creative Arts: \$4,800.00
- Master Chorale of South Florida: \$6,000.00
- Nova Southeastern University: \$3,400.00
- Seraphic Fire: \$3,000.00
- South Florida Chamber Ensemble: \$5,500.00
- South Florida Pride Bands: \$10,000.00
- South Florida Symphony Orchestra: \$7,500.00
- The Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre: \$10,000.00
- Volta Music Foundation: \$5,700.00
- Young At Art of Broward: \$7,500.00

\$117,000 TOTAL FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Performing and Visual Arts Grants Awarded

- All Florida Youth Orchestra: \$8,400.00
- Art Prevails Project: \$4,400.00
- Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: \$8,000.00
- ArtServe, Inc: \$3,000.00
- Black LGBTQ+ Liberation: \$6,000.00
- Brazilian Voices: \$8,500.00
- Broward County Film Society: \$7,500.00
- Broward Performing Arts Foundation: \$10,000.00
- Broward Women's Chorus: \$3,000.00
- Chopin Foundation of the United States: \$4,500.00
- Coral Springs Museum of Art: \$4,000.00
- Developing Dreams Foundation: \$4,800.00
- Dinggin: \$3,500.00
- Embrace Music Foundation: \$3,000.00
- Fantasy Theatre Factory: \$9,500.00
- Florida Singing Sons: \$4,000.00
- Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida: \$8,700.00
- Gold Coast Jazz Society: \$5,000.00
- Grace Arts Center: \$5,100.00
- Hollywood Art and Culture Center: \$7,000.00
- Hued Songs: \$6,000.00
- Island City Stage: \$9,100.00
- Japan Arts Inc: \$3,000.00
- Jazz Education Community Coalition (JECC): \$6,000.00
- Master Chorale of South Florida: \$8,500.00
- Miami City Ballet: \$13,500.00
- National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill: \$5,300.00
- New City Players: \$7,400.00
- Nova Southeastern University: \$12,000.00
- Plays Of Wilton: \$3,200.00
- Seraphic Fire: \$7,500.00
- Slow Burn Theatre Company: \$12,000.00
- South Florida Ballet Theater: \$5,400.00
- South Florida Chamber Ensemble: \$4,000.00
- South Florida Pride Bands: \$7,500.00
- South Florida Symphony Orchestra: \$13,500.00
- Symphony of the Americas: \$6,500.00
- The Dance NOW! Ensemble: \$4,000.00
- The Fort Lauderdale Children's Ballet Theatre: \$5,800.00
- The Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre: \$12,000.00
- The Girl Choir of South Florida: \$5,600.00
- Thinking Cap Theatre: \$7,300.00

\$283,000 PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

2003 - 2024 FAB GRANT AWARD HISTORY \$5.4 MILLION



2024 GRANTS by the NUMBERS

NEW ORGANIZATIONS: 10 organizations funded
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TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED **\$400,000**

PERFORMANCE AND EXHIBITION GRANTS:
42 grants awarded,
a 17% increase from
36 last year.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS:
10 organizations funded
for the first time,
expanding our reach
and impact.



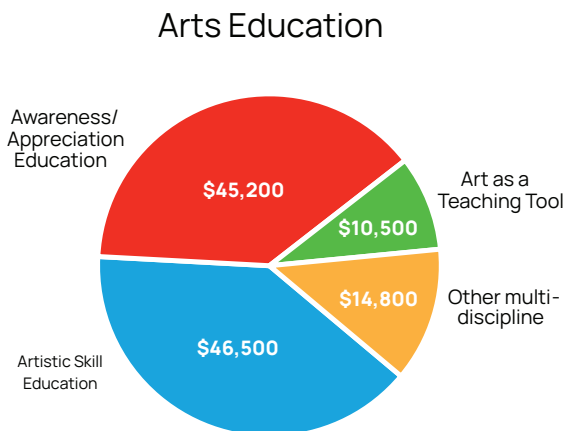
EDUCATION GRANTS:
19 grants awarded,
a remarkable
90% increase
from 10 last year.

INCREASED FUNDING FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS:
Funding for education
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by 65%, reinforcing
our commitment to
educational excellence.

