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Pinecrest Gardens Jazz Program receives funding from the prestigious National Endowment for the Arts

Pinecrest, Fla. – National Endowment for the Arts has approved more than \$82 million to fund local arts projects and partnerships in the NEA’s second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2016. Included in this announcement is an Art Works award of \$10,000 to Pinecrest Gardens to support educational outreach.

This first-time grant funding from the NEA will allow Pinecrest Gardens to bring A-list jazz talent to its 2016 - 2017 season while keeping its ticket prices below \$30 in its intimate, 500-seat venue.

“The funding will allow us to continue our Gen-Next Jam mentorship program that exposes gifted young jazz students to the same world-class artists we bring in for our mainstage series,” said Pinecrest Gardens Director Alana Perez. “A key component to this initiative is the inclusion of at least one artist annually who has been named a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master.”

The money will support the South Motors Jazz at Pinecrest Gardens concert series and South Motors Gen-Next Jam - a jazz educational outreach initiative. The concert series is expected to include up to four concerts at the Banyan Bowl, located at the historic Pinecrest Gardens, with ancillary educational residencies for youth from the jazz magnet program at Miami-Dade County's New World School of the Arts. The educational component will allow a select number of students to receive coaching from, and play

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alongside, artists including NEA Jazz Master Paquito D'Rivera, Waycliffe Gordon, Trio da Paz, and the Marcus Roberts Trio in a free public concert on the day following the ticketed performance.

“The arts are all around us, enhancing our lives in ways both subtle and obvious, expected and unexpected,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “Supporting projects like the one from Pinecrest Gardens offers more opportunities to engage in the arts every day.”

The Art Works category supports the creation of work and presentation of both new and existing work, lifelong learning in the arts, and public engagement with the arts through 13 arts disciplines or fields. To join the Twitter conversation about this announcement, please use #NEASpring16. For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, go to arts.gov.

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