

# THE SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM



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## SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2019-2020 VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTISTS AWARDS

**LAKE WORTH BEACH, Fla.** – The South Florida Cultural Consortium (SFCC) announces thirteen (13) awards to preeminent South Florida artists through its 2019-2020 Visual and Media Artists Program. The Consortium, an alliance of the arts councils of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties, has recognized seven individuals from Miami-Dade County, three from Broward County, one from Palm Beach County, and two from Monroe County. The awards are conferred at either the \$15,000 or \$7,500 level. These awards are among the largest such honors accorded by local arts agencies to visual and media artists in the United States.

Celebrating 32 years in 2020 (established in 1988), the SFCC has awarded over \$4 million in grants to more than 300 artists. In addition to receiving the grant, the artists take part in an exhibition hosted and organized by a visual arts institution in one of the five counties.

The 2019-2020 SFCC recipients are:

**Miami-Dade County:** Itzel Basualdo, Franky Cruz, GeoVanna Gonzalez, Nicolas Lobo, Monica Lopez De Victoria, Kareem Tabsch, Antonia Wright

**Broward County:** Nathalie Alfonso, Shane Eason, Adriana Mereuta

**Palm Beach County:** Ates Isildak

**Monroe County:** Michel Delgado, Mark Hedden

The recipients were selected through a two-tier panel process which included the participation of regional and national arts experts. The 2019-2020 regional panel, whose adjudications are based on the evaluation of the artists' work as evidenced by the work samples submitted, included: Aldeide Delgado, Founder & Director, Women Photographer's International Archive (Miami-Dade), Stephanie Seidel, Associate Curator, Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami (Miami-Dade), Bonnie Clearwater, Director and Chief Curator, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (Broward), Edison Peñafiel, Artist, SFCC 2019 Recipient (Broward), and Sybille Welter, Art in Public Places, City of West Palm Beach (Palm Beach). The submissions selected by the regional panel for further consideration were forwarded for final adjudication and selection to the national panel, which was comprised of: Allison Glenn, Associate Curator, Contemporary Art, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (Bentonville, AR), Jeanette Bisschops, Mondriaan Foundation Curator, New Museum (New York, NY), and Vivian Crockett,

The Nancy and Tim Hanley Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art Dallas Museum of Art (Dallas, TX).

An exhibition featuring the work of the 2019-2020 recipients will take place at the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale with anticipated opening in October 2020.

The deadline for applications to the 2020-2021 SFCC Program for Visual and Media Artists is Monday, October 19, 2020. Artists interested in applying should visit <http://www.miamidadepublicart.org/#fellowship>.

The South Florida Cultural Consortium is funded with the support of the Boards of County Commissioners of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, and the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County.

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*The **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** is the only organization solely dedicated to supporting arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. In its sustaining effort to foster growth of the cultural sector, the Council provides support services to cultural organizations and creative professionals, administers public and private grant programs, advocates for cultural funding, enhances local arts education, and promotes cultural tourism.*

*The Council serves as a venue highlighting works by Palm Beach County visual and performing artists at its headquarters in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building in Downtown Lake Worth Beach. The building is also home to the Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store featuring items by local artisans; the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center; and the outdoor Project Space, offering the best view of the building's iconic Martin Luther King Jr. mural by Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra. The Council is open\*\* to the public Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, including a comprehensive calendar of cultural events in The Palm Beaches, visit [www.palmbeachculture.com](http://www.palmbeachculture.com).*

**\*\*The Cultural Council's headquarters is closed to the public until further notice due to COVID-19. Please visit [palmbeachculture.com](http://palmbeachculture.com) or follow the Council (@palmbeachculture) for updates.**

***The South Florida Cultural Consortium** is a regional initiative in support of the arts governed by an Interlocal Agreement among the counties of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach. The Consortium's members are the local arts agencies of these five counties, including the Broward County Cultural Division, the Arts Council of Martin County, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Keys Council of the Arts, and the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. The Consortium works to foster cooperation across the South Florida region to help develop and promote the work of cultural organizations and artists and the audiences that they serve. Its programs and services range from the Visual and Media Artists Program to regional arts education and cultural tourism cooperative ventures. The South Florida Cultural Consortium is one of the most successful regional arts alliances in the nation, demonstrating that by sharing resources and best practices, the arts can thrive across a burgeoning five-county area.*

***The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs** and the Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,000 not-for-profit cultural organizations as well as thousands of resident artists through grants, technical assistance, public information and interactive community planning. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and serves its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department also manages, programs and operates the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, Joseph Caleb Auditorium, Miami-Dade County Auditorium, and South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, all dedicated to presenting and supporting excellence in the arts for the entire community. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts,*

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