

## Dear Cultural Supporter:

We are now at the tail end of a year that has proven to be perhaps the most difficult ever, collectively, for our arts and cultural groups here in Central Florida. The financial devastation wreaked upon these organizations throughout the pandemic is real, and will have ripple effects for some time. However, it has also brought out the best in our organizations, as well as the best in you, our cultural supporters. The ingenuity and creativity of our arts and cultural groups in providing new types of exhibits and performances — both virtual and in-person — has been a joy to behold. And you have shown your support, both financially and emotionally, throughout this time.



MACBETH STUDIO

We have witnessed the 10th anniversary celebration of Central Florida Community Arts, which continues to provide avenues for people of all backgrounds to cherish various art forms. We celebrated as the Orlando Philharmonic Orches-

tra became not only the first music performance of any kind at Orlando City Soccer's Exploria Stadium, but also the first orchestra to ever perform at any Major League Soccer stadium. We continued to be amazed as MicheLee Puppets provided free puppet chats to children and adults who needed a moment of respite for laughter, or simply an ear of someone to listen to them. These are just a few of the myriad examples of how our homegrown arts and cultural groups have continued to touch our lives throughout, and despite, the pandemic.

Thank you, cultural supporters, for continuing to lift up the arts during this unprecedented time. You have honored the talents of so many individuals by embracing virtual theater, exhibitions and concerts. The arts have proven to be incredibly fluid and flexible, and the show has continued to go on — albeit on a modified stage.

You have all been a treasure throughout this year.

Continue to be safe.



S. Brendan Lynch  
Board of Directors, Chair  
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