Dear friends,

I’d like to begin this annual report with a question: how have arts and culture touched your life this year?

As part of our 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, the Division of Cultural Affairs works to cultivate vibrant and thriving communities where arts and culture are integrated into every aspect of life. Because Florida’s diversity is a key element in the identity of our state, many of our efforts in the 2018-2019 fiscal year focused on diversity, equity and inclusion. The Division partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts and Americans for the Arts to expand Creative Forces: the NEA Military Healing Arts Network in Florida, providing creative arts therapies for veterans and their families here in Florida. In addition to this initiative, DCA continued to partner with Arts4All Florida, promoting awareness of disability issues; the Governor’s Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month; the University of Florida Center for Arts and Medicine to promote the study of relationships between arts and cultural participation and community well-being; and the National Endowment for the Arts and the Florida Humanities Council for Poetry Out Loud, offering a poetry curriculum to Florida high schools and opportunity for students at schools across Florida to participate in a national college scholarship competition.

The achievements detailed in this report would not have been possible without 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 leadership, Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Legislature and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Additionally, the staff of the Division of Cultural Affairs have proven their commitment to collaboration and growth. I want to thank each and every one of these supporters of our work to integrate arts and culture into the lives of every Floridian.

I am proud of the Division of Cultural Affairs’ accomplishments during this final year of our strategic plan and of the accomplishments achieved by Florida’s remarkable cultural industry. I am confident that arts and culture have indeed touched your life this year, and that you will continue to join with us to build a vibrant, thriving and healthy Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Sandy Shaughnessy
Director, Division of Cultural Affairs

THE FLORIDA COUNCIL ON ARTS AND CULTURE

Honorable Lois Benson
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Orange County
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Mrs. Katharine Dickenson
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Miami-Dade County
Ms. Nancy Turrell
Martin County
Ms. Pat Williams
Martin County
3 artists inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame* 

39,374,135 people attended division supported events

27 grant panel meetings

121,931 division supported events

16 Fast Track grants awarded

9,499,955 children served by division supported programs

12 DCA Partner Project grants awarded

444 grantees

160 volunteer panelists

682 grant applications reviewed

4,255 volunteer hours donated by panelists

2,353 jobs created

468 General Program Support grants awarded

13,378 jobs sustained

*George Inness, Jr., Bertie Higgins and Ann Norton
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For more information, including a list of each grant and its recipient, visit [https://bit.ly/2OsLMYJ](https://bit.ly/2OsLMYJ).
For more information on Fast Track, NEA Partner Projects, Specific Cultural Project or Cultural Facilities grants, please visit [https://dos.myflorida.com/cultural](https://dos.myflorida.com/cultural).