



2024-2025

SEASON GUIDE



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A New Season of Culture and Community

Dear friends and supporters,

Welcome to another fantastic season here at the Cultural Council! We are proud to present a dynamic lineup of exhibitions, events, and programs that celebrate the bounty of talent and creativity of Palm Beach County's cultural community. No matter if you're a longtime member of the Council, or just visiting us for the first time—there is truly something for everyone to enjoy.

Our work goes beyond the walls of the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. building. It extends into the cultural sector of Palm Beach County comprising hundreds of creative professionals who live and work here and dozens of cultural organizations staging thousands of events, exhibitions, and performances every year. We are dedicated to ensuring that arts and culture become a part of everyday life, for everyone. This is our mission—and one we can only realize with your continued support.

As you may be aware, recent cuts to Florida's state funding for the arts have posed significant challenges for the sector. As the designated local arts agency for Palm Beach County, the Council also receives critical funding through the state program. In these times, your support becomes even more critical, allowing us to continue offering vibrant arts experiences and ensuring that arts and culture remain as cornerstones of our community.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of our members and donors, whose unwavering commitment makes everything we do possible. Together, we will continue in our mission to nurture, promote, and support a healthy, diverse, and inclusive cultural sector.

I look forward to seeing you at the Cultural Council this season!



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Ralph Papa, Tower at Mizner Park (detail) | Reflections of a Century: Celebrating Boca Raton's 100 Years through Art



**November 22, 2024 –
January 18, 2025**

**Opening Reception:
Thursday, November 21, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

An artist is a purveyor of truth who uses art to tell personal stories influenced by the time in which they live.

Curated by Wendy Arimah Berot of the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning (Queens, NY), this exhibition celebrates quintessentially “we” experiences and cultural connections in everyone’s lives. The work explores a wide range of expressions in contemporary culture, including themes like aging, pregnancy, motherhood, regional and international connections, religious identity, ancestral heritage, clothing, hair, body identity, hyphenated cultural experiences, rituals, and familial celebrations.

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EXHIBITION EXTENSIONS

November 23, 2024 at 2 p.m.
**Wearing Many Hats in
the Ever-Changing Art World**
A reflection with *Quintessentially We*
curator Wendy Arimah Berot



**January 31 –
March 29, 2025**

**Opening Reception:
Thursday, January 30, 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Boca Raton, the Cultural Council will present both historical images of the city and contemporary works by Palm Beach County artists who pay homage to the themes of architecture, culture, and the city’s residents while also looking to the future as the famous resort destination continues to evolve.

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EXHIBITION EXTENSIONS

February 1, 2025 at 2 p.m.
The History of Boca Raton
with Sue Gillis, Curator at the
Boca Raton Historical Society

MAIN GALLERY
palmbeachculture.com/exhibitions

Below images from *Reflections of a Century: Celebrating Boca Raton's 100 Years through Art*



Sonia Giusto, *Tropical Pineapple* (detail)



Maxine Schreiber, *Sugar Sand Park Carousel* (detail)

2025 BIENNIAL

April 11 – June 20, 2025

Opening Reception:
Thursday, April 10, 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Cultural Council's Biennial is a highly anticipated exhibition that showcases the breadth of talent in Palm Beach County. A juried show, Biennial 2025 will feature a variety of work by artists living and working in this incredible cultural community. Tim Hawkinson, a celebrated gallerist and curator from Los Angeles representing an international and cross-generational mix of contemporary artists from different backgrounds, will serve as the guest juror and curator for this exhibition. Cash prizes will be awarded for Best of Show, Second Place, and Third Place, as well as a People's Choice award.

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EXHIBITION EXTENSIONS

April 12, 2025 at 2 p.m.
Navigating the Art Market
A Discussion with Biennial
Juror and Curator Tim Hawkinson



2024 ARTIST INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP SHOWCASE



July 11 – August 29, 2025

**Opening Reception:
Thursday, July 10, 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

The Cultural Council created the Artist Innovation Fellowship Program in 2020 for artists across all disciplines in order to honor and support the creative individuals who form the core of Palm Beach County's cultural sector. This showcase is a celebration of each of the 10 Fellows from 2024 and their work over the past year, featuring photographs, videos, music, and other artistic expressions.



2024 Artist Innovation Fellows

Suzanne Ankrum
Theatre Artist
Jupiter

Molly Aubry
Visual Artist
West Palm Beach

Victoria Cardona
Musician
West Palm Beach

Eli Cecil
Glass Artist
Boynton Beach

Noah Garbarino
Musician
Delray Beach

Tracy Guiteau
Visual Artist
Greenacres

Jeanne Jaffe
Visual Artist
Boynton Beach

Janis McDavid
Musician
Palm Beach Gardens

Jose R. Mendez
Visual Artist
Lake Worth Beach

Gillian Kennedy Wright
Visual Artist
Lake Park



To learn more about each of the 2024 Fellows, visit palmbeachculture.com/aif

MAIN GALLERY



Aldo Cherres

Horizons

October 25 – November 30, 2024
Opening Reception: October 24, 2024

Aldo Cherres draws inspiration from the endless shapes, forms, and colors in nature. Rather than replicating what he observes, he invents his own interpretations. This body of work is the result of 20 years of exploration, translating nature onto canvas with paint and brushes, capturing the essence of his evolving artistic journey.



