



2023-24 Season Preview





Ringling In A New Season of Arts & Culture for All

Dear friends and supporters,

I'm thrilled to welcome you to another fun and engaging season here at the Cultural Council. No matter if it's your first season or your tenth, I hope that this preview serves as your "cheat sheet" to all of the many programs and events that we present in support of Palm Beach County's incredible cultural community.

You can and should experience the breadth of this community's creativity not just within these walls but also in the many museums, theaters, artist studios, performing arts centers, gardens, science-based organizations, historical societies, and more across the county.

The programs detailed in this preview are just a part of the Council's services to the community. We administer public and private grant programs for cultural organizations and creative professionals; advocate for cultural funding at all levels of government; promote The Palm Beaches as a cultural destination to travelers; enhance arts education through public outreach programs (including Arts in My Backyard Family Saturdays in partnership with Community Partners of South Florida); and foster growth and community within Palm Beach County's cultural sector through professional development and networking events.

Thank you for your continued support of the Cultural Council. I look forward to seeing you this season at one (or more!) of our programs offered in this preview.

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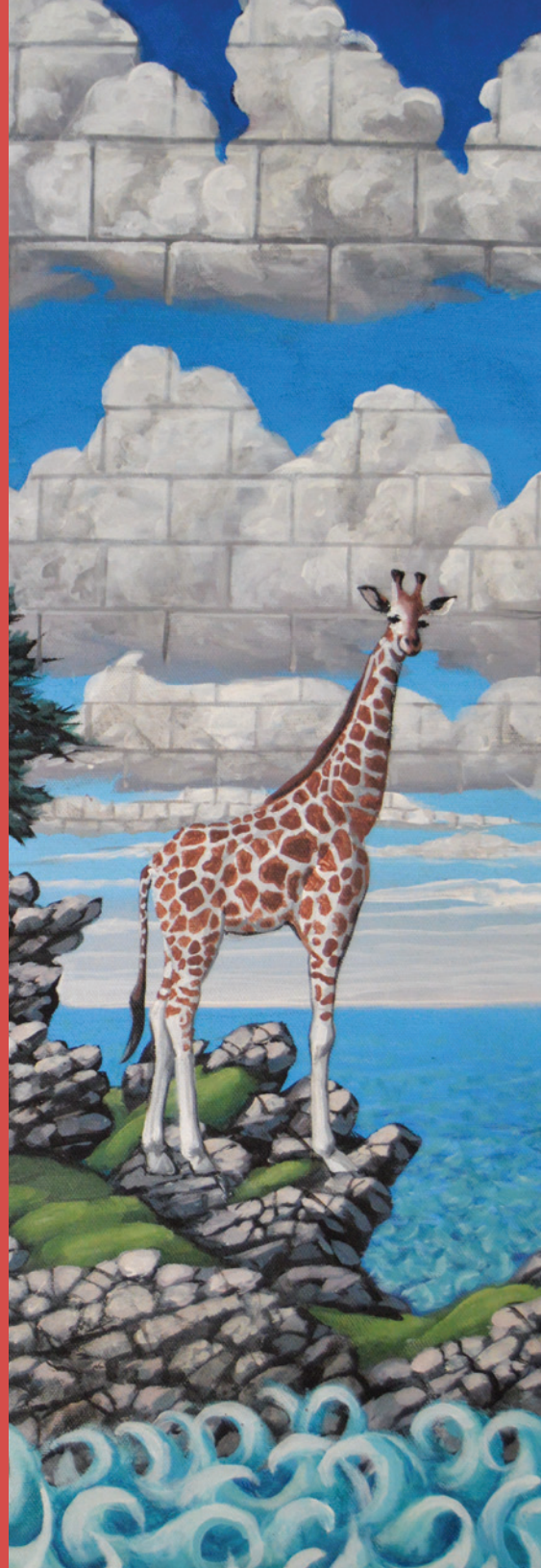
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Dan Rimmel, *Under The Concrete Sky* (detail), 2020, acrylic on canvas, 24 x 20 inches

Whimsy & Wonder

November 17, 2023 – January 13, 2024

Opening Reception:

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sometimes we just want to be enchanted, engaged, and enthralled. In this exhibition, Florida's flamingos will be represented in all their glory along with a wide array of quirky and beautiful visual creations. With specific installations that will evolve throughout the show's run, visitors are encouraged to return again and again.

