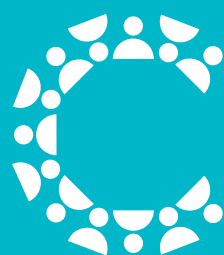




2026–2027

SEASON GUIDE



Cultural
Council
FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY





A SEASON OF DISCOVERY

Dear friends and supporters,

Welcome to another exciting season at the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. Whether you're visiting one of our exhibitions, bringing your family to a community program, or discovering a new favorite artist, we're delighted to share another year of creativity, connection, and inspiration with you.

As the official local arts agency for Palm Beach County, the Cultural Council is proud to nurture, promote, and support a thriving cultural community.

Every exhibition, program, and event in this guide reflects our mission to nurture, promote, and support Palm Beach County's cultural community. Behind every gallery exhibition is support for professional artists. Behind every public program is a commitment to making the arts accessible. Beyond every visitor experience is our work to strengthen cultural tourism, champion the arts, and invest in the organizations and creative professionals who make Florida's Cultural Capital® possible.

The season ahead celebrates the remarkable breadth of arts and culture in The Palm Beaches. From thought-provoking exhibitions and engaging public programs to family experiences, film, and opportunities to connect directly with Palm Beach County-based professional artists, we invite you to explore, learn, and be inspired. We hope these experiences encourage you to discover something new, deepen your appreciation for the arts, and become an even greater part of our vibrant cultural community.

This season also marks an exciting moment as we look toward celebrating the Cultural Council's 50th anniversary next season. For nearly five decades, the Council has worked alongside artists, cultural organizations, public partners, and supporters to strengthen the cultural fabric of Palm Beach County. We look forward to celebrating that milestone with you while continuing to build an even brighter future for the arts in Florida's Cultural Capital®.

Warm regards,

Dave Lawrence
President & CEO
Cultural Council for Palm Beach County

LEADERSHIP & STAFF

Board of Directors

Officers

Cheryl K. Crowley (Chair) Community Leader

Phillip Edwards (Vice Chair)

Managing Director, Bank of America Private Bank

Edrick Barnes (Vice Chair)

The Law Office of Edrick E. Barnes, P.A.

Christopher D. Caneles (Treasurer) Community Leader

Bill Parmelee (Secretary) Community Leader

Members

Barbara Cheives President & CEO,

Converge & Associates Consulting

Phil DiComo, Attorney, Nason, Yeager, Gerson,

Harris & Fumero, P.A.

Donald M. Ephraim Philanthropist

Willem Erwich Senior Vice President, Northern Trust

Todd Kolich President & Founder,

KO-MAR Productions, Inc.

Josephine Posti, Director of Employee

Communications, Comcast

Denise B. Rivas Owner/Founder,

Your Computer Tutor

Hector Rubio Director of Events & Programming,

The Boca Raton

Greg Silpe Community Leader

LaMargo Sweezer-Fischer, Vice President,

Transmission & Substation, FPL

Ex-Officio

Emanuel Perry Executive Director, PBC Tourist

Development Council (TDC)

Davicka N. Thompson TDC Board Member and

President & CEO, Thompson Creative Collective

Marci Woodward Palm Beach County

Commissioner, District 4

Cultural Council Founder

Alexander W. Dreyfoos (in memoriam)

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Sara Baxter Mayor, District 6

Marci Woodward Vice Mayor, District 4

Maria G. Marino District 1

Gregg K. Weiss District 2

Joel G. Flores District 3

Maria Sachs District 5

Bobby Powell Jr. District 7

Staff

Dave Lawrence – President & CEO

Kathleen Alex – Chief Financial Officer &

Chief Operating Officer

Jennifer Sullivan – Senior Vice President

Artist Services

Jessica Ransom – Director of Artist Services

Jessica Clermont – Artist Services Coordinator

Community Engagement & Advancement

Alexandra Alfred – Associate Vice President of

Community Engagement & Advancement

Melisa Allen – Community Engagement Manager

Layz Reynet – Donor Services Coordinator

Finance & Operations

Paul To – Controller

Gloria Rose – Accounting Coordinator

Helen Hood – Operations Coordinator

Grants

Vicky Jackson – Associate Vice President of Grants

Deborah Crank – Grants Manager

Julian Crewe – Grants Manager &

Human Resources Coordinator

Marketing & Communications

Lauren Perry – Associate Vice President of

Marketing & Cultural Tourism

Nick Murray – Director of Marketing, Content &

Special Publications

Rachel Soler – Director of Communications

Debbie Calabria – Marketing &

Cultural Events Manager

Kyle Solomon – Graphic Design &

Print Production Specialist

Rachel Gordon – Communications Coordinator

Visitor Services

Nia Bourne – Visitor Services Coordinator

WILLIAM R. AND JOYCE A. KRUGER FAMILY GALLERY EXHIBITIONS



.....
November 6 – December 31, 2026
.....

