

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 9(B)(1)(A)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed. D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 4, 2003

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Dance
Miami Choreographers
Fellowships
Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve \$15,000 in funding support for three (3) fellowship awards to Miami-Dade choreographers from the approved budget for the 2003-2004 Dance Miami Choreographers Fellowship Program.

BACKGROUND

Three \$5,000 fellowships are being recommended for outstanding Miami-Dade choreographers as selected by the program panel for the Department of Cultural Affairs' 2003-2004 Dance Miami Choreographers Fellowship Program. The Dance Miami Choreographers Fellowship Program supports the artistic development of Miami-Dade County-based choreographers for the creation of new work in all dance forms, including modern dance, ballet and folk.

A panel of local dance experts met on October 3, 2003 to review the submissions. The selection of the recommended fellowship recipients was based primarily on the quality of the choreographers' work as evidenced by the work samples submitted in video format.

The recommended choreographers are:

Esaias Johnson	\$5,000
774 NE 71 st Street, Miami 33138	

Ms. Johnson is the Artistic Director of *Dance Esaias*, which is starting its seventh season. She has performed since 1975 in New York, California and Florida, as well as France and Switzerland. Her work has been accepted in the prestigious permanent collection of the New York Performing Arts Library. Ms. Esaias identifies herself as one of "a handful of African-American female modern choreographers in the country."

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Giovanni Luquini \$5,000
1796 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133

Mr. Luquini studied in Brazil and is a former soloist and member of three of Brazil's most renowned dance companies. After a number of years spent performing throughout Europe, he arrived in Miami in 1995, where he founded *Giovanni Luquini & Dancers*. A full-length work was voted "Best Dance Performance" for 2001 by the Miami Herald.

Nikki Rollason \$5,000
7921 SW 152nd Terrace, Miami, Florida 33157

Ms. Rollason graduated from the New World School of the Arts in 1997 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. She is a teacher as well as a dancer and emerging choreographer. Her work was featured recently at the Florida Dance Festival and the Philadelphia Fringe Festival.

The Cultural Affairs Council approved these recommendations at their monthly meeting of October 22, 2003.


Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** December 4, 2003

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(B)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

12-4-03

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING OF THREE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS TO SOUTH FLORIDA ARTISTS FROM THE FY 2003-2004 DANCE MIAMI CHOREOGRAPHERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the funding of three (3) fellowships for a total of \$15,000 from the Department of Cultural Affairs' 2003-2004 Dance Miami Choreographers' Fellowship Program as follows:

- 1) Esaias Johnson \$5,000
- 2) Giovanni Luquini \$5,000
- 3) Nikki Rollason \$5,000

in substantially the form of the agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof, and authorizes the County Manager to execute same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County; and to exercise cancellation provisions contained therein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 2003. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. _____

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Joni Armstrong Coffey

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FELLOWSHIP AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered this 22nd day of October, 2003, between the MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, ("Department"), and Esaias Johnson, ("Artist"), 774 NE 71st Street, Miami, Florida 33138 as follows:

1. After a competitive process and jurying by a panel of local dance experts, the Department awards to Artist one non-matching \$5,000 Choreographer's Fellowship Award ("Fellowship"), solely on the basis of creative artistic excellence, to improve his/her artistic skills; to encourage Artist's career development; and for the creation of new work in all dance forms; in consideration for Artist's agreement to abide by the following terms and considerations set forth in this Agreement.

This Fellowship is for use by the Artist according to his or her needs in developing new work. Funding of the Fellowship will be paid from the Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Council's FY2003-2004 annual operating budget.

The Artist hereby attests that he/she has lived in MIAMI-DADE COUNTY for one year at the time of the application deadline of September 8, 2003 and is over 18 years of age.

Artist further agrees to provide public performances of a new work developed through the support of this program by September 30, 2004. All performance venues must be fully accessible to the public. A narrative final report addressed to the Department will be due 45 days after the completion of the project date.

This agreement shall be in effect during the period October 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004. This agreement may be extended by the Council for one year with a 30-day prior written notice to the Artist.

It is expressly understood and intended that the Artist is merely a recipient of fellowship funds and is not an agent or employee of Miami-Dade County, its Board of County Commissioners, or the Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs.

In the event the Artist shall fail to materially conform with any of the provisions of this agreement, the Department may withhold or cancel the award giving (15) calendar days' written notice to the Artist, and the County shall have no further obligation to the Grantee under this agreement, and Artist shall repay to Miami-Dade County all portions of the Fellowship which have been received. In the event that this grant is canceled or the Grantee is requested to repay Grant funds because of a breach of this agreement, the Grantee will not be eligible to reapply to the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs' Dance Miami Program for a period of seven years.

Attest:

MIAMI-DADE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Assistant County Clerk

By: _____
County Manager or Designee

Date: _____

Witness:

By: _____

By: _____
Esaias Johnson, Artist

Date: _____

S.S.# _____

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency

Date: _____