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EXHIBITION EXTENSIONS

Kinetic Sculpture Performances with Dave Blair
Select Saturdays* during the run of *Whimsy & Wonder*
1-4 p.m.



*Excluding holiday weekends. Check website or social media for updates.



Laura Tanner Graham, *Lola I* (Sweet Tea), 2022, Ink and gouache on hand-cut mylar, 35 x 24 inches

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January 26 – April 6, 2024

Opening Reception:

Thursday, January 25, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

While women artists are beginning to achieve recognition for their work, they remain under-represented in galleries and museums. This exhibition focuses exclusively on the work of women artists and their responses to perceived requirements of domesticity, the many waves of feminism, and their own lived experiences. Véronique Chagnon-Burke, co-founder of the Women Art Dealers Digital Archives (WADDA), will serve as guest curator.

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EXHIBITION EXTENSIONS

January 27, 2024, 2 p.m.

Panel Discussion with Guest Curator
Véronique Chagnon-Burke

March 2, 2024, 10 a.m.

Panel Discussion for Women's History Month
at The Square, West Palm Beach



Wendy DeSchene



Jeff Schmuki

BEYOND BLOSSOMS The Power of Pollinators

April 19 – June 21, 2024
Opening Reception:
Thursday, April 18, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Curated by artists and educators Jeff Schmuki and Wendy DeSchene, this exhibition features Palm Beach County-based professional artists whose work represents the flora that attracts pollinators to our region. The show will also include a site-specific installation of a wheat paste mural of mandalas based on the colors and patterns of local pollinators.

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EXHIBITION EXTENSIONS

April 20, 2024
**Panel Discussion with Curators Jeff Schmuki
 and Wendy DeSchene, 4 p.m.**

Interactive Moth Project at 7 p.m.



Calling All Collectors

The Cultural Council makes it easy for collectors to access important work by both established and emerging Palm Beach County artists. When you purchase a piece from the Council, you're directly benefiting these artists and supporting our mission to grow arts and culture in Palm Beach County.



Interested in starting a collection or adding new works to your existing collection? Pick up our free guide, *Collecting Art in The Palm Beaches*, at the Council's headquarters.



Lauren Bertelson

October 6 – December 2, 2023
Opening Reception: October 5, 2023

Lauren's work emerges from the desires of her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to both create and destroy, combining self-portraiture with a variety of domestic crafts to create a feminist body of work that simultaneously recognizes her matrilineage and elevates domestic work to contemporary art. Her practice is about love and anger and the transfer of these sentiments through generations of women.



Kristin Miller

December 8, 2023 – January 20, 2024
Opening Reception: December 7, 2023

Kristin Miller creates habitats through the layering of mixed media materials in both works on paper and sculptural installations. Referencing South Florida's unique landscape, her work creates a sense of "wall-life," which dances delicately between 2D and 3D spaces exploring concepts of identity and adaptation to the environment.



Sonya Sanchez Arias

January 26 – March 9, 2024
Opening Reception: January 25, 2024

Using discarded, recycled and alternative material to create her work, Sonya Sanchez Arias challenges the concept of beauty, addresses nostalgia, and honors the tenacity of her ancestors and various found objects that have survived so much over time. By pairing these objects with digitally collaged hybrid portraits and texts, she attempts to visually connect the past and the future and start conversations about topics from then and now.



Diana Garcia

March 15 – April 24, 2024
Opening Reception: March 14, 2024

Diana Garcia considers paper to be her best channel of communication. Through it she transmits the memories, thoughts, and moments in her day. She finds analog collage both fascinating and limiting—ever searching for the indispensable image, texture, or piece that will complete a work. She considers composition, detail, color, texture, shape, and proportion the protagonists in her process.