Opening Reception: November 5, 2026

Curated by Jessica Ransom

Palm Beach County-based professional artists explore the landscapes, light and visual culture of coastal South Florida. From shifting reflections and atmospheric skies to surf culture and shoreline environments, the works examine how artists interpret the experiences, rhythms and evolving identity of life along the coast. Across a range of perspectives, the exhibition reflects the enduring influence of the beach on the creative life of The Palm Beaches.

**Special Performances feat. Autumn
Kioti Horne & Suzanne Ankrum-Harris:
December 10 & 12, 2026**

Gail V. Haines, Waves, 2026 (detail)



Each season, the Cultural Council's William R. and Joyce A. Kruger Family Gallery brings together artists and ideas that invite new ways of seeing Palm Beach County and the world around us. Through changing exhibitions and related programs, visitors can discover work by contemporary artists, connect with creative professionals, and take part in conversations inspired by art. Admission to the galleries is always free.



Quinn Miller, *Written in Cane*, 2026 (detail)

food ways

January 15 – February 27, 2027

Opening Reception: January 14, 2027

**Curated by
Diane Arrieta and Dana Donaty**

Palm Beach County-based professional artists explore the cultural traditions, social practices and systems surrounding food. Drawing from cooking, eating, fishing, farming and food production, the works examine how food reflects identity, labor, memory and community across generations and cultures. Together, they consider the ways food connects people to place, tradition and one another.

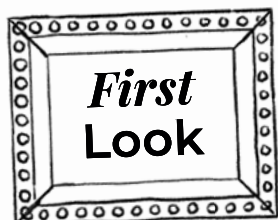
Curator Tour: February 6, 2027

the SHORT LIST

March 12 – April 2, 2027

Curated by Jessica Ransom

Curated for collecting, this exhibition of small works by Palm Beach County artists invites you to engage—whether as a supporter, collector, or curious newcomer. Discover artistic excellence in compact form and be part of a creative ecosystem where access, impact, and support converge.

