



CULTURE BUILDS FLORIDA

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS



ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 2020

Dear colleagues and friends,

What can I say about 2019-2020, a year when so many people and organizations in Florida's arts and culture community found themselves faced with choices no one ever expected to have to make?

Advancing, supporting, and promoting arts and culture is the mission of the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. I'm proud to say that we have worked hard this year to achieve those goals.

We launched our 2020-2025 Strategic Plan in January 2020. This plan focuses on three key strategic issues:

- Working Better Together: How can DCA foster and create broader connections, collaborations and partnerships more effectively?
- Visibility/Awareness: How can DCA increase visibility and awareness of Florida's arts and culture to advance DCA's mission?
- Diversity/Equity/Inclusion: How can DCA foster a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion within the arts and culture community?

Our activities during 2019-2020 directly relate to these issues. We gathered 24 artists from across Florida to learn skills including strategic planning and promoting their work at our Professional Development for Artists workshop hosted by Bay Arts Alliance in Panama City. As part of the Division's response to the impact of Hurricane Michael on local artists, this workshop included new content on disaster preparedness and resources for artists across all disciplines. The Creating Healthy Communities: Arts + Public Health in Florida conference, presented in partnership with the University of Florida Center for Arts in Medicine, United Arts of Central Florida and ArtPlace America, hosted by the Pabst Steinmetz Foundation and the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, connected people working and thinking at the intersections of the arts, public health and community development with the overarching goal of creating stronger and healthier communities through the arts.

Our Grantmaking Task Force comprising leaders from the field began working in January to create recommendations for improving our grantmaking structure. The purpose of this assessment is to create more accessible pathways through the application process, refining the funding process and developing ways to reach underserved areas of the state.

2019-2020 was a milestone year for the DCA. Established in 1969 by the Florida Legislature under the Department of State, the Division of Cultural Affairs has supported and promoted Florida's diverse arts and culture community for 50 years. During that time, DCA has distributed more than \$787 million to every corner of the state. In honor of this milestone, a reception at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art hosted by the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County welcomed members of the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, arts and culture organizations from across the state, elected officials, Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee and Division staff to celebrate half a century of Florida's state arts agency. Attendees were treated to entertainment from West Coast Black Theatre Troupe and Sarasota County's Emanne Beasha, the 12-year-old operatic soprano star of America's Got Talent. Our 50th Anniversary also saw the publication of 50 Stories for 50 Years, a booklet celebrating the stories of 50 grantees across the Division's first five decades.

The achievements detailed in this report would not have been possible without the resilience and adaptability of Florida's arts and culture communities, artists, the enthusiastic support of our statewide and national partners, as well as the leadership and support of Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee and the Department of State, Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Legislature and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

Of course, we must always look towards the future, and the future is currently more challenging for artists and arts and cultural organizations than it has been in recent memory. Arts and culture bring us together, even when we are apart. My pledge to you is that we at the Division of Cultural Affairs will continue and expand upon our work to advance, support, and promote arts and culture in Florida. We're with you. We'll do it together.

Kindest regards,



Sandy Shaughnessy
Director, Division of Cultural Affairs

37,271,170

people
attended
division
supported
events

28 grant panel meetings

92,863

division
supported
events

23 Fast Track grants awarded

8,493,485

children
served by
division
supported
programs

11 DCA Partner Project grants awarded

635

grants
awarded

174 volunteer panelists

1,067

grant
applications
reviewed

4,548 volunteer hours donated by panelists

3,525

jobs
created

\$44.39 spent by grantees for each \$1 awarded

13,303

jobs
sustained

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GRANT AWARDS BY COUNTY

TOTAL: \$24,256,796

Alachua	\$435,107	Manatee	\$178,342
Bay	\$111,436	Marion	\$116,043
Brevard	\$1,352,944	Martin	\$49,249
Broward	\$1,663,999	Miami-Dade	\$3,754,615
Charlotte	\$98,000	Monroe	\$268,215
Clay	\$10,940	Nassau	\$46,757
Collier	\$1,099,107	Okaloosa	\$86,816
Duval	\$824,851	Orange	\$2,677,255
Escambia	\$256,851	Osceola	\$56,214
Flagler	\$54,695	Palm Beach	\$2,046,824
Franklin	\$80,523	Pasco	\$50,000
Gadsden	\$93,564	Pinellas	\$2,006,604
Hernando	\$4,984	Polk	\$830,839
Highlands	\$80,891	Sarasota	\$1,421,961
Hillsborough	\$1,901,911	Seminole	\$157,672
Indian River	\$147,377	St. Johns	\$252,244
Jefferson	\$2,500	St. Lucie	\$85,534
Lake	\$104,993	Sumter	\$6,840
Lee	\$330,143	Volusia	\$305,933
Leon	\$1,141,681	Walton	\$62,342

The above includes all General Program Support, Specific Cultural Project, Cultural Facilities and Legislative Project grants funded by the Florida Legislature and all Fast Track and NEA Partner Project grants funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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