Autumn Kioti

May 3 – June 15, 2024
Opening Reception: May 2, 2024

As an interdisciplinary artist and master naturalist, Autumn Kioti mixes art and nature as humanity's common languages to create her works. Her diverse materials include garbage, video and sound, poetry, fiber arts, cooking and food, plant and animal companions, and more traditional 2D and 3D work. She confronts issues such as climate change, the Anthropocene urge to conquer the environment, food justice, identity, and the intersection of access to wild space and mental health.



Sarah Knouse

June 15 – August 3, 2024
Opening Reception: June 14, 2024

Sarah Knouse is a sculptor, designer, and arts educator. Through her artmaking practice, she explores themes of ornamentation and superficial grandeur as they occur at a domestic scale. Her mixed media sculptures often combine notions of quotidian household surroundings with those of the ephemeral and surreal.

Veterans of Palm Beach County

November 3 – December 9, 2023

In celebration of Veterans Day, seven artists who are also veterans (or have family members who are veterans) will exhibit their work in a range of media and styles including printmaking, painting, and ceramics. These artists explore a variety of topics in their work and celebrate the diversity of those who serve in our armed forces.

iPhone Photography

In collaboration with

December 15, 2023 – January 27, 2024 Palm Beach Photographic Centre

Palm Beach County-based photographers explore iPhone photography in this exhibition. Juried by Jack Davis, who for over 35 years has been one of the world's leading experts on digital imagery, a range of images will be chosen that display the diversity capable with the cameras we all hold in our hands.

Suzi K. Edwards: Chinese Zodiac

February 2 – 8, 2024

A series of 12 mosaics by the acclaimed public artist Suzi K. Edwards will be showcased for two weeks before a live auction on February 8, 2024. Edwards' golden glass mosaics dance with handmade ceramic elements: pearls, jewels, crystals, and coins are arranged to tell timeless tales of the animals of the zodiac. Edwards redefines the ancient art form of mosaic in a contemporary and accessible style.

Nicole Doran: 2023 South Florida Cultural Consortium Grantee from Palm Beach County

February 16 – April 6, 2024

Working within the trajectory of abstract painting, Nicole Doran's work investigates spiritual practices and systems of belief through a multitude of entry points. Whether researching ancient Celtic ceremonies, English witchcraft, or modern science fiction fantasy, Doran designs a vibrant comfortable zone where the viewer can uncover fragments of cynicism and speculation. The painted, stained, and dyed surfaces are often adorned with ceramic elements and additional fiber embellishments rekindling craft techniques in pursuit of new and unfamiliar compositions.

2024 Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists Grantee

April 12 – May 24, 2024

The Council's Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists was established in 2015 thanks to the generosity of philanthropist and local artist Dina Baker. The fund is intended to help stabilize and strengthen the careers of female artists 60 years of age or older who reside and work in Palm Beach County, who have recognizable artistic merit and who are deserving of financial assistance (whether professional, personal, or both) to enable them to further their artistic development and achievement. The 2024 recipient will be selected this winter and her work will be featured in this exhibition.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 AT 5 P.M.
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Taking our cue from the success of the “Met Gala” inspired 2023 An A-Muse-ing Evening, the 2024 event will dazzle our eyes and our minds by expressing art through creatively crafted food.

Culture & Cocktails

AT THE BEN

Join us in the luxurious Blue Heron Ballroom on the rooftop at The Ben, Autograph Collection located along the waterfront of Downtown West Palm Beach.

Enjoy craft cocktails and light bites followed by stellar stories about theater, books, and music from cultural insiders.



Chris Headshots

SAGES on January 8

A Dramatic Conversation Between William Hayes & Michael McKeever who will be discussing their experiences in theater, from artistic direction and design, acting, and writing and their roles at Palm Beach Dramaworks and Zoetic Stage.



Stephanie Diani

Rissa Miller Creative

PAGES on February 5

A Revealing Conversation with Best Selling Author James Patterson and Leslie Gray Streeter, author of *Black Widow* and former columnist at *The Palm Beach Post*, who return to reprise their pre-pandemic Culture & Cocktails conversation in reversed roles.