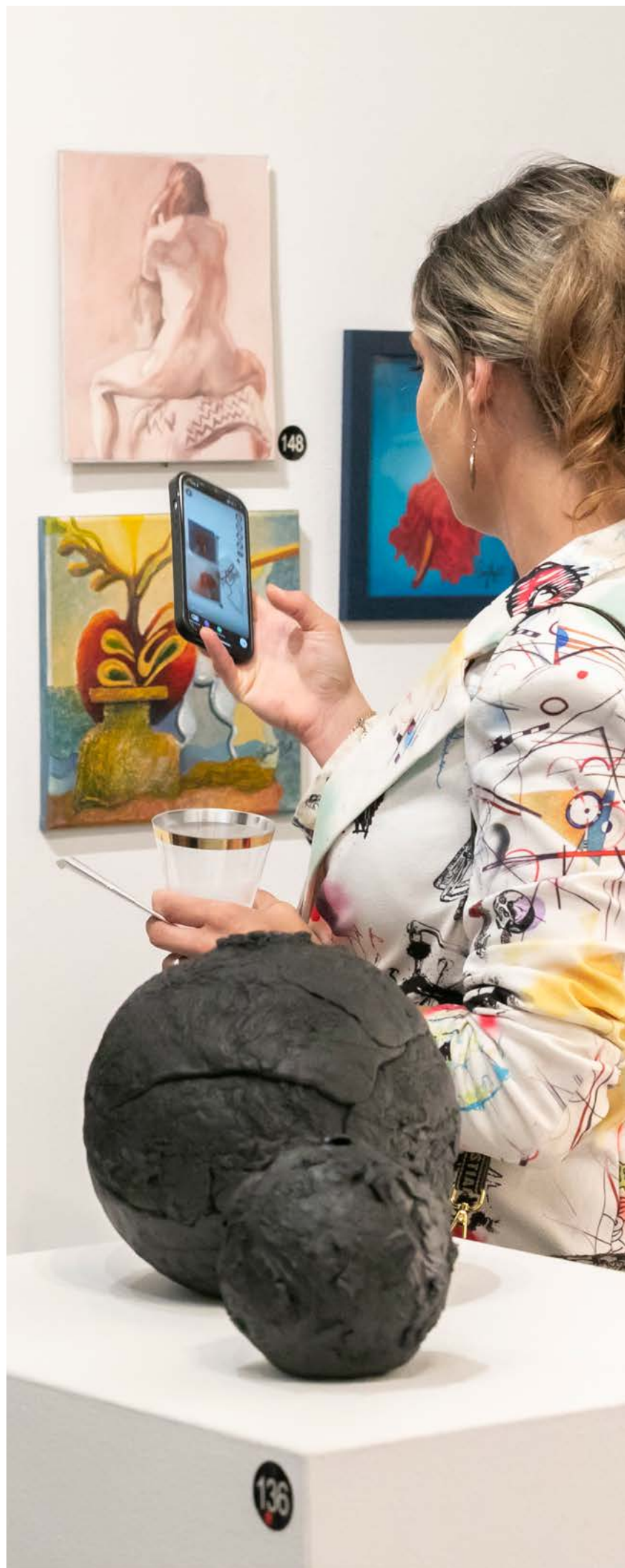


March 11, 2027 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Be among the first to see—and shop—*The Short List* before it opens to the public. This ticketed preview gives collectors, supporters, and art lovers first access to the exhibition and the opportunity to purchase their favorite works before anyone else.

Get your tickets now at
palmbeachculture.com/shortlist

*Tickets are \$50 per person,
Founder Circle and Impact Circle level
donors receive two complimentary tickets.*



2027 BIENNIAL

.....
April 16 – June 11, 2027
.....

Opening Reception: April 15, 2027

Curated by Ross Karlan



The 2027 Biennial brings together Palm Beach County-based professional artists whose works reflect the evolving ideas, perspectives, and cultural experiences shaping the region today.

Presented as the Cultural Council approaches its 50th anniversary in 2028, the exhibition offers a broad look at contemporary artistic practice in The Palm Beaches while highlighting the diversity and growth of the county's creative community.

Curator Tour/Talk: April 17, 2027



Select Thursdays

JUNE – AUG 2027 | 4–7:30 P.M.

The Cultural Council transforms its galleries into a vibrant market-style showcase featuring Palm Beach County-based professional artists and makers. Browse and shop original artwork, handcrafted goods, and one-of-a-kind creations while connecting directly with the creatives behind the work. Featuring rotating vendors, live music, food, and refreshments, each evening offers a lively way to discover local talent and support Palm Beach County's creative community.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

TITLE SPONSOR
2026–2027 EXHIBITIONS

FLORIDA WEEKLY
IN THE KNOW. IN THE NOW.

PALM BEACH
MEDIA GROUP

wlrn

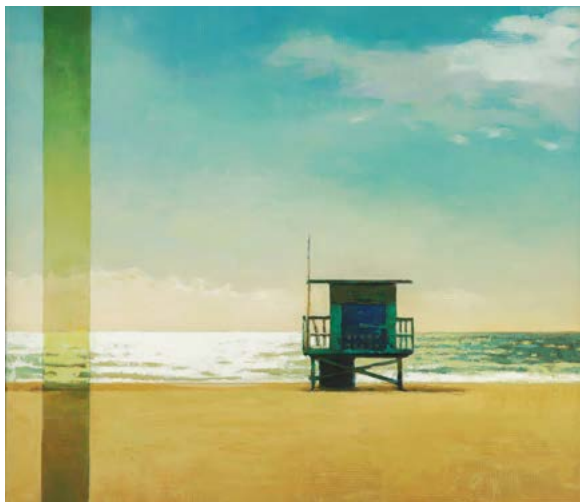
DISCOVER
THE PALM BEACHES
FLORIDA
Funded by the Tourist Development Council



Florida
ARTS & CULTURE

palmbeachculture.com/exhibitions

GAYLE AND PAUL GROSS GALLERY EXHIBITIONS



Sparkling Ocean, 2025 (detail)



Bogdan Kravchenko

October 23 –
December 5, 2026

Bogdan Kravchenko explores landscapes and still lifes through abstract close-ups that balance quiet natural forms with architectural structure. Working intuitively with color, light, and texture, he moves beyond literal representation to create minimalist compositions shaped by tension and stillness. His work reflects a search for serenity, inviting viewers into an inner landscape removed from the noise of everyday life.