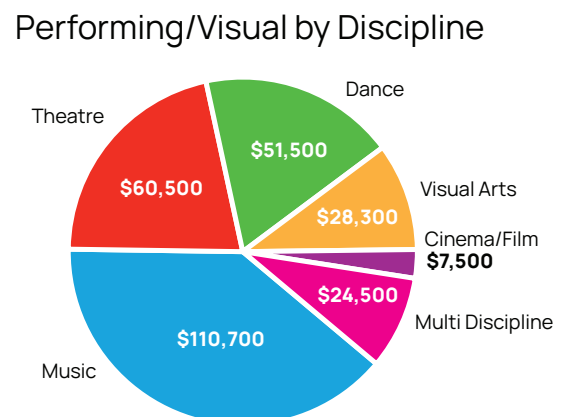
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED:
45 organizations
supported, up 22% from
37 last year.



FUNDING ARTS EDUCATION BY PROGRAM DISCIPLINE



PERFORMING ARTS BY DISCIPLINE



MEMBERSHIP

160 MEMBERS
IN 2024

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Being a FAB member means joining a vibrant community dedicated to supporting and enriching the arts in Broward County. As champions for the arts, our members engage with the creative landscape, experiencing the arts through friendship, involvement, and meaningful contributions.

Members enjoy a range of exclusive benefits, including the opportunity to screen grant applications, allowing an active role in supporting the arts community in Broward. They also connect with grantees, building relationships and witnessing the impact of their support firsthand. Educational arts-centric events deepen their understanding of the arts and foster dialogue within the community, while behind-the-scenes exclusive programs provide insider access to unique artistic experiences and initiatives. Additionally, members gain access to the inner circle of the arts sector, networking with fellow advocates and leaders, all while contributing to a thriving arts landscape. Another key benefit of membership is access to FAB's fun events. FAB works hard to plan a year filled with engaging activities, including our signature events that bring members together to celebrate the arts in unique and inspiring ways.



2024 **fAb!** HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY:

FAB kicked off the year with "FAB Goes Hollywood," hosted at Savor Cinema, bringing back beloved films and celebrating the magic of cinema. Later in January, we honored FAB founders at the Tower Club, unveiling exciting new milestones within the community.

MARCH:

FAB hosted its Annual Membership meeting at the YMCA, Sistrunk, featuring FBI Special Agent Robert Griczy from the International Art Theft Unit, who provided invaluable insights into art security and preservation. This meeting served as a platform to reflect on FAB's impact over the past year, bringing members together to discuss achievements, future goals, and the importance of community support in the arts.

MAY:

We gathered at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center with over 140 guests including representatives from 42 arts organizations to honor and celebrate their artistic initiatives, culminating in a stunning video tribute to our grantees that highlighted their incredible contributions.

OCTOBER:

In October we kicked off our 21st season with FAB's first town hall, where we proudly shared the "Enriching the Arts" guide. This kickoff event engaged members and guests with discussions on enhancing our collective impact and fostering collaboration among the arts community. Additionally, FAU hosted FAB members for an educational session on AI and Architecture, led by Joseph Choma, Director of the FAU School of Architecture, providing valuable insights into the evolving intersection of technology and design.

NOVEMBER:

We brought back a beloved event, Art Share, hosted at Mad Arts Museum. This event featured an art exhibition, reception, and sale, welcoming over 25 visual artists from Broward and expanding the program's reach and community involvement.

DECEMBER:

We concluded the year with a dynamic event featuring Public Art Broward, showcasing a panel discussion with Phil Dunlap, Broward Cultural Division Director; Marc Aptakin, Founder/CEO of Mad Arts Museum; George Gadson, Artist/Sculptor; and Rosanna Kalis, the first featured artist from FAB Goes Public. This discussion explored critical topics such as innovation and collaboration in the arts sector, providing members with valuable insights and fostering meaningful dialogue about the future of the arts in Broward County.



"Be the Spark" \$3 Million-5 Years

"Be the Spark" has enabled FAB to significantly enhance our support for the arts in Broward County by providing essential resources that empower local artists and arts organizations. The generosity of our donors has allowed us to expand our reach and impact, ensuring that the arts remain vibrant and accessible to all members of our community. As we strive towards our ambitious goal of \$3 million, the initiatives funded through this campaign are fostering greater engagement and inclusivity in the arts.

