Florida PAC for Arts & Culture Established in 1993

HISTORY: The late Robert M. Montgomery, an attorney in Palm Beach County and long-time philanthropist, created the Florida ArtsPAC in 1993. Since that time, thousands in campaign contributions have been made to Florida candidates running for the Florida Legislature or Cabinet. History has proven that Florida Arts PAC campaign contributions make a difference to get candidates' attention and gain greater access to them.

WHY: The Florida PAC for Arts & Culture

- identifies and engages individuals and businesses to make contributions to the Florida PAC for Arts & Culture and become partners in statewide advocacy to advance arts, arts education, and cultural resources throughout Florida;
- works in partnership with the Florida Cultural Alliance (FCA), Florida's statewide arts and culture advocacy organization, to
 - (1) raise awareness and a stronger understanding among incumbents and candidates about the values Florida's arts, arts education, and culture resources add to our state's economic, educational, and qualitative development;
 - (2) secure annual-state-appropriation investments to fund matching grants of well-vetted nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through the long-established state grants' programs administered by the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA).

To help secure state appropriations each year for these DCA well-vetted arts and cultural matching-grants' programs, three major advocacy components must successfully collaborate:

- (1) a professional lobbyist working in Tallahassee;
- (2) a statewide network of informed and active arts and culture advocates; &
- (3) campaign contributions to Florida candidates from the Florida PAC for Arts & Culture.

The lobbyist's and the network of arts and culture advocates' participation are coordinated through the Florida Cultural Alliance and the campaign contributions are made through the Florida PAC for Arts & Culture.

CONTRIBUTIONS to the Florida PAC for Arts & Culture: One can go to this <u>link</u> to make an online contribution OR by check payable to the Florida PAC for Arts & Culture and mail it to

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Thank you for your interest and support.