Strike a Pose, 2021 (detail)



Elena Mamenko

December 11, 2026 –
January 23, 2027

Elena Mamenko's photography and visual art draw from nature, memory, and a life shaped by movement across Russia, Taiwan, and the United States. Through organic forms, natural rhythms, and abstract graphic elements, she creates atmospheric images that invite close observation. Her work considers the relationship between place and feeling, transforming encounters with the natural world into quiet spaces for reflection and reconnection.



The Marsh, 2024 (detail)



Ilene Gruber Adams

January 29 –
March 13, 2027

Ilene Gruber Adams uses bold color, layered texture, and intuitive form to explore the emotional possibilities of abstraction. Drawing from painting, photography, and mixed media, she transforms familiar imagery through exaggerated hues, light, and tactile surfaces. Her works move between reality and imagination, using color as a visual language to reveal beauty, memory, and unexpected connections within the world around us.

The Gayle and Paul Gross Gallery provides space for focused exhibitions by individual artists, offering visitors an opportunity to spend time with a distinct body of work and artistic point of view. Artists are selected through a highly competitive process by a panel of art professionals. In addition to a professional solo exhibit, the artists also receive a stipend to help cover the cost of packing and transportation.



Flow Form, 2024 (detail)



Heather Couch

March 19 –
April 30, 2027

Heather Couch works in ceramic sculpture and mixed-media installation, creating gestural and intentionally unstable structures that explore uncertainty through form and texture. Relating the rhythms and irregularities of nature to social systems and everyday life, she embraces chance, tension, and contrasting perspectives. Her compositions balance strength and fragility, awkwardness and beauty, inviting discovery, reflection, and comfort with open-ended questions.



Untitled, 2026 (detail)



Keren Kroul

May 7 –
June 19, 2027

Keren Kroul creates large-scale watercolors that explore the shifting landscape of memory. Drawing from inherited family stories, maps, flora, and neural networks, she fragments and layers imagery into dense compositions where time and place converge. The fluidity of watercolor mirrors memory itself, as images surface, dissolve, and reappear across gridded sheets of paper separated by deliberate moments of pause.



*And Now the Shadow Puppet
Introduces Her Still Life, 2025 (detail)*



Sandy Lerman

June 25 –
August 6, 2027

Sandy Lerman transforms everyday objects into layered still lifes that invite a closer look at the overlooked and familiar. Working in acrylic on textured, previously used canvases, she explores changing light, shadow, reflection and pattern through compositions defined by unexpected vantage points and unusual cropping. Drawing from objects encountered throughout her life, Lerman creates surprising relationships between the humble, elegant, flashy and ordinary.

DONALD M. EPHRAIM FAMILY FOUNDATION GALLERY EXHIBITIONS



Molded & Mannered

October 16 – December 12, 2026

Artists from the Ceramic League of the Palm Beaches explore the creative possibilities of clay through a range of ceramic practices. From functional objects to sculptural works, the exhibition highlights the versatility of the medium and the individual approaches artists bring to shaping, firing and transforming it.



Karate Bagels Dance

December 18, 2026 – February 20, 2027

Inspired by a Virginia strip mall where three neighboring storefronts—karate, bagels and dance—shared the same lettering, their names read together as a quirky, accidental phrase that became a nickname for the plaza itself. Artists similarly explore language as both meaning and image, shaped by typography, placement and context.

IN THE **LIKENESS OF**

In the Likeness Of

February 26 – April 10, 2027

Palm Beach County-based professional artists explore contemporary approaches to portraiture and the many ways identity, presence and the human form can be interpreted. Moving beyond physical resemblance alone, the works consider how a likeness can reveal personality, emotion, experience and the ways we see ourselves and one another.



PALM BEACH COUNTY CREATIVES NETWORK

Connecting Palm Beach County-based professional artists through education, opportunities, and community.



Follow the Network on Facebook for opportunities, calls for artists, resources, and programming updates.



The Donald M. Ephraim Family Foundation Gallery is a flexible space that can be used to feature an individual artist, creative collaboration, or a community or educational art project.

SUPPORT CREATIVE PROFESSIONALS

When you purchase artwork from an exhibition or store at the Cultural Council, you directly support the artists whose work makes our galleries possible while helping sustain our mission to nurture, promote, and support Palm Beach County's cultural sector.



