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The Destination

The Palm Beaches are Florida's Cultural Capital® and America's First Resort Destination®. Boasting 47 miles of beaches and 39 unique cities and towns, The Palm Beaches are also home to outstanding arts and cultural organizations offering thousands of events throughout the year.

TEQUESTA, JUPITER, JUNO BEACH & PALM BEACH GARDENS

The Palm Beaches' northern cities are perhaps best known for their coastal breezes, laid-back local feeling and stunning cultural experiences. They're also home to one of the world's most densely populated sea turtle nesting beaches. Visitors can learn more about sea turtles and ocean conservation at **Loggerhead Marinelife Center** or take a step back in time at the **Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum**. Visitors can also catch a show at **Maltz Jupiter Theatre** or enjoy artwork or a hands-on art workshop at the **Lighthouse ArtCenter**.

WEST PALM BEACH AND PALM BEACH

Located in the heart of the region, West Palm Beach and Palm Beach are home to an incredible variety of cultural experiences. Cultural destinations include the **Kravis Center for the Performing Arts**, **Norton Museum of Art**, **Cox Science Center & Aquarium** and more. Just across the Intracoastal Waterway lies Palm Beach. Here, cultural experiences abound—from the historic **Henry Morrison Flagler Museum** and **The Society of the Four Arts'** breathtaking gardens and libraries to **The Breakers Palm Beach** and luxury shopping destination, Worth Avenue.



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LAKE WORTH BEACH

Home to the Council's headquarters, Lake Worth Beach captivates visitors with theater and independent film at **Lake Worth Playhouse** and the annual **Street Painting Festival** that welcomes artists from across the country. As a home to many creative professionals within The Palm Beaches, Lake Worth Beach hosts galleries, public artwork, and other cultural organizations. Travelers can also take in natural sights at **Snook Islands Natural Area** or the Lake Worth Lagoon waterfront.

WELLINGTON, THE GLADES AND LAKE OKEECHOBEE

The Palm Beaches' western communities run beautifully unbridled with dozens of equestrian and agricultural communities, as well as natural areas. Visit Belle Glade's **Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center** for local & touring performances, or step into Palm Beach County's past at **Yesteryear Village**. Or, attend an iconic polo match at the **National Polo Center** for the ultimate winter experience in The Palm Beaches.

BOYNTON BEACH

The ever-charming Boynton Beach has a growing reputation for public art with dozens of murals and large-scale sculptures, and the **International Kinetic Art Experience**. Visitors can enjoy a glass of beer at one of several craft breweries in the city, learn about local history through nearby heritage trails, or take advantage of the city's proximity to the Florida Everglades at the beautiful **Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge**.



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DELRAY BEACH

Equal parts history, culture and fun, Delray Beach offers plenty of cultural experiences for every visitor. From murals in the **Pineapple Grove Arts District** and the historic campus of **Old School Square** (including the **Cornell Art Museum**) to learning about local Black history at the **Spady Cultural Heritage Museum**, visitors will enjoy culture and fun in this vibrant town. Delray Beach's **Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens** remains the only museum in Florida dedicated to Japanese living culture, with gardens that are recognized internationally as some of the most beautiful outside of Japan.

BOCA RATON

As The Palm Beaches' southernmost city, Boca Raton is a luxurious destination with tree-lined boulevards and cultural experiences galore. Guests luxuriate at **The Boca Raton** resort, an icon of elegance designed by Addison Mizner, like much of the town that owes its pink design to the famed architect. Visitors can enjoy the **Boca Raton Museum of Art's** stunning collections, discover the city's history at the **Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum** or stroll through **Mizner Park** for local fare and boutique shopping.

For more information about Florida's Cultural Capital® including a downloadable destination guide, visit palmbeachculture.com/explore.

If you're a member of the press and are interested in visiting The Palm Beaches on a cultural familiarization (FAM) tour, please email Sharp Think at ccpbc@sharpthink.com.



About the Council

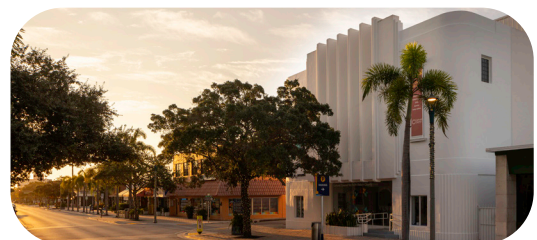
The mission of the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is to nurture, promote, and support a healthy, diverse, and inclusive cultural sector. We serve as cultural architects, championing and growing cultural organizations and creative professionals so that arts and culture are a part of everyday life, for everyone.