Key achievements made possible by the "Be the Spark" campaign include:



New Education Initiatives:

The introduction of the "Arts Access" Education Grant, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Broward, has awarded \$300,000 to organizations like Art Prevails Project and South Florida Symphony Orchestra, enhancing arts education in Title 1 schools.



Expanded Grant Funding:

Spark donors have contributed \$500,000 to FAB's performance, exhibition, and education grant funds, supporting over 20 arts education programs and more than 40 visual and performing arts projects across Broward County.



Innovative Public Art Projects:

The launch of the "FAB Goes Public" pilot project addresses community desires for more public art and signature events, fostering collaborations with local partners such as the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Mad Arts.



Infrastructure Development:

A new FAB website, set to launch in Spring 2025, will showcase our grantees, support membership growth, and provide essential tools for arts organizations to expand their audiences.



Sustainable Future Funding:

The campaign has initiated a \$1 million endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Broward, with \$461,000 raised to date, ensuring long-term support for the arts.



Through these initiatives, "Be the Spark" continues to create lasting opportunities for artistic growth and collaboration, providing the resources necessary for our community to thrive. We are deeply grateful to our donors for their unwavering support and commitment to enriching the cultural landscape of Broward County.



Be the SPARK

\$750,000+

Francie Bishop Good and David Horvitz

\$250,000+

Helen Ingham Foundation

Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation

\$150,000+

Hudson Family Fund at the Community Fdn. of Broward

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Jim and Cindy Eden

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Josephine S Leiser Foundation

Wayne and Lucretia Weiner - In Honor of Nancy Bryant

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Chris Ambs and Scott Clearwater Charitable Trust at Our Fund

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Jon and Elaine Krupnick, In memory of Jim Eden

Michael and Mary Ann Leibowitz

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Tina Levy

Mary Riedel

Sally Robbins

Drazia Simon, In honor of the FAB Founders

Mark McGuire and Craig Wilson Fund at the

Community Foundation of Broward

Donald Sussman and Michelle Howland

Thomas Family Foundation

\$5,000+

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Jude Paskoski

Michele Baker, In memory of my dear husband,

Steven Baker

Mona Benz, In memory of Dr. John & Joyce Schuchmann

Ruth Anderson Coggeshall

David and Judy Feldman

Dr. Deborah L Floyd, Ph.D

Hudson Family Fund, In memory of Jim Eden

Gail and Michael Kaplan

Lisa Kasten

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Jessica and Fred Olefson

Dick and Sally O'Loughlin

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David E Ratcliff Equality Fund at the

Community Foundation of Broward

Alice Smith, In honor of Theo and Connie Folz

David Umbach and David Munro

Vernon Family Charitable Foundation

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Elaine and David Blattner

Louise Dill

Laura and Mike Hartstein

Leslie Mitchell Jones

Carolyn and Wayne Lee

Eleanore Levy

Susan Lochrie

Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson

Joy Satterlee, In honor of Francie Bishop Good

Worth Avenue Yachts, In memory of Jim Eden

Andrew Wurtele Family Fund at the Community

Foundation of Broward

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Bank of America, Deanne Gertner Employee Match

Boston Foundation, In memory of Gojko Damjanic

Theo and Connie Folz, In memory of Jim Eden

Steven Glassman

Leo Goodwin Foundation

Norm Horvitz, in honor of Francie Bishop Good

Susan Hope McQuillen, In honor of Connie Folz

Reggie & Teri Moore, In honor of Jim and Cindy Eden

Jeffrey Olefson

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Connie and Theo Folz

In Honor of Drazia Simon:

Michelle Baker, Jane Caragher, and Gail Cohen

In Honor of Judith Zucker:

David and Judy Feldman, Jane Schwartz, and Susan Sideman

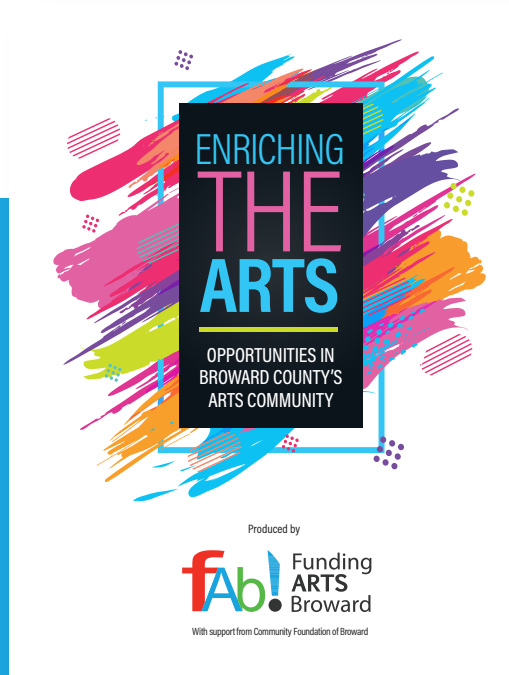
Matching Spark Grants:

A \$150,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Broward's following funds:

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- Mildred H Fagen Charitable Fund
- Stearns Weaver Miller Fund for the Arts
- The Frederick A DeLuca Foundation Broward Community Fund.

NEW FAB INITIATIVES

ENRICHING THE ARTS, OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS



In 2024, Funding Arts Broward (FAB) released its inaugural “Enriching the Arts” report, a comprehensive study conducted by a 10-member task force led by Ed Hashek, FAB’s immediate past president. This project assesses the needs of arts organizations in Broward County and evaluates the broader state of the arts in Florida and nationally. The report’s insights highlight critical needs and opportunities for enhanced support, benefiting the entire community.

KEY FINDINGS:

Flexible Funding:

Arts organizations require more unrestricted grants to cover operational expenses, develop marketing strategies for audience growth, and access affordable venues.

Education Gaps:

There are significant deficiencies in K-12 arts education programs within Broward County public schools.

Advocacy Needs:

Increased advocacy is essential to highlight the arts’ role in economic and community development across Broward County.

Collaboration Opportunities:

Enhanced engagement and partnerships are possible between arts organizations, business leaders, the public sector, cultural tourism, and public art initiatives.

Community and Economic Impact:

The arts are vital for enhancing education, reaching underserved communities, and stimulating the local economy.

This report comes at a crucial time, following a \$32 million reduction in arts funding from the state of Florida’s 2024 budget. FAB is committed to addressing these challenges and fostering community support for the arts.

The project was supported by a grant from the Community Foundation of Broward. Findings were shared at a public town hall meeting on September 26 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.



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October 16**

For access to the full report, please use the provided QR Code.



NEW FAB INITIATIVES

ARTS ACCESS AWARD

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Funding Arts Broward (FAB) is proud to announce the awarding of two transformative Arts Access grants, totaling \$300,000, to the South Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Art Prevails Project. These grants are designed to enhance the arts education programs currently provided within Broward County Public Schools, fostering creative growth and access for students.

GRANT OVERVIEW

The funding is part of FAB's SPARK campaign, supplemented by a matching grant from the Community Foundation of Broward. This marks a significant milestone as FAB introduces multi-year grants for the first time, with each organization receiving \$50,000 annually over the next three years.



Jacqueline Lorber, CEO of the South Florida Symphony Orchestra, expressed her enthusiasm for the grant, stating, "This support will help us reach thousands of young students with transformative music education, particularly in underserved schools."

Darius Daughtry, founder and artistic director of Art Prevails Project, shared similar sentiments, highlighting the expanded access to life-changing arts education opportunities for children. These Arts Access grants are in addition to FAB's regular grant offerings, and 2025, FAB plans to distribute \$400,000 across 42 local arts organizations.

The need for increased support for arts education was underscored in FAB's yearlong study, culminating in the October 2024 release of the report, "Enriching the Arts Opportunities in Broward County's Arts Community."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We extend our gratitude to our "Be the SPARK!" donors for their generosity, which made these impactful grants possible. The support also included contributions from various funds at the Community Foundation of Broward, collectively matching \$150,000 of FAB's campaign funds. Together, we are committed to enriching arts education and creating lasting impacts in our community through the power of the arts.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ART PREVAILS PROJECT PROGRAMS

"Write It Out"

Pairs resident teaching artists with students for a semester-long program.