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 or explore the guide online at palmbeachculture.com/collect.

palmbeachculture.com/exhibitions

LAKE THEATRE REVIVAL SERIES

LAKE THEATRE REVIVAL SERIES



SUN, SAND & CINEMA: *BEACH BLANKET BINGO* December 11, 2026

Kick off the season with a sun-soaked 1965 favorite. *Beach Blanket Bingo* brings surf, sand, music, and classic beach-movie fun to the former Lake Theatre in a screening that playfully complements the Council's *Sun, Sand, & Surf* exhibition.

AN EVENING WITH MORIKAMI MUSEUM & JAPANESE GARDENS June 4, 2027

A special summer screening presented in partnership with Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens.



FOOD ON FILM: *BIG NIGHT* February 5, 2027

Food, family, ambition, and artistry collide in *Big Night*, the acclaimed 1996 film starring Stanley Tucci and Tony Shalhoub. Presented in connection with *Foodways*, the screening explores the rituals and relationships that make a shared meal about much more than what's on the plate.

CELEBRATING BLACK CINEMA JULY 16, 2027

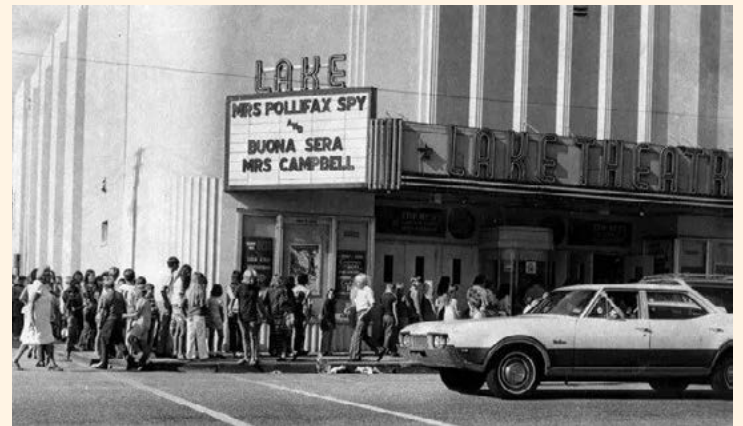
The season continues with a special film program celebrating Black cinema and storytelling from the 1940s with Associate Professor of Cinematic Arts at University of Miami, Dr. Terri Francis.

JOIN US

The Lake Theatre Revival Series returns for a second season, bringing classic and culturally significant films back to the building that opened as the Lake Theatre in 1940.

Presented on select evenings throughout the year, screenings pair memorable films with community partnerships and conversations that connect cinema to the people, places, and programs of Palm Beach County.

The Cultural Council's headquarters is the former Lake Theatre, a Streamline Moderne movie house that welcomed its first audiences in 1940. Today's film programs reconnect the building with its cinematic past while creating new opportunities for conversation, discovery, and community.



Above: Lake Theatre in the early 1970s,
Below: 1950s Lake Theatre postcard





Institute *for* Cultural Advancement

The Institute for Cultural Advancement (ICA) brings Palm Beach County's cultural community together for practical learning, professional development, and connection. Sessions throughout the season address timely needs for artists, arts administrators, marketers, fundraisers, board members, and nonprofit leaders. ICA programs are always free to attend, and this year, we're adding virtual sessions so that even more people can participate.

Check our website for the most up-to-date ICA schedule and program information.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Virtual Sessions

2026-2027 SESSIONS

- **October 21** — Coffee & Culture
- **November 12** — AI Policy Making
- **January 14** — AI Basics
- **March 18** — Art Law
- **April 22** — The Art of Events
- **May 20** — Developing a Board
- **Summer** — Fundraising Series with Nonprofits First
- **November 18*** — Database Management
- **December 2*** — Representing Your Artwork
- **February 17*** — Taxes for Artists
- **March 16*** — Trends, Tips & Techniques to Elevate Your Fundraising
- **April 21*** — Is Your Marketing Working?

**Virtual Sessions*





FAMILY SATURDAYS

Arts in My Backyard (AIMBY) brings free arts experiences directly into communities across Palm Beach County. Led by local artists and cultural organizations, each Family Saturday gives children and their families opportunities to create, move, listen, learn, and discover together.

