

# Continuing Our Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility

The arts are for everyone. The incredible diversity of ethnicity, abilities and expression of self that abounds in our communities is the inspiration from which the rich array of arts and cultural programming that we are blessed with springs. United Arts of Central Florida is committed to diversity, inclusion and accessibility; we are committed to arts programming that touches, inspires, encourages and uplifts all members of the community.

United Arts Diversity Grants and Accessibility Grants programs are devoted to encouraging the development of programming that is reflective of the communities we live in and are welcoming to all to participate in and enjoy. Below is a sample of the programs supported by United Arts this past year that highlights some of the incredible programming our arts community is providing:

## Hannibal Square Heritage Center

*Photographs and Oral Histories of West Winter Park*

The cornerstone of the Hannibal Square Heritage Center is *The Heritage Collection: Photographs and Oral Histories of West Winter Park* — a unique approach to telling history modeled after similar efforts conducted by the Los Angeles County Library. It represents the first collection of its kind implemented in a Central Florida community, and depicts the hardships and the triumphs of Winter Park's African-American community from 1900 to the present.

## Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida

*Uprooting Prejudice: Conversations for Change*

This exhibit focuses on the hope-filled activism of Daryl Davis. As a legendary blues musician, he devoted his life not only to the power of music, but also to the power of peace building via courageous and thoughtful dialogue. Over the course of many years, Daryl bravely befriended members of the Ku Klux Klan. His persistent and deep conversations with white supremacists led to more than 200 individuals leaving the white nationalist movement — with many of them giving their robes to Daryl.

## Opera Orlando

*Amahl and The Night Visitors and All Is Calm*

In partnership with New Hope for Kids and the Academy of Ability, Opera Orlando reached out and offered a free performance to youth with disabilities who would not only relate to the moving story of the disabled Amahl but who also would be moved by the



Students review one of the permanent exhibits at the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida.

hopeful, inspiring ending to this magical tale. Opera Orlando also presented *All Is Calm* at Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts with free admission for veterans and their families for its Saturday matinee performance. This poignant work recounted the true story of the World War I Christmas Truce on the Western Front.

## Orlando Ballet

*Pláticas con el Ballet*

Orlando Ballet is hosting community get-togethers or *pláticas* to connect with the Central Florida Hispanic/Latino population. During these get-togethers, guests are taken on a tour of Orlando Ballet's new facility, Harriett's Orlando Ballet Centre, and interact with Company dancers, staff and board. Orlando Ballet has partnered with Hispanic organizations, including the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Orlando to disseminate information.

## Timucua Arts Foundation

*Celebrating Asian Artistry at Timucua*

Timucua features five concerts by Asian and Asian American artists as part of its classical and jazz programming in 2020. This project helps highlight jazz and classical performers from traditional to contemporary and connect Orlando's substantial, growing Asian American population with the Timucua concert experience.

For more information about United Arts grant programs, please visit [www.UnitedArts.cc/grantee-resources/grants](http://www.UnitedArts.cc/grantee-resources/grants). **OAMI**