

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

**\$30,600** in Direct Arts Funding in 2017-18: The Arts Council is committed to advancing the creative development and promotion of the arts in our cultural community.



Symphony in the Schools teaching artists Joy Myers and Donna Wissinger share props and smiles for the Preserving Our Coral Reef concert.



Monroe County elementary students participate onstage as underwater creatures to showcase teamwork and preservation.

## ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS GRANTS AWARDED:

**An Insider's Guide to Oceans:** Through a partnership with the Florida Keys Council of the Arts, Marathon High School, with teacher Kathy Lancaster, had the unique opportunity to host an Artist in Schools presentation by renowned artist, videographer, and journalist Michael Patrick O'Neill. Through the use of visual storytelling, Michael showed students the importance of our oceans as both ecosystems and multi-use waterways. Awareness of these complexities is key to our understanding of the critical need for stewardship of this irreplaceable resource. Michael is the author and award-winning photographer of seven books about ocean life, and it was exciting to have him share his experiences with our students.

**Big Pine Academy Presents the Music We Love Concert Series:** Sarah Butler in conjunction with Big Pine Academy used music as a catalyst to reconnect the community in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

**Peaceful Pretzels: Yoga Strategies in School:** This program was designed to support students in their physical development and social-emotional learning. Teacher Susan Hartzell and Physical Therapist Robin Acker at Poinciana Elementary School.

**Preserving Our Coral Reefs: Teams of Success:** Donna Wissinger and Joy Myers, of ARTZ OUT LOUD, in partnership with the Monroe County School District and the South Florida Symphony Orchestra presented a program of music and stories focused on preserving the coral reef, which served 3rd and 4th graders.

**Slavery and Freedom Digital Infographic Design and Presentation:** Javier Reeves and Jeanette Maresma teamed up at the Marathon High School, giving 171 students the opportunity to explore the often under-addressed topic in American History when they studied the Civil War era in the social studies class. The teachers guided their students through the complicated topics related to slavery and freedom as part of this U.S. history research project.

**Writers Craft Conference:** Lois Wolfe Markham supports writers in the Middle Keys through an informative conference designed



Big Pine Academy Presents "The Music We Love concert series."

***Juggling provides enormous benefits to students as it promotes focus, concentration and learning.***  
*Jamie Cates, May Sands*  
*Montessori Charter in Key West*



history, the environment, hurricanes, Henry Flagler, films and other Keys related culture in Islamorada.

**Guitar Summit of the Florida Keys:** Matthew Jampol performed four concerts (including a concert for Hurricane Relief) in 2018 and all were filmed with the goal of airing on South Florida PBS's show Art Loft.

**Learn to Juggle:** with performing artists Bounce and Karen Margil at six different elementary and middle schools throughout Monroe County.

to provide a professional and centralized sharing of expertise for Keys writers and reduce the general isolation of writers by personal networking and resource sharing. This conference was designed to open the lines of communication among informal, community-based writing groups throughout the Keys.

## ART REACH

**Chamber Music and Conversation:** The mission of this grant was to support the start up of the Southernmost Chamber Music Society, made up of local, professionally trained musicians. After Hurricane Irma, it was decided that the Chamber Music Society would give weekly concerts at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It was a successful partnership in that it increased their exposure to a larger audience.

**Comedy Key West:** Joe Madaus and the Bottlecap Lounge, reached 3,000 people through 61 shows. The grant's goal was to bring the very best comedic artists to perform alongside local artists in Key West during the busy winter season.

**Every Time It's You:** Hal Howland produced, recorded, mixed, and mastered his pop album, *Every Time It's You*.

**Keys Kids Jr.: Bahama Village Music Program,** in cooperation with Horace O' Bryant and Monroe County School District, revived **Keys Kids Jr.** to bring musical theater to the students in elementary and middle school.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

**Dimensional Bending Sculpture:** To support local artist Tim Marshall Curtis in his production of several bronze sculptures. Funds were used to have the artist's wax studies cast in bronze at the Crucible Foundry in Chicago. The foundry utilized the ceramic lost shell wax method of bronze casting, after which the artist mounted the sculptures to mirror polished stainless steel.

**Florida Keys History & Discovery Center Presents:** This Special Project funded the Foundation's popular speaker series, a monthly lecture program featuring experts on



**Dale Dapkins receives a check from E.D., Liz Young.**

## KEY WEST WRITERS GUILD AWARD

In 2018, Dale Dapkins of Key West received the award for his novel "Island Dreams."

## 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.



**Teaching Artist, Juliet Gray and Key West High School students at a play read-through rehearsal.**