

# CULTURAL CONNECTION

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## PERFORMING ARTS EXCHANGE COMES TO ORLANDO

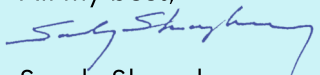
The Performing Arts Exchange, or PAE, is an annual performing arts booking, showcasing and professional development conference, managed by South Arts and hosted in an eastern city each year. PAE is the primary marketplace and forum for performing arts presenting and touring - artists and work, ideas, learning and information - in the eastern US. PAE's purpose is to connect artists with audiences by fostering excellence in all aspects of presenting and touring the performing arts.

Registration and more information may be found [here](#).

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Grant applications for the 2019-2020 fiscal year were due on June 30. 660 applications were submitted this year. Now begins the work of reviewing the applications for eligibility. Our program managers only review for eligibility; rating the content is the responsibility of dozens of volunteer panel members, all of whom are respected experts in their fields.

I'd like to thank everyone who submitted applications on behalf of their arts and cultural organizations. I am especially grateful to the panel members for donating their time, energy and expertise to the important task of recommending applications for funding. I hope all applicants will take advantage of the opportunity to take part in our grant panel meetings, which will be conducted via webinar for the first time this year.

All my best,  
  
Sandy Shaughnessy

**PAE 2018**  
**October 1-4**

**ORLANDO**

## SOUTH ARTS' NEW EXPRESS GRANTS

The regional arts agency South Arts' new grant program, Express Grants, is an exciting opportunity for presenting organizations in rural Southern communities (those with populations of 50,000 or below) to engage Southern guest performing or literary artists from outside of the presenter's state. Support is awarded to theatre, music, opera, musical theatre, dance, fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry projects that contain both an educational component and a public performance or reading. Early submission is strongly encouraged. Deadline: year-round, at least 60 days prior to activities. For more information, visit [South Arts](#).

## 2019-2020 GRANT PANEL MEETINGS

DCA grant review panel meetings begin on August 21. Eligible grant applications are reviewed by panelists who are practicing artists and qualified professionals in their cultural discipline. Applications are scored during panel meetings, which are a public process conducted via webinar. The schedule of meetings and links to instructions for attending may be found [here](#).

Panel meeting results are reported to the Florida Council on Arts and Culture who then send ranked lists to the Florida Secretary of State for review and approval. The approved lists are then added to the Department of State's Legislative Budget Request and submitted to the Florida Legislature.

Funding decisions for the Division's grant programs are made during the Legislative Session, which begins in March, 2019.



# CULTURE IN FLORIDA

BUILDING OUR STATE WITH ARTS & CULTURE ONE MONTH AT A TIME

Culture In Florida is a monthly news roundup on our [Culture Builds Florida blog](#) to showcase our state's diversity, spotlight the organizations and artists that contribute to our communities, and stress the comprehensive benefits of arts and culture to our economy and quality of life. Be sure to check it out every month!

## **Dog-Friendly Museum Days**

The arts are for all-- even your dog! Several museums across the state, including [Naples Botanical Garden](#) and [Bok Tower Gardens](#) in Polk County, are offering special dog walk days where your family pets can accompany you to enjoy the beautiful outdoor exhibits. Orlando's [Mennello Museum of American Art](#) even offers a dog membership program! Dogs are welcome year-round and always admitted for free at [Heathcote Botanical Garden](#) in Fort Pierce and at [Mission San Luis](#) in Tallahassee. Summer is the perfect time to experience the arts in this playful way!