The 2026–2027 season continues the Council's commitment to meeting families in their own backyards through partnerships with libraries, community organizations, and arts spaces throughout the county. Additional public Family Saturdays will be announced throughout the season.

- **October 17** — Gardens Branch Library with Jose Mendez
- **January 16** — Creative Arts School with Diana Garcia
- **February 20** — Lake Worth Beach City Library with Boca Raton Museum of Art
- **May 29** — Cultural Council Arts & Wellness Community Fair



10 YEARS OF



MOSAIC

Month of
Shows,
Art, Ideas
& Culture

MAY 1-31, 2027

Celebrate the 10th annual MOSAIC (Month of Shows, Art, Ideas and Culture) throughout The Palm Beaches in May 2027. For a full month, cultural organizations across Palm Beach County invite residents and visitors to explore Florida's Cultural Capital® through special offers, experiences, and reasons to discover something new.

Make May your month to revisit a favorite cultural destination, try somewhere you've never been, and experience the extraordinary variety of arts and culture found throughout The Palm Beaches.

Learn more at mosaicpbc.com



PALM BEACH COUNTY

Open Studios

**SATURDAY, MAY 1 AND
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2027
12-5 P.M.**

Step inside the creative process during Palm Beach County Open Studios, a free countywide weekend connecting visitors directly with Palm Beach County-based professional artists in the spaces where their work comes to life.

Travel throughout the county to meet artists, explore studios, watch demonstrations, and purchase original artwork directly from its creators. From painting and photography to ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, glass, mixed media, and more, the weekend offers an inside look at the depth and diversity of Palm Beach County's creative community.

Plan your route, bring your curiosity, and make a weekend of discovering the artists who help make Florida's Cultural Capital® a place of constant creativity.



YOUR SUPPORT STRENGTHENS OUR CULTURAL COMMUNITY

Join Early to Maximize This Season's Donor Benefits

Every exhibition, artist opportunity, community program, advocacy effort, and professional-development resource presented by the Cultural Council is strengthened by people who believe in the value of arts and culture.

By joining a Donor Circle, you help the Council nurture, promote, and support Palm Beach County's cultural sector while creating opportunities for artists, organizations, residents, and visitors to connect through the arts. As we approach the Cultural Council's 50th anniversary next season, your support helps ensure that the next chapter is every bit as creative and impactful as the first five decades.



COUNCIL FRIEND (\$75+)

- 10% discount to Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store
- Special Council gift
- Special donor preview hour at Kruger Gallery exhibitions including docent-led tour



COUNCIL SUPPORTER (\$300+)

Includes all Friend Circle benefits plus:

- North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) card membership benefits
- Council canvas tote bag
- Recognition in Annual Report



COUNCIL SOCIETY (\$750+)

Includes all Supporter Circle benefits plus:

- Invite to Donor Appreciation Brunch



COUNCIL IMPACT (\$1,250+)

Includes all Society Circle benefits plus:

- Recognition in *art&culture* magazine
- Two (2) tickets to attend *The Short List* First Look



COUNCIL FOUNDER (\$2,500+)

Includes all Impact Circle benefits plus:

- Invite to COAST (Curated Open Artist Studio Tour)

Additional benefits may be added throughout the year as tokens of our appreciation

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING 2027



AN AMUSEING *Evening*



An A-Muse-ing Evening returns in 2027 for a celebration of the artists, organizations, supporters, and creative energy that make Palm Beach County Florida's Cultural Capital®.

Guests can look forward to an evening filled with arts and culture, including live creative experiences, opportunities to connect, and the presentation of the Cultural Council's Muse Awards honoring outstanding contributions to Palm Beach County's cultural community.

Stay tuned for event details, including the date and location, at palmbeachculture.com/muse

Scenes from our 2026 event, Jacek Photo



Arts. Sciences. History. Community.

Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building
601 Lake Avenue,
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460
palmbeachculture.com

Non-Profit
Postage
PAID
Permit No. 598
West Palm Beach, FL



If you need a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in viewing the Council's galleries or attending Council events, please contact the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at **(561) 471-2901** or info@palmbeachculture.com at least two weeks prior to visit.

Shop Unique!

Browse the **Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store** for artist-made jewelry, prints, handbags, accessories, books and more—all created by Palm Beach County-based professional artists. Every purchase supports the artists who make our creative community unique.

Open Tuesday–Saturday, noon–5 p.m.
Located in the Cultural Council lobby.

