

2023

Art of Found Objects



Annual Art Exhibition & Awards Reception



FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials

Annual Art Exhibition

Each year, as part of their commitment to the community and its children, Ocean Bank and The Education Fund sponsor the “Art of Found Objects” exhibit for students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This exhibit features children’s and teachers’ artwork created with materials recycled from The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

The purpose of the “Art of Found Objects” exhibition is to show the many creative ways that items found in The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials can be used. Through this unique exhibit, children learn to work individually and in teams on projects. They gain self-respect from seeing that their artwork is worthy of being displayed. Students receive the encouragement they need from a teacher in whose class they excel, and they take the success of winning an award and translate it into other subject areas in school. Art has a profound influence on children’s lives, and our program helps expand that influence.

Special Thanks to Ocean Bank OCEAN BANK

The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center celebrates its 31st Anniversary this year, thanks to our signature sponsor, Ocean Bank. Ocean Bank, a pillar in the community, is committed to our school children, ensuring they have the supplies needed to learn through their named sponsorship of the Ocean Bank Center, its art exhibit, and its art auction. For more than a quarter-century, Ocean Bank’s generous gifts have kept the Ocean Bank Center going strong. Its commitment has helped create a lifeline upon which teachers can depend, and their students can flourish. The enduring partnership among Ocean Bank, The Education Fund, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools works to provide every child with the best education possible.

The Education Fund is privileged to see Ocean Bank’s support rewarded through the eyes of grateful teachers visiting the well-stocked aisles of the Ocean Bank Center, and ultimately, through the students who are using these materials in their classrooms every day.

The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials 2023 Art Exhibition Awards Reception

WELCOME

Linda Lecht

President, The Education Fund

EMCEE

Jose Mallea

President, Biscayne Bay Brewing Company

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Education Fund wishes to thank **Assurant, The Children's Trust, Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, The Kirk Foundation, Miami Dade College - Hialeah Campus, and Peacock Foundation Inc.** for their support of this event; **Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau** for printing the program books; and the art contest judges for their help with selecting this year's winners.

Photos of artwork by Ulysses Photography.



Elementary School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



Grand Prize

Galaxy Gator

Group

Grade: 5th

School: Jack D. Gordon Elementary

Art Teacher: Michael Flaum



Best of the Best

Nature Jigsaw

Group

Grade: 5th

School: Pinecrest Academy
South

Art Teacher: Erika Reboucas

Elementary School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



Award of Merit

Tapestry of Life

Group

Grades: 2nd - 5th

School: West Homestead K-8 Center

Art Teacher: Paula Gale



Honorable Mention

Rush Hour

Group

Grades: 1st - 5th

School: Dr. Carlos J. Finley Elementary

Art Teacher: Augusto Zambrana



Honorable Mention

Journals

Group

Grades: 2nd - 5th

School: Norwood Elementary

Art Teacher: Veronica Fascie

Middle School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION

Grand Prize

Dandy Lion

Group

Grade: 7th

School: True North Classical
Academy

Art Teacher: Sara Alfaro



Best of the Best

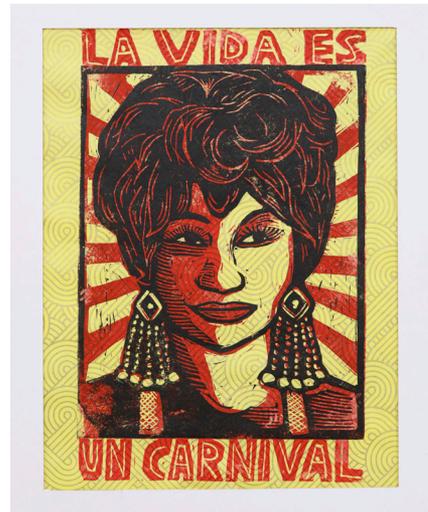
Celia Cruz

Amber Barja

Grade: 7th

School: Miami Arts Studio 6-12

Art Teacher: Brian Reedy



Middle School Winners

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Award of Merit

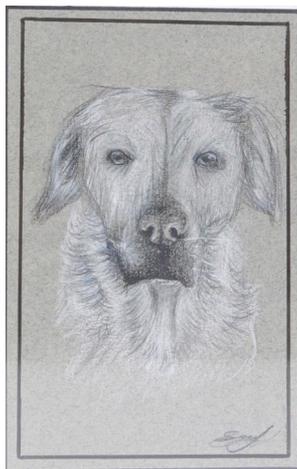
Sofia Del Valle

Kiara

Grade: 7th

School: Miami Arts Studio 6-12

Art Teacher: Jorge Del Valle



Honorable Mention

Wild In The Wind

Shyla Thandani

Grade: 7th

School: True North Classical Academy

Art Teacher: Sara Alfaro

Honorable Mention

Blue Macaws

Augustine Cardoso & Michelle Moran

Grade: 6th

School: Hialeah Middle

Art Teacher: Marcos Alvarez

Senior High School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



Grand Prize

Spring Blooming

Dalila Di-Masuo

Grade: 10th

School: Booker T. Washington
Senior High

Art Teacher: Raydeivis
Soguero-Gonzalez



Best of the Best

Daphne

Samantha Vargas

Grade: 10th

School: Miami Arts Studio 6-12

Art Teacher: Brian Reedy

Senior High School Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



Award of Merit

BMW M8 COMP

Lorena Hermelo

Grade: 12th

School: Miami Springs

Senior High

Art Teacher: Beth Goldstein



Honorable Mention

Tahiti Sunset

Sophia Murado

Grade: 10th

School: Miami Arts Studio 6-12

Art Teacher: Brian Reedy



Honorable Mention

Three Dogs

Maria Gacita

Grade: 12th

School: G. Holmes

Braddock Senior

High

Art Teacher:

Mortimer

Hechavarria

Teacher Winners

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Grand Prize

Calle Paciencia

Maria Vallejo

School: South Miami Heights
Elementary



Best of the Best

A Fish Called Floyd

Peter Demercado

School: Banyan Elementary

Teacher Winners

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION



Award of Merit

Santorini

Erika Reboucas

School: Pinecrest Academy
South

Honorable Mention

Frida

Mortimer Hechavarria
School: G. Holmes
Braddock Senior High



Honorable Mention

Rainbow Fish

Wilson Mape

School: Hubert O. Sibley K-8 Academy



Thank You To All Participants

THE EDUCATION FUND OCEAN BANK CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS 2023 ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope to see your entries again next year!

Eduardo Adam-Rabel
South Dade Senior High

Sara Alfaro
True North Classical Academy

Marcos Alvarez
Hialeah Middle School

Jorge Del Valle
Miami Arts Studio 6 - 12

Peter Demercado
Banyan Elementary

Veronica Fascie
Norwood Elementary

Michael Flaum
Jack D. Gordon Elementary

Paula Gale
West Homestead K-8 Center

Crystal Garcia
Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High

Beth Goldstein
Miami Springs Senior High

Mortimer Hechavarria
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High

Shannon Hand
Natural Bridge Elementary

Stephanie Hurst
Youth Co-Op Preparatory

Lissete Madrazo
Meadowlane Elementary

Evelyn McCloud
Horace Mann Middle School

Wilson Mape
Hubert O. Sibley K-8 Academy

Monica Perez
Campbell Drive K-8 Center

Erika Reboucas
Pinecrest Academy South

Brian Reedy
Miami Arts Studio 6 - 12

Teodora Reytor
Brentwood Elementary

Edward Rossel
True North Classical Academy

Raydeivis Soguero-Gonzalez
Booker T. Washington Senior High

Maria Vallejo
South Miami Heights Elementary

Alina Veloy
Citrus Grove Middle

Rossana Weksler
Virginia Boone Highland Oaks Elementary

Augusto Zambrana
Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary

Please Support Arts Education



A strong arts education promotes the skills children need to be successful. Exposure to arts education promotes self-directed learning, improves school attendance, and sharpens critical and creative skills.

In fact, several recent studies have concluded that the creativity and innovation utilized in the artistic process will be highly valued by employers in the United States in the coming years as we continue to shift into a global economy. Arts education not only enhances students' understanding of the world around them, but also broadens their perspective on traditional academics.

Teachers are usually the first to point out how creative arts programs have strongly influenced their students' self-image and increased their academic success in the areas of math, science, and language arts. However, during economic downturns, budget cuts have reprioritized classroom spending, targeting arts programs as the first to be sacrificed. In many cases, an entire school's arts program can be wheeled around by teachers from room to room on a cart.

Requests by teachers for visits to The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials have tripled in the past year. The generous support of Ocean Bank and our partners listed in this program makes it possible for thousands of Miami-Dade students to create, learn, discover, innovate, and thrive during these difficult times. To find out how you can support Arts Education, visit www.educationfund.org.

The Education Fund wishes to thank our generous sponsors for their support of arts education and encouragement to young artists in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.



Please Support Public Education

Join The Education Fund as we help our public schools nurture every child's potential. See what we've accomplished:

- \$76 million+ raised for public schools
- 203,000+ students and teachers recognized for their artwork
- 232,124 harvest food bags provided to low-income students' families
- 20,000 teachers encouraged to use and share best practices
- \$22.4 million+ in classroom supplies donated, benefiting 3.3 million+ children
- \$3 million+ provided for projects in more than 5,322 classrooms
- 34% increase in students' college enrollment
- 70% improvement in students' science scores
- 2,902 business professionals recruited to teach for a day and become teacher advocates



Announcements

OCEAN BANK PRESENTS

For the **LOVE** of ART
Annual Charity & Honoree Celebration



Enjoy live music, an open bar, an epicurean feast, and bid on fabulous luxury items and one-of-a-kind art created by public school students and art teachers. All proceeds benefit arts education and The Education Fund Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Jungle Island
1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL 33132



To purchase tickets, use the QR code or visit educationfund.org/loveofart

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Art Exhibition Sponsors



The Education Fund is an independent, nonprofit organization established in 1985 that provides private-sector leadership for innovation in public education. We design and implement initiatives that offer opportunities for all residents in Miami-Dade County to become involved in improving our schools with the goal of maximizing every child's potential and opportunity for success. The Education Fund's programs reach all 331,500+ students in 470+ public school centers across the county.

Ocean Bank is the largest independent commercial bank headquartered in Florida. Chartered in 1982, Ocean Bank operates a network of branches throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The bank moved into its current headquarters at 780 NW 42nd Avenue in 1983. Today, Ocean Bank is one of the strongest banking institutions in the state of Florida, meeting the broad financial needs of local businesses, families, and individuals in a personal and professional manner.

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