STAGES on April 1

A Hopeful Conversation about the Future of the Royal Poinciana Playhouse & the Sunset Lounge with special guests Cheryl Mendelson & Alisha R. Winn moderated by Barbara Cheives, Converge & Associates Consulting, Inc.



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WHERE:

The Ben rooftop, Blue Heron Ballroom
251 N. Narcissus Ave., West Palm Beach

WHAT:

Cocktails, 5 p.m. • Program, 5:45 - 7 p.m.

TICKETS:

\$125-\$165* per event

\$300-\$450* full series

*Indicates VIP preferred seating. Tickets are per person. Seating is limited and speakers are subject to change.

All proceeds support the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County's** mission to champion, engage and grow the arts in Palm Beach County.

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[CULTURE TALKS]

The ArtsPaper (part of The Coastal Star), a publication founded in 2008 by a group of Palm Beach County-based arts journalists, will continue their discussion series at the Cultural Council this season.

Each talk will pair an ArtsPaper journalist with a leader from a Palm Beach County cultural organization to discuss cultural trends, the upcoming season, arts activism, and more.

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January 13, 2024, 2 p.m.
Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach's Ahmad Mayes in Conversation with Greg Stepanich and Special Performance by Artist Director and Violinist Arnaud Sussmann



January 20, 2024, 2 p.m.
The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum's Marilyn Wick in Conversation with Hap Erstein



February 3, 2024, 2 p.m.
Miami City Ballet's Lourdes Lopez in Conversation with Tara Mitton Catao



February 24, 2024, 2 p.m.
Norton Museum of Art's Ghislain d'Humieres in Conversation with Gretel Sarmiento



Summer Jazz Series

SATURDAYS AT 7 P.M.

June 1, 2024 (Kickoff Event)

June 22, 2024

July 20, 2024

August 17, 2024

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The Institute for Cultural Advancement (ICA) is the Cultural Council's signature professional development program for cultural organizations and creative professionals.

The 2023-2024 ICA season features monthly sessions covering a wide variety of topics important to professionals within Palm Beach County's cultural sector, including arts marketing, fundraising, grant writing, legal issues for artists, and more. Each session will be led by guest speakers or Council staff. Come learn with us and network with your peers!

Don't miss Coffee & Culture sessions which are designed for new employees at cultural organizations as well as creative professionals new to the area.

All sessions are free to attend and will be hosted at the Cultural Council's headquarters in Downtown Lake Worth Beach.



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Palm Beach County Open Studios

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 12 – 5 p.m.

During this free event, visitors will have the chance to visit more than 100 Palm Beach County-based creative professionals at their studios, witnessing the creative process with the opportunity to purchase art directly from the creators. Artists' demonstrations will range from painting to glass blowing, photography, jewelry making, sculpture, printmaking, and more.

Schedule and locations will be available online at palmbeachculture.com/openstudios

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Support Us

Be a champion of arts and culture by elevating your impact as a member.

As a member, you empower us to continue making a difference for our talented artists, dynamic cultural organizations, and the entire cultural arts community of Palm Beach County.

Whether you have been a dedicated member in the past or are considering taking your first step as a new donor to the Cultural Council, we extend our warmest welcome. Your involvement is what propels us forward in our mission to champion, engage, and grow arts and culture in our community.

We invite you to join us in this impactful journey to enrich lives through the transformative power of arts and culture. Your support is not just a gift; it's a testament to your belief in the profound impact these experiences have on us all.

Visit palmbeachculture.com/support for a list of special thank-you gifts for each member circle.



We Hope to See You!

Become a part of our vibrant cultural community today by joining us for any of the exhibitions, events, or programs you've seen in this preview. It's one of the many ways you can support the Cultural Council!



Shop Unique!

The Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store located in our lobby features a wide variety of clothing, jewelry, handbags, accessories, and books all created by Palm Beach County-based professional artists and writers.

All members receive a 10% discount on purchases from the store. And on our special Member Appreciation days, we offer exclusive discounts to express our gratitude for your unwavering support.



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