Debra Robert

HumanUnity

December 6, 2024 – January 11, 2025
Opening Reception: December 5, 2024

Debra Robert's work delves into her experience of living with multiple sclerosis. Her ceramic sculptures externalize her unseen inner worlds, expressing her frustrations. "HumanUnity" presents 18 sculptures, ranging from 9 inches to 6 feet high, that traverse a journey from disciplined structures to playful, semi-abstract figures, reflecting a complex mind and self.



Judy Horowitz

The Painting Always Tells A Story, You Just Have to Ask

January 17 – February 22, 2025
Opening Reception: January 16, 2025

Judy Horowitz's paintings span 20 years, with styles that vary yet consistently explore human emotions, relationships, and moments in time. Her preference for oils allows for a versatile expression, with opaque to translucent layers, impasto textures, and vibrant colors, each painting revealing its own story through the interplay of mood and emotion.



Quimetta Perle

Protectors of the Women

February 28 – April 5, 2025
Opening Reception: February 27, 2025

Quimetta Perle's work powerfully addresses women's rights and safety through the use of patterned silks, cottons, and seed beads adhered to rag paper. Her series, "Protectors of the Women," features guardians of different races and ages, standing as one body with domestic tools as their weapons, symbolizing resistance against the erosion of women's rights.



Luciana Boaventura

Fragile Beauty: Steeped in Life

April 11 – May 17, 2025
Opening Reception: April 10, 2025

Luciana Boaventura creates delicate pieces using papers dyed with teas and herbs, interwoven with leaves and seeds, capturing life's transient moments. Her art reflects interconnectedness and the fragility of memory, guiding others towards healing and self-discovery, with each piece a metaphor for the shared experiences of living beings.



Andrea Sarcos

Remember Me As A Place

May 23 – June 27, 2025
Opening Reception: May 22, 2025

Andrea Sarcos' photographic series documents her family's migration history across Ecuador, Venezuela, and the U.S. Through family archives, she reveals how migration shapes family dynamics, communication, and self-perception. Her work subtly unfolds the connections between past and present, living and deceased, within her family's evolving story.

A photograph of two men in an art studio. The man on the left is wearing a dark blue t-shirt and light blue shorts, holding a glass. The man on the right is wearing a blue t-shirt with 'ART THE KING' and '2024' on it, and dark pants, gesturing with his hand. The background shows various art supplies and a large abstract painting. A vertical purple and pink gradient bar is on the left side of the image.

A COLLECTOR'S PARADISE

The Cultural Council provides collectors with access to both established and emerging Palm Beach County artists. When you purchase a piece from the Council, you're directly benefiting these artists and supporting our mission to nurture, promote, and support a healthy, diverse, and inclusive cultural sector in Palm Beach County.

**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.



Portraits of Community

November 8, 2024 – January 18, 2025

This exhibition highlights BRIDGES sites, community hubs that connect families with essential support and resources, across Palm Beach County. Multimedia artist Judith Rae photographed families served by BRIDGES for this exhibition.

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Judith Rae, Northwood - Sharonda and E'Mara (detail)

Memories of Boca Raton

January 24 – March 29, 2025

Over 100 years, Boca Raton evolved from a farming village to the alluring, international community of today. This timeline exhibition explores the people and events that shaped its heritage, highlighting the Pioneer period (late 1800s), Boom to Bust (1918-1930), and Development to Population Explosion (1940-1970).



Urban Sketchers of Palm Beach County

April 4 – June 27, 2025

This exhibition showcases works by the Urban Sketchers of Palm Beach County, created during their weekly on-location "sketch out" drawing events. Their sketches capture the essence of Palm Beach County through direct observation witnessed firsthand. Visitors are invited to join a "sketch out" in Lake Worth Beach on May 3, 2025, during the show.



Culture & Cocktails

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AT THE BEN

JOIN US

in the luxurious Blue Heron Ballroom on the rooftop at The Ben, Autograph Collection located along the waterfront of Downtown West Palm Beach.

Enjoy craft cocktails and light bites followed by stellar stories about theater, books, and music from cultural insiders.