Focus on creative writing activities, emphasizing poetry and prose, conducted weekly over 10 weeks. Collaborates with teachers to enhance the instructional experience, culminating in a poetry reading and published chapbook of students' work.

"Speak Your Peace"

A theatre project that encourages creative expression through performance workshops. Facilitated by Art Prevails Project performers and educators, the program guides students in self-discovery while amplifying their voices. Concludes with a multidisciplinary performance created by workshop participants in collaboration with Art Prevails Project staff.

SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PROGRAMS

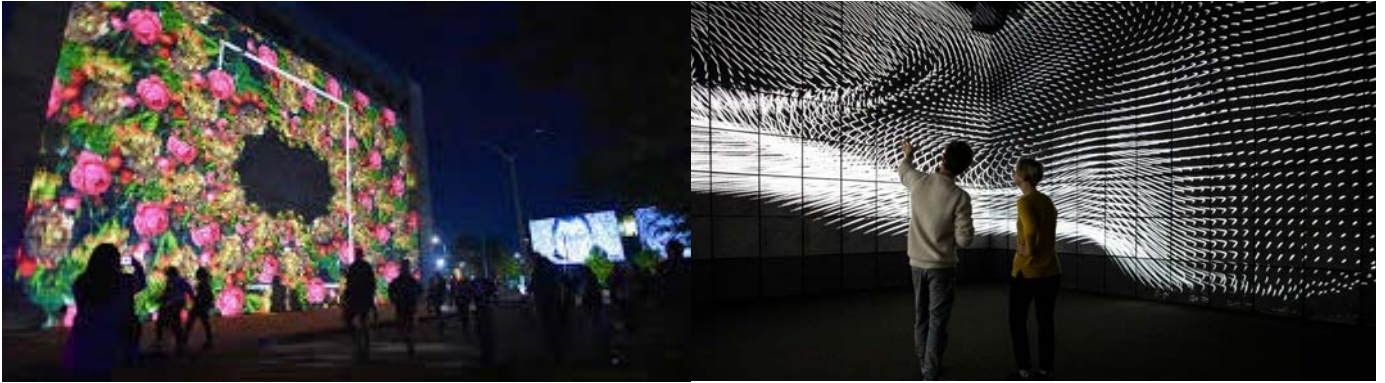
"Symphony in the Schools" (Summer/Fall 2024 Semester) Engages 2,090 students across 15 schools in Broward County, with 235 Artist Teacher hours of contact. Teaching Artists provide: Instrument Fittings at various middle schools Immersive introductory music sessions through 'Jump Start Camps' at Indian Ridge, Coral Springs, and Driftwood Middle Schools.

After-School Strings Program at Sea Castle Elementary, resulting in the formation of a 25-piece student orchestra. Sectionals and Master Classes refine students' technical skills and offer live performance opportunities.



NEW FAB INITIATIVES

Funding Arts Broward: FAB Goes Public and the Transformation of the Arts Landscape in Broward



Funding Arts Broward (FAB) launched its inaugural public art initiative, FAB Goes Public, in November 2024, following a year of careful planning and approval by the FAB Board. This innovative program features an educational course at Mad Arts Museum, which took place in November 2024, where 12 artists participated. The initiative also includes a stunning light installation that will illuminate the west-facing wall of The Parker from January to April 2025. This effort marks a significant addition to Broward County's cultural landscape and provides two selected artists with a community canvas, allowing them to engage the community through the fusion of art and technology.

COLLABORATIVE SUPPORT

FAB Goes Public is made possible through a robust partnership with key organizations, including the Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, The Parker, and Mad Arts Museum. Funding for this program was made possible through "Be the Spark," FAB's capital campaign launched in 2022. This initiative arises from FAB's recent report, "Enriching The Arts Opportunities in Broward County's Arts Community," which highlighted the urgent need for public art events that engage and uplift our community.

CULTURAL IMPACT

Public art enhances our cultural landscape, engages communities, contributes to economic vitality, and celebrates diversity. This program aims to enrich the arts scene in Broward County by providing a platform for local talent to shine while fostering collaborative opportunities within the arts community.

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