



**The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County
Announces a Showcase that Culminates its
Inaugural Artist Innovation Fellowship Program**

*Free exhibition opens with a special event on June 19 to
present the new work of five local artists in various disciplines*

LAKE WORTH BEACH, Fla. (June 2, 2021) - The [Cultural Council for Palm Beach County](https://www.palmbeachculture.com) is pleased to welcome the general public to an opening celebration on Saturday, June 19 from 6-8:15 p.m. that presents new work and live performances from five local artists—**Anthony Burks, Sr.**, visual artist; **Isabel Gouveia**, visual artist; **Amy Gross**, visual artist; **Joshua Lubben**, musician; and **Donna Murray**, choreographer and dancer—who are the inaugural Fellows of the Council’s Artist Innovation Fellowship Program. The event kicks off a summer exhibition of the Fellows’ work that runs through August 27 at the Council’s headquarters at 601 Lake Worth Ave, Lake Worth Beach, FL, 33460. Because capacity is limited at the showcase, and there will be timed entries, guests are encouraged to RSVP at palmbeachculture.com/AIFP.

The Cultural Council created the Artist Innovation Fellowship Program in 2020 through a generous grant from the Leonard and Norma Klorfine Foundation. It was open to artists across all disciplines in order to honor and support the creative individuals who form the core of Palm Beach County’s cultural sector. In this first year, the program generated widespread interest and the Council received more than 80 applications from across Palm Beach County. An esteemed panel of leaders in the local arts community selected the five honorees who were awarded \$7,500 grants.

“The Artist Innovation Fellowship Program exemplifies the Council’s mission to serve artists and creatives in Palm Beach County,” said Dave Lawrence, President and CEO of the Cultural Council. “We’re thrilled to celebrate these individuals—the first ‘class’ of the program—and highlight their remarkable talents, unique discoveries, and contributions to our vibrant arts community.”

The Artist Innovation Fellowship is unique among professional development opportunities as it focuses on personal creative growth and the belief that an entire community will benefit through investments in creative individuals. The program is designed to address the pursuit of innovation in either existing avenues of creative expression or through the pursuit of new ideas and projects without the constraints of budgets or specific project outcomes. Fellowship funds can be used for supplies, research, instruction, apprenticeships, travel, or other experiences that help the recipient explore and expand his/her creative process.

About the 2020 Artist Innovation Fellows

- **Anthony Burks, Sr.** is a visual artist, curator, and arts influencer based in West Palm Beach. Drawing on realistic forms and powerful figures, his paintings are characterized by his vibrant choice of colors. Burks has exhibited at galleries, museums, and events for over 20 years.

- **Isabel Gouveia** is a multidisciplinary artist based in Lake Worth Beach who uses abstraction and representation to symbolize mutations in the ever-shifting natural environment through painting, printmaking, installations, mosaics, and digital media.
- **Amy Gross** is a visual artist based in Delray Beach. Her hand-embroidered and beaded fiber sculptures are her attempt to merge the natural world and her own inner life, suggesting not only what can be seen, but also what cannot.
- **Joshua Lubben** is a classical pianist, cellist, and folk musician based in West Palm Beach. A founding member of The Lubben Brothers, he follows in the footsteps of Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, and others who used their craft as a vehicle for social justice and change.
- **Donna Murray** is a choreographer, director, writer, and educator based in Jupiter. She is a founder and former director of The Dancers' Space, a member of the board of directors of the Florida Dance Education Organization, and a guest artist at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

The Artist Innovation Fellowship Showcase sponsors include The Leonard and Norma Klorfine Foundation, Florida Weekly, Legends Radio, and Palm Beach Media Group.

Learn more about the 2020 Fellows and their new work premiering at the opening celebration, as well as more information about the Artist Innovation Fellowship Program, [here](#).

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The Palm Beaches is a collection of 39 cities and towns stretching from Boca Raton to Jupiter and Tequesta, with 47 miles of pristine Atlantic Ocean beaches and sophisticated art and culture. The destination has more than 200 cultural organizations.

The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is the official support agency for arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. Headquartered in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building in Downtown Lake Worth Beach, the Council presents exhibitions and performances featuring artists who live or work in Palm Beach County. The building also serves as a VISIT FLORIDA-designated Florida Certified Tourism Information Center, a helpful resource for visitors. The Council's complimentary Cultural Concierge program provides visitors with expert recommendations, custom itineraries and enhanced access to local events, talent and venues.