LAUGH LINES

January 6, 2025

Bill Boggs chats with Emmy and Tony Award® winning comedy writer Alan Zweibel



DIVINE DRAMATIC DIVAS

February 24, 2025

Dishing with Andrew Kato and guests Elizabeth Dimon, Angie Radosh, and Karen Stephens



ULTIMATE MUSICAL FINALE

April 14, 2025

Featuring Rob Russell, Avery Sommers, and special guests

WHERE:

The Ben rooftop, Blue Heron Ballroom
251 N. Narcissus Ave., West Palm Beach

WHAT:

Cocktails, 5 p.m.
Program, 5:45 - 7 p.m.

TICKETS:

\$125-\$165* per event
\$300-\$450* full series

**Indicates VIP preferred seating. Tickets are per person. Seating is limited and speakers are subject to change.*

All proceeds support the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County's mission to nurture, promote, and support a healthy, diverse, and inclusive cultural sector.

For tickets, call 561-471-2901 or visit palmbeachculture.com/cocktails



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[CULTURE TALKS]

The ArtsPaper, part of *The Coastal Star* and founded in 2008 by a group of Palm Beach County-based arts journalists, will continue their discussion series at the Cultural Council this season. Each talk will pair an *ArtsPaper* journalist with a Palm Beach County arts and cultural leader to discuss trends, the upcoming season, and more. Held at the Cultural Council at 2 p.m. on select days.



November 16, 2024

Principal Conductor
and Artistic Advisor
of The Symphonia

Alastair Willis in
conversation with
Greg Stepanich



January 11, 2025

Musician and
Co-Producer of *567
Music Podcast*

Ben Childs in
conversation
with **Bill Meredith**



March 8, 2025

Curator and Director
of Museum of Central
American Art

Suzanne Snider in
conversation with
Grete Sarmiento

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Institute for Cultural Advancement

Our signature professional development program for cultural organizations and creative professionals.

The 2024-2025 ICA season offers monthly sessions on topics relevant to Palm Beach County's cultural professionals, including branding, social media marketing, fundraising, and copyright issues for artists. Led by guest speakers or Council staff, these sessions provide learning and networking opportunities.

COFFEE & CULTURE sessions, tailored for new employees at cultural organizations and creatives new to the area, are also available.

All sessions are free and held at the Cultural Council's headquarters in Downtown Lake Worth Beach.

[Read more and register for upcoming sessions at palmbeachculture.com/institute](https://palmbeachculture.com/institute)



Save the Date: August 12, 2025

A dynamic one-day conference offering professional development, actionable tools, and strategies to tackle DEIA challenges. Plus, enjoy cultural performances, an arts/vendor market, and a networking reception!



The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is excited to announce the next season of its Arts in My Backyard (AIMBY) Family Saturdays program by bringing it into "backyards" across Palm Beach County. This program serves families in Belle Glade/ Pahokee, Lake Worth Beach and Riviera Beach.

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**Save these dates
for 2024-25**

(subject to change)

- November 16, 2024
- January 18, 2025
- February 15, 2025
- April 19, 2025
- May 17, 2025
- June 21, 2025
- July 19, 2025



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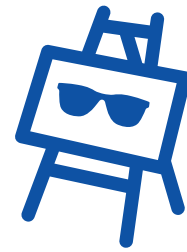
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MAY 2025

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PALM BEACH COUNTY

Open Studios

Saturday, May 17 and
Sunday, May 18, 2025

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

During this free event, visitors will have the chance to visit more than 100 Palm Beach County-based creative professionals at their studios, witnessing the creative process with the opportunity to purchase art directly from the creators. Artists' demonstrations will range from painting to glass blowing, photography, jewelry making, sculpture, printmaking, and more.

Schedule and locations will be available online in April 2025 at openstudiospbcc.com

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SUPPORT US

Take part in creating a thriving environment where arts and culture flourish. As an essential supporter of the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, your contribution goes beyond sustaining individual programs—it helps drive the systemic change necessary to strengthen the entire cultural sector of Palm Beach County.

Every donation supports our wide range of programs and services, including:

- Artist grants and fellowships, empowering creative talent
- Professional development programs to equip artists and cultural organizations for success
- Funding for arts and cultural education to nurture creativity across our communities
- Exhibitions showcasing the diversity and brilliance of Palm Beach County-based professional artists
- Engaging cultural events and programs where everyone can celebrate the joy of arts and culture

By contributing today, you help us advocate for the arts and support a dynamic cultural environment that enriches Palm Beach County for generations to come. Together, we can ensure that the arts remain a vital part of everyday life for everyone.

For more information, visit palmbeachculture.com/support

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 27, 2025 | THE HANGAR, WEST PALM BEACH

AN AMUSEING *Evening*

Join us for *An A-Muse-ing Evening: Art in Motion*, the most enchanting and creative award ceremony in Palm Beach County. Immerse yourself in art and movement while indulging on delectable light bites, craft cocktails, mesmerizing performances, and intriguing works.



Scenes from our 2024 event

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