



**DIASPORA VIBE CULTURAL ARTS INCUBATOR NAMED 2023 CreARTE GRANT RECIPIENT,  
RECEIVES \$100,000. DONATION FROM THE JORGE M. PÉREZ FAMILY FOUNDATION**

*Pérez Family to Distribute \$5 Million in Grants to 39 Cultural Organizations Supporting and Enhancing  
Miami-Dade County's Artistic Ecosystem*

**MIAMI, FL (Nov. 2, 2023)** – **Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator (DVCAI)** announced today that it has received a generous donation of \$100,000. from **The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation (the Pérez Family Foundation)**, as part of the third edition of **the Pérez CreARTE Grants Program (CreARTE)**. The grants, which total \$5,000,000, will be distributed over the next two years and benefit 39 cultural organizations across Miami-Dade County to help cultivate a more vibrant, connected and stimulating arts ecosystem.

“The CreARTE program was born of our family’s desire to expand the transformative power of South Florida’s arts community,” said **Jorge M. Pérez, internationally recognized philanthropist and founder of the Pérez Family Foundation**. “Over the past four years, we have remained dedicated in our mission to help identify and support organizations that add to Miami-Dade County’s unique, vibrant cultural landscape. Every year, we are blown away by the talent and vision of our applicants. We look forward to following their professional achievements and contributions to our region in the years ahead.”

DVCAI Founder | Director | Curator, Rosie Gordon-Wallace states, “We receive the award in full gratitude as it offers sustainability for artist-infused work for the next two years. It greatly expands our services to diasporic artists through the DVCAI Catalyst Award Fellowships and Artists-in-Residence program.”

Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator (DVCAI) is a Miami visual arts organization dedicated to promoting, nurturing, and cultivating the vision and diverse creativity of emerging and mid-career artists

from the Caribbean and Latin American Diaspora, through exhibitions, performances, local and international artist-in-residence programs, and international cultural exchanges. For almost 3 decades, DVCAI has been committed to ensuring artists from Caribbean and diverse cultures receive the validation, visibility, and professional opportunities necessary to contribute to and reinforce the social, cultural, economic, and political infrastructures of the Americas.

Since 2019, CreARTE has made a total investment of \$10 million across 45 unique organizations in Miami-Dade County. This investment has enabled these organizations to reach hundreds of thousands of individuals through grant-supported programming, capacity building and impact assessment.

CreARTE is made possible through a unique partnership between the Pérez Family Foundation and The Miami Foundation, a pillar of the local nonprofit community that currently manages close to \$445 million in philanthropic funds.

For more information about Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator please visit <https://dvcai.org/>. More information on The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation, its mission and previous donations can be found at [jmperezfamilyfoundation.org](http://jmperezfamilyfoundation.org).

#### **About Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator (DVCAI)**

Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator commitment to artists of Caribbean and diverse cultures ensures they receive validation, visibility and professional opportunities. Our artists break boundaries of traditional forms and work outside of institutionalized systems, they often must create new systems and infrastructures to sustain their practice. We promote, nurture and exhibit the diverse talents of emerging artists from the Latin and Caribbean Diasporas through an artist-in-residence program, international exchanges, community arts events and a dynamic exhibition program collaborating with art spaces and inhabiting the virtual landscape.

#### **About The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation**

The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation fulfills the philanthropic vision of Jorge M. Pérez, chairman and CEO of The Related Group, and his family to develop South Florida as an exemplary world-class urban center. The family foundation promotes sustainable, inclusive, and just communities by supporting programs and organizations focused on arts and culture, health and well-being, education, environment, and economic development – with a particular preference for programs and organizations that could serve as models for other urban centers. Since 2015, the family foundation has committed \$43.6 million in support of nearly 150 non-profit organizations. For more information, please visit [www.jmperezfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.jmperezfamilyfoundation.org).

#### **About The Miami Foundation**

The Miami Foundation builds the philanthropic, civic, and leadership backbone for Greater Miami. Since 1967, the Foundation has invested \$505 million to strengthen our community with partnerships and contributions from more than 1,000 fundholders and 35,000 donors. The Miami Foundation, which

currently manages over \$445 million in assets, mobilizes donors, nonprofits, leaders, and locals to set a bold vision for our community's future and to invest in a stronger, more equitable, more resilient Greater Miami. For more information, please visit [Miamifoundation.org](http://Miamifoundation.org).

