

# Grants: Artists in Schools / ArtReach / Special Projects / Key West Writers Guild

**\$52,483** in Direct Arts Funding in 2016-2017: The Arts Council is committed to advancing the creative development and promotion of the arts in our cultural community.



Symphony in the Schools teaching artist Donna Wissinger prepares May Sands Montessori students for the upcoming concert.



Winners of the Tropic Leader Project with Board member Michael Marrero and Executive Director Liz Young.

## ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS GRANTS AWARDED:

**Symphony in the Schools: Preserving Our Coral Reefs,** Teams of Success with artists Donna Wissinger and teachers throughout Monroe County and Board liaison Theresa Axford.

**Fabric, Fiber & Jewelry Art** with artist and special education teacher Margo Ellis and teacher Lance Benson at Gerald Adams Elementary School in Key West with Advisor Liaison Lucy Paige.

**Cayo Hueso- Exploring Our Island Home through Music & Movement** with teacher Ann McFarland and teacher Sally Zeman at Montessori Children's School of Key West with Board Liaison Barbara Weikel

**Peaceful Pretzels – Yoga Strategies at School** with teacher Susan Hartzell and Physical Therapist Robin Acker at Poinciana Elementary School in Key West with Advisor Lucy Carleton.

**American Sign Language in Mainstream Theatre** with teaching artist Stefanie Anarumo and KWHS teacher Micah Carter at the Key West Theater with Advisor Liaison Lucy Carleton.

**Indigenous Floral Murals** with art teacher Bria Ansara and principal Lynn Barras at May Sands Montessori of Key West with Advisor Liaison Paula Leftwich.

**Coral Reef Habitat Model** with artist Diane Smith and teacher Kimberly Walwer at Key Largo School with Advisor Carl Hower.

**Dance and Learn** with Dance teacher Renee Benmbark and Assistant Director Susan Kent with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Keys Area, Inc.

**Superior Solos:** How they lead to better Musicianship with musician Kirk Whipple and Band Director Susan Bazin at Key Largo Middle School.

**Clay Pot Challenge** with teaching artist Monica Brook and teacher Kimberly Albury at the Plantation Key School with Board Liaison Carl Hower.

**Shakespeare in Schools** with Media Specialist Kathy Lancaster and Fring Theater actress Alicia Merel at Marathon High School.

*It was so inspiring to see the students blossom into talented musicians.*

*-Christina McPherson, principal  
Horace O'Bryant School, Key West*



House of Steel Pan Band, a collaboration between Horace O'Bryant students and the Bahama Village Music Program.

## TROPIC CINEMA LEADER PROJECT

KWHS TV/PRO High School students, under the direction of teacher Ed Smith, write, create and produce :60 leader films for screening at the Tropic Cinema.

## ARTREACH - AUDIENCE BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM

**Artventure: Spring Break 2017** by arts administrator Erin Stover-Sickman of the Studios of Key West partnered with the Frederick Douglass School Black Educators' Memorial Project with Board Liaison Lucy Carleton.

**House of Steel Pan** at Horace O'Bryant School by Music teacher Nora Revelin in conjunction with Bahama Village Music Program, with Board Liaison Terri Axford and Advisor Liaison Juliet Gray.

## SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

Teaching artists, Bounce and Karen Grant-Margil received a Kawaler Foundation grant for their **Learn to Juggle Today** student workshops at five elementary Monroe County schools.



Fringe Theater of Key West performs a reading from *Plays Out Loud* at The Little Room Jazz Club.

**One Jazz Concert** by musician Harry Schroeder, Paradise Big Band, and Joe Dallas at the Little Room Jazz Club.

**Encounters: Friend or Foe?** by Key Largo Artist Laurie Richardson and the Tropical Botanic Artists Group in conjunction with Biscayne National Park.

**Plays Out Loud - Fringe Theater of Key West** launched an outreach program to cultivate new audience members and to increase participation.

**Slices of Heaven** - Sculpture artist Craig Gray's project allowed him to connect to new arts communities. Liaison Susann D'Antonio.

**South Florida Symphony Orchestra Photo Documentary Project** - Local photographer, Larry Blackburn captured the Symphony's season for use in its marketing efforts.

**Marathon Writes 2017** - Lois Wolfe Markham challenged students to improve and motivate their creative and critical writing/thinking skills. Board Liaison Ganine Giorgione Derleth.

## KEY WEST WRITERS GUILD AWARD

In 2017, **Lisa Mahoney** received the \$2,000 award for her novel in progress, *Let Go*.

## SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

**The SFCC Fellowship Program** offers the largest regional, government-sponsored artists' grants in the US, awarding \$15,000 and \$7,500 fellowships to resident visual and media artists from Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach counties. In 2017, Key West's **Roberta Marks** was awarded \$15,000.