The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is the only organization solely dedicated to supporting arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. In its sustaining effort to foster growth of the cultural sector, the Council provides support services to cultural organizations and creative professionals, administers public and private grant programs, advocates for cultural funding, enhances local arts education, and promotes cultural tourism.

The Council serves as a venue highlighting works by Palm Beach County-based professional artists at its headquarters in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building in Downtown Lake Worth Beach. The building is also home to the Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store, featuring items by local artisans, as well as the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center.

The Council is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays, 12 to 5 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). For more information, including a comprehensive calendar of cultural events in The Palm Beaches, visit palmbeachculture.com.

Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building
601 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460
Tuesday – Saturday, 12 – 5 p.m.
Free and open to the public
palmbeachculture.com





South facade of the Cultural Council's headquarters in Downtown Lake Worth Beach showcasing Craig McInnis' Interconnected mural



Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center



Main Gallery
1,500 sq. ft.



Gayle and Paul Cross Gallery
300 sq. ft.



Donald M. Ephraim Family Gallery
36 ft. long



Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store



What We Do

ARTIST SERVICES

As part of our mission, the Council offers a variety of services and programs to Palm Beach County's many creative professionals (no matter the medium or level of expertise) at no cost. We manage funds and grants dedicated to keep artists working; we offer exhibition, professional development, and retail opportunities at our headquarters; and we provide online resources including an artist directory and calls to artists on our website at palmbeachculture.com/artists.

CULTURAL ORGANIZATION SERVICES

Since 1978, the Cultural Council has been supporting Palm Beach County's cultural organizations. We provide funding through targeted grant programs, promote events and programs, and offer professional development opportunities designed with the needs of the sector in mind. Our online resources—like arts advocacy tools, a job bank for local cultural careers, and a free events calendar—are available to cultural organizations at no cost.

SUPPORT

As a nonprofit organization, the Cultural Council relies on donations from individuals, businesses and organizations to continue its mission to nurture, promote, and support a healthy, diverse, and inclusive cultural sector. Supporters are members of the Council who connect with other arts and cultural enthusiasts through engaging special events, programs and advocacy work to elevate the cultural sector. For additional information, visit palmbeachculture.com/support.



What We Do

ARTS ADVOCACY

The Cultural Council believes that arts and culture in The Palm Beaches builds a stronger economy and drives tourism; unites and engages communities; and enhances education at every level. This is the foundation of the Council's advocacy program and what motivates strategies and tactics to securing/maintaining funding at the national, state, and local levels; outreach to business and community leaders; and support for arts education for K-12 students. For more information, visit palmbeachculture.com/advocacy.

AT A GLANCE: CULTURE'S ECONOMIC IMPACT*

- ◆ Local arts organizations contribute \$335+ million in economic impact and \$57+million in federal, state, and local taxes every year to The Palm Beaches
- ◆ The cultural sector maintains over 4,300 full-time jobs in The Palm Beaches

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Cultural Council's Community Engagement department works to bridge the gap between arts and culture and the people it serves by creating and supporting impactful initiatives and programs, in addition to providing new opportunities to enhance arts experiences in all communities. Programs led by this department span arts education (Arts in My Backyard Family Saturdays), professional development (Arts Administrators of Color Fellowship), and community impact projects like the Palm Beach County Black Cultural Heritage Trail.

**Data from Americans for the Arts, Arts & Economic Prosperity 6, 2023*

Council Leadership

DAVE LAWRENCE, PRESIDENT AND CEO



Dave Lawrence serves as the chief arts advocate for The Palm Beaches and represents the arts and cultural community in local, regional, and national matters. Since joining the Cultural Council in 2018, he has led the professional staff and worked to rebrand the Council, build a robust artist services team, restructure the Council's programs and services, and launch new initiatives to provide direct funding to the cultural sector. He created the Artist Innovation Fellowship program, awarding 21 Palm Beach County artists to date with career-enhancing funding and opportunities, the Cultural Resiliency Fund and the Artist Relief Fund to help economic recovery for the sector post pandemic. In 2023, Dave conceived and created YES, the Year of Extraordinary Support providing \$13.4 million in new and expanded funding – the largest investment in the cultural sector in the

Council's 46-year history. Dave was awarded the Vision 2020 Award by Art Synergy in West Palm Beach. For the last four years, he has been named one of Palm Beach County's most influential business leaders in Palm Beach Illustrated's The Palm Beach 100. Previously, Dave served as the president & CEO of the Arts Council of Indianapolis. There, he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash, one of Indiana's highest honors, by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb.

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