



We are thrilled to announce our 2025 series. The focus is to share with you, our valued members, the amazing projects that we fund and support. Thanks to your generosity, these five **Art Builds Community Grantees** are building audiences by emphasizing access to the arts through new collaborations. **Gather 'Round**, learn and be inspired by these projects that aim to spark conversations, spur social change and make our community stronger. Each session is designed for participation and conversation. **Join us! RSVP to director@keysarts.com (current membership required).**



Southernmost Youth Orchestra, St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St., Key West. Join us for an inspiring presentation of the Southernmost Youth Orchestra, a vibrant program nurturing young string musicians in the Keys. Under the direction of Irie Monte, students aged 7 to 12 gather weekly for rehearsals, preparing for seasonal concerts and community events. In partnership with Keys Community School for the Arts, this program makes arts education accessible, with nearly half of the students receiving scholarships or financial aid to support their passion for violin, viola, and cello. The presentation, led by Miss Irie, will feature a video showcasing student performances and interviews, followed by an opportunity for attendees to hear directly from the director and participate in a Q&A session, with refreshments.



Made by MARC, Coral Isles Church, 90001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier. You are invited for a delightful lunch as we explore the incredible ways MARC (Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens) and artist Andrea Munchmeyer infuse creativity into their day training program for adults with mental and physical disabilities. This is not just an invitation—it's an opportunity to connect with the amazing MARC staff and discover their inspiring work! Plus, don't miss the chance to browse our thrift store, where you can find unique pieces of art and jewelry crafted by our clients. Your purchases not only support their artistic expressions but also raise awareness and funds for MARC's mission, creating enriching experiences for those they serve. Come be a part of something truly special!

Creating Keys Eco-Art, Key Largo Library, Tradewinds Shopping Plaza, 101485 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo. The Friends, local artists and grant partners: Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Fla. Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Fla. Keys Wild Bird Center, Coral Restoration, Marine Lab, and Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder, invite you to enjoy an exhibit of art created by art class participants with light refreshments and an overview of the highlights of six concerts, six eco-presentations and six art classes. See for yourself how art has built community in the Upper Keys.



Children's Outreach Series, Marathon High School, 350 Sombrero Beach Rd, Marathon. Join us for a lively discussion with Tennessee Williams Theater's Executive Director, Matthew Rawls, who will be our guide as we discuss the challenges and joy of bringing Broadway National Tours and performing artists to our islands. TWT has partnered with the Monroe County School District to offer students the opportunity to experience live theater through this ABC grant. We will share the details in conversation about building audiences over coffee and pastries following a performance.

Mike Wiley Performs, American Legion, 168, Emma St., Key West. The Studios of Key West, in conjunction with ROSE Diversity, presents two plays, over two consecutive nights, by powerhouse writer-director-actor Mike Wiley. Wiley's works, which recount important moments and figures in the history of Black America, will be staged at the iconic American Legion Post 168 in Bahama Village. Join Mike Wiley, along with The Studios' Executive Director Jed Dodds and Artistic Director Erin Stover to learn how a collaborative, community-grounded approach helps bring difficult subject matter to a diverse audience. Wiley will provide a sneak peek at the set, setting and content of his plays while discussing the deeper veins of social justice and historical recognition. Lunch too!



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