

Arts and Culture Advisory Board

Annual Report to City Commission - June 2025

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:

Of Seeing and Being- the Deering Estate at the Frank

Ebb & Flow- an exhibit exploring Womanhood

The Crossings- a Global traveling exhibit

YuYi Morales- an exhibit organized by the National Center for Children's Literature

Children/Family Events

Story Telling at the Frank

Teen Art Club

Summer Reading Party

Art and Yoga for Kids

Special Events:

Movie Night on the Plaza

Savor the Sounds Concerts with a live Painting Artist

Holiday Art Market

Family Day

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.

Events held at Studio 18 included;

Got Culture celebrating art and diversity

Naemi Anniversary Exhibit

Studio 18 Artist Takeover

Illuminating the Power Within Exhibit

The 19th Annual Art Competition- was held at Studio 18 on May 24, 2024. The competition included 127 pieces of artwork, created by 68 artists who participated. Awards were given in eight

categories and Larissa Meek's beautiful painting- "Guardian of the Ethereal Garden" was chosen by the Art Board as the 2024 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:

FAU Digital Storytelling Showcase
Pottery Painting, Wearable Art, Coil Vase and Clay Tile workshops
Holiday Ornament Painting
Coffee and Create Workshop

Pembroke Pines Art & Cultural Center- continues to offer many year-round programs and various workshops for the children of our community including, guitar lessons, musical theater classes and piano lessons.

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: Barefoot in the Park, Death Trap and Spelling Bee

The 23rd Storybook Festival which is co-sponsored by the City and the Regional Library was held on November 16, 2024. This delightful children's event included a book give away, a costume parade, face painting and a craft tent.

The 26th Art & Music Fest in the Pines- was held November 2nd and 3rd at City Center and the our festival truly featured something for everyone.

The Frank held two workshops at the Festival- Trading Cards with Mary Gallagher Stout and Hemmed Hues with Melanie Oliva

Live music was featured on stage throughout the weekend and an interactive belly dancing performance by the Arabian Roses was enjoyed by all.

The Festival also included food trucks, an Arts and Craft Tent, the Color Bubble, face painting and balloon twisting, a bounce house and an arcade trailer.

Our 7th Annual Student Art Competition was a huge success, featuring artwork from students at Pembroke Pines schools and students from our recreation programs. 243 works of art were on display in the City Center lobby and each grade level was given cash awards.

The two-day festival included diverse live entertainment and a digital festival booklet. Our awards breakfast was held Sunday morning in the beautiful mezzanine at City Center and awards were given to the artists in twelve categories.

Our Cultural Arts Department was very successful in obtaining 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:

A new addition to our cultural offerings: Gary Gore, one of the Studio 18 artists is now conducting two art workshops monthly at the Pines Village Community Center

Storywalk in the Pines

Spring into Art and Music Children's Show

Summer Art & Drama Camps

Summer Symphony Series

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

Honoring Veterans Portrait Project

Family Film Fest at the Susan B. Katz Theater

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

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

The Art Board wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to Christina Sorensen, 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

ATTENDANCE RECORD
ART AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD 2024-2025

MEMBER NAME:	AUG 24'	SEPT24'	OCT24'	NOV24'	DEC 24'	JAN 25'	FEB25'	MARCH 25'	APRIL 25'	MAY 25'	JUN25'	JULY 25'
COLOMBO	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
KOREN	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
MIRVILLE	UE	RESIGNED										
PIERCE	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P		
JORDAN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
PAKIET-MERCADO	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P		
RODRIGUEZ	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P		
MIQUELI	P	E	E	RESIGNED								
MURIAS	NOT A MEMBER				P	E	P	P	P	<u>E</u>		

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UE - UNEXCUSED
E - EXCUSED
NOT A MEMBER
RESIGNED
NM - NO MEETING
NQ - NO QUORUM