

Celebrating Success at the Annual Meeting

The 2019 United Arts of Central Florida annual board meeting at Orlando Museum of Art summarized the agency's accomplishments and celebrated its success with an audience of elected officials, cultural leaders and donors. The agency welcomed new board members, approved a balanced budget with a modest surplus that increases grant funding, and recognized state elected officials and donors. The 2018-2019 year had many achievements worth celebrating: United Arts facilitated more than 2.9 million cultural experiences for residents and visitors in Central Florida, raised 110 percent of the goal for the *2019 Collaborative Campaign for the Arts*, increased diversity initiatives and served as a strong advocate for the arts.

The United Arts board of directors welcomed nine new members to its ranks at the annual meeting, including Lindsay Abt with Ernst & Young LLP, Carlos Barrios with Bakers Barrios Architects, Inc., Marcellene Baugh with Massey Services, Inc., Linda Ferrone with Orlando Utilities Commission, Dr. Wendy Givoglu with Valencia College, Pamela Gould with



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Shown, from left, are: Brendan Lynch, board chair; Kate Wilson, immediate past chair; and Daniel J. O'Keefe, vice chair and chair-elect.

Orange County Public Schools, Charles King with KPMG LLP, Dr. Debra Pace with The School District of Osceola County and Matthew Pengra with Full Sail University.

Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility Initiatives

Over the past four years, Duke Energy and United Arts have partnered to make arts and culture more reflective of the diverse communities in Central Florida. This past year, the funding from Duke Energy went toward diversity training for the leadership at more than 20 cultural organizations, Diversity Grants and paid internships for culturally diverse college students interested in the field of arts administration. The Diversity Grants incentivize the creation of cultural programming aimed at attracting diverse populations who will participate as audience members and artists. Since 2017, 30 Diversity Grants of up to \$5,000 were awarded to cultural organizations in the region totaling \$110,000 and reaching approximately 50,000 individuals.

To further the agency's mission of making the arts accessible, inclusive and representative of every diverse commu-



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nity in the region, United Arts has partnered with Universal Orlando Foundation to fund programs and training to create policies and accessible cultural venues aimed at serving individuals with varying abilities. This opportunity is open to more than 60 nonprofit cultural organizations. Training sessions will be taught by Arts4All Florida during the "Creating Healthy Communities: Arts + Public Health" conference on Sept. 23 and 24 at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

**Creating Healthy Communities:
Arts + Public Health**

The "Creating Healthy Communities: Arts + Public Health" conference is a national initiative designed to accelerate collaboration among the arts, public health and community development sectors. This two-day conference on Sept. 23 and 24 at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts highlights Florida's leadership and innovation in building healthy communities through the arts. Key topics covered during this conference include social isolation, equity, collective trauma, wellbeing and access to the arts. For more information, visit www.UnitedArts.cc.