

Arts and Culture Advisory Board

Annual Report to City Commission - June 2026

The Frank Art Gallery- under the direction of Sophie Bonet our Chief Curator of The Frank and the Studio 18 Art Complex, the Frank continues to flourish as one of the premier art galleries in Broward County. The Frank offers workshops, field trips and special events such as movie screenings and music events on the Plaza. The gallery has hosted an amazing array of visual art exhibitions featuring national and international artists and we are very proud that children/family themed events are a regular part of the cultural offerings at the Frank.

Some of the art events held at the Frank include:

Major Exhibitions:

Spring Exhibition Series

The Fall Exhibition Series

Lo Que Me Habita/That Which Inhabits Me

Summer Exhibition opening featuring three smaller exhibitions-let There Be Light, Hidden Worlds and Echoes of Memory and Nature.

Children/Family Events

Sensory Saturdays- enjoy the gallery in a low stimulation environment, soft lighting and reduced sound for our neurodiverse families

Family Day

Field Trips- each guided tour is designed to educate and engage students in a fun, accessible way

Movie Night on the Plaza

Special Events/Programs:

Holiday Art Market

The Frank Studio

The Frank Contemporaries

Florida Talks Series

America 250 Tapestry Community Project

The Frank supports artists at all stages in their careers, with various lectures, panel discussions and hands on workshops.

The Studio 18 Art Complex- continues to be a hub where emerging and established artists cultivate their skills.

Major Exhibitions

Studio 18 Artist Takeover

Collective Matter

A Golden Watercolor Retrospective, Gold Coast Watercolor Society

The 20th Annual Art Competition ,opening reception was held at Studio 18 Art Complex. The winning artists utilized varying mediums, each demonstrating their unique styles and techniques. The Mayor and the entire Commission were in attendance naming the winners. There were a total of 62 artists and 112 pieces of work accepted into the competition. There were over 300 people in attendance at the opening reception. The winners and categories are listed below:

1. Best Digital Art: **Melanie Hosein-Finol** "Passion of the Heart"
2. Best Drawing: **Abel Marquez** "Conversation with W. Bouguereau N 1"
3. Best Mixed Media: **Monica Czukerberg** "Imperfectly Bonding 2"
4. Best Painting: **Santiago "Seke" Giron** "Pedro the Parrot"
5. Best Photography: **Mark Favus** "Mirror Image"
6. Best Sculpture: **Liliam Higa** "Self Portrait"
7. Best in Show: **Judy Nunno** "Opening a Can of Worms"

The Art Board chose **Santiago "Seke" Giron's** "Pedro the Parrot" as the 2025 Art Festival Poster Winner

Studio 18 held numerous lectures and workshops, engaging the community, and always working to advance the careers of emerging and established artists, some of those events included:

Coffee and Create Workshops

Clay workshops

Open House

Pembroke Pines Art & Cultural Center- continues to offer many year-round programs and various workshops for the children of our community including art classes, musical theater classes and piano lessons. Hosts Spring Break and Summer Art & Drama Camps.

Workshops offered for Youth

Art Without Limits Workshop

Ceramics Workshop

Paper Flower Craft

PPTOPA- was founded over thirty years ago and continues to present amazing live theatre, featuring all-star South Florida performers at the Susan B. Katz Theater.

This season's shows included: Plaza Suite, The Marvelous Wonderettes and Neil Simon's Broadway Bound.

The Pembroke Pines Festival of the Arts, held at the Charles F. Dodge City Center on Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., welcomed more than 2,000 attendees over the weekend. Guests enjoyed browsing 60 art vendors and sampling treats from 10 food vendors. The lobby showcased the 8th Annual Student Art Competition, featuring 253 artworks by Pembroke Pines students. Winners were announced on Saturday, followed by a celebratory frozen yogurt party courtesy of Menchie's for all participants. Entertainment filled the plaza with performances by Alemor, Nestor Zurita, Los Wizzards, The Flyers, and Gabriel Key—who even got the crowd moving with line dancing. Inside The Frank Art Gallery, visitors took part in creative workshops led by teachers from the Pembroke Pines Art and Cultural Center, including Jeff Koons-inspired clay sculptures on Saturday and Australian Dot Art on Sunday. Overall, the event was a vibrant and successful celebration of community and the arts.

Our Cultural Arts Department was very successful in obtaining \$24K in sponsorships for the Festival.

Some of the other very successful events and projects completed throughout the year by the Recreation and Cultural Arts Department include:

The Art of Gary Gore Art Workshops at the Village Community Center

24th Annual Storybook Festival- themed "Follow the Yellow Brick Road", celebrated the Wizard of Oz

Storywalk in the Pines

Spring into Art and Music Children's Show- featured children's artwork, music performances and an interactive karaoke show

Summer Symphony Series- featuring the South Florida Symphony Orchestra

The bi-annual Art, Culture and Entertainment (ACE) Guide

The City received a \$25,000,00 grant from Broward County to be used for the Caribbean American Heritage Festival

Public Art

Utilizing a recommendation from the Art Board, the traffic box wrap program continues, using images of past Art Festival poster winners

Fletcher Park Mural-Artist Jennifer Little was commissioned to create a mural for Fletcher Park. The design concept revolves around the girls' softball theme.

Panther on the Prowl Project- The American Cancer Society partnered with the Florida Panthers for a public art initiative called *Panthers on the Prowl*. This initiative involved a \$5K donation in support of the American Cancer Society and in return, the City received a fiberglass panther sculpture. The City's *Panther on the Prowl* sculpture was completed by artist Disem and installed between the Commission Chambers and City Center. In January, the City launched a three-phase social media naming contest, inviting residents to submit name ideas, narrowing submissions to the top three, and hosting a public vote through a poll on the City's website.

The winning name, **HOPE**, was officially announced through a proclamation to the artist on February 4th.

Spring Valley Mural Project-. This mural created by artists Ernesto Maranje and K8Tano, was designed around the theme Love and Kindness. It features local wildlife in a colorful style with organic elements throughout. The mural will be uplifting, family friendly and colorful.

Silver Lakes South Mural Project. Muralist K8Tano created a nature inspired mural on the concession building at Spring Valley Park.

The Art Board wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to Christina Goulding, Holly Bonkowski and the entire Recreation and Cultural Arts staff.

Lastly, the Art Board wishes to thank the City Commission for your ongoing support of the Arts in Pembroke Pines.

Thank you,
Rose Colombo- Chairperson Arts and Culture Advisory Board

**ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD
ATTENDANCE REPORT 2025-2026**

Name/Appointed By	2025 AUG	2025 SEPT	2025 OCT	2025 NOV	2025 DEC	2026 JAN	2026 FEB	2026 MAR	2026 APRIL	2026 MAY	2026 JUN	2026 JULY	Total excused Absences	Total unexcused Absences
Chair Colombo Mayor	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		NM		
Member Koren District 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P		NM		
Member Rodriguez District 2	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P		NM		
Member Pierce District 4	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	E		NM		
Member Jordan Commission	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		NM		
Member Pakiet Mercado Commission	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	U		NM		
Member Murias Alternate	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		NM		
Member Minnis Alternate	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	P		NM		
5 REQUIRED FOR QUORUM	8	7	8	7	8	6	7	5	7	6		NM		
P=Present, E=Excused, U=Unexcused, NM=No Meeting														

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