## **Arts and Wellness**

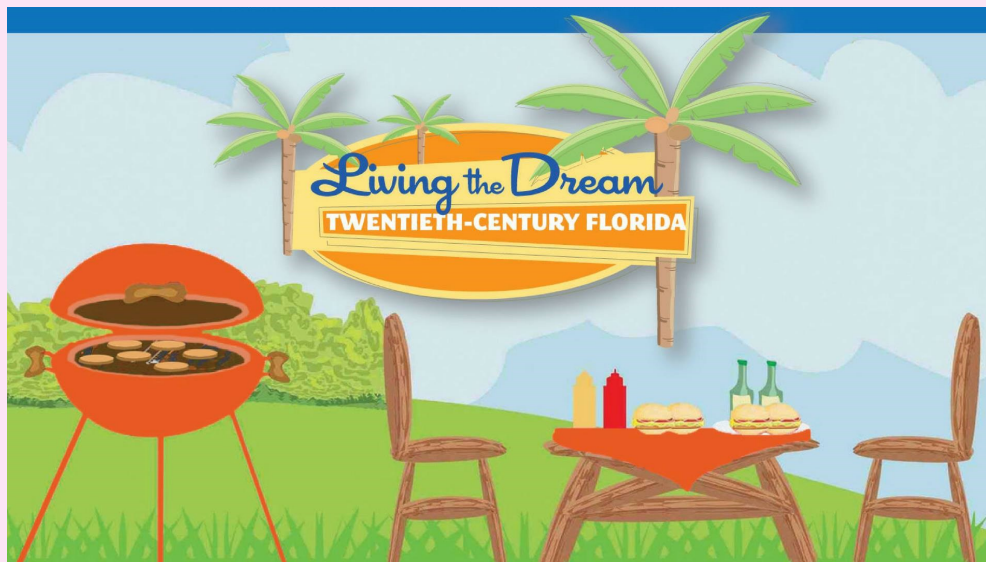
Many museums are also offering opportunities to practice yoga and other fitness activities in the beautiful settings of their gardens and galleries. Try out one of these activities that feed body, mind, and soul. Check out [Vero Beach Museum of Art](#), [Naples Art Association](#), [Vizcaya Museum and Gardens](#) and [Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden](#) in Miami, Tampa's [Glazer Children's Museum](#), [Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg](#), [Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden](#), [Orlando Museum of Art](#), [Polk Museum of Art](#) in Lakeland and Sarasota's [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#) for an event near you.

## **Arts in the Great Outdoors**

The abundance of beautiful weather presents new ways to experience the arts outdoors. Delray Beach's [Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens](#) presents an ongoing "Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk" series. Guests can experience the beautiful gardens enhanced by live taiko drum performances and the opportunity to try pan-Asian cuisine. In Daytona Beach, the [Museum of Arts and Sciences](#) presents a "Summer of the Planets" viewing party, an outdoor stargazing event where visitors can spot the planets using telescopes guided by museum educators.

## **Openings and Closings**

Throughout the state, July was a wonderful and varied month for art exhibits. In Delray Beach, [Arts Garage](#) showcased artworks created by city employees and their children. Twenty-one Florida-based artists were amongst those featured at the Camera USA® National Photography Exhibition at [Naples Art Association](#). In Tallahassee, the closing of the year-long celebration of the [Museum of Florida History's](#) 40th anniversary was extended until August 5. "Living the Dream – Twentieth-Century Florida" explored the state's modern history through music, films, artifacts and immersive experiences that both examined the past and considered the future.



## **Upcoming in August:**

The 20th annual [Ife-Ile Afro-Cuban Dance Festival](#) in Miami (August 16-18); 'Birds of Paradise' – photographs from Florida's Wetlands at [Gadsden Arts Center](#) (through September 8); half-off admission at [Bok Tower Gardens](#) for Florida residents during the month of August.



# GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT: PENSACOLA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BEYOND THE STAGE

*Provided by Pensacola Symphony Orchestra*

The **Beyond the Stage** program from Pensacola Symphony Orchestra (PSO) builds lifelong relationships through responsive musical experiences. From introducing children to a range of musical instruments to providing comfort with music in health-care settings, this program nourishes the musical culture of the Pensacola community as connections are made in key moments between people, music and musicians.



**Beyond the Stage** brings teaching and mentorship to the Community Music School, Tate High School, Ransom Middle School and Brown Barge Middle School with recurrent monthly or bi-weekly visits. Children in hospitalization or treatment at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart and Nemours Children's Specialty Care hear performances and participate in hands-on musical activities to reduce patient anxiety and improve how they feel about their care.



Adult learners at Azalea Trace Retirement Community and Artel Gallery hear chamber ensembles perform music and engage with musicians in thoughtful music and art programs that include insightful commentary. Patients and families at Covenant Care's hospice have opportunities to experience music performances intended to soothe and uplift. Through these partnerships, small groups of PSO musicians are able to foster musical excellence, benefit health and wellness, and promote lifelong learning.

For more information about Pensacola Symphony Orchestra visit [PensacolaSymphony.com](https://www.pensacolasymphony.com).