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**Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Announces 2018 Muse Awards Recipients**  
***Cultural leaders, arts organizations, artists and performers to receive Muse Awards***  
***during the Council's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

*Lake Worth, December 4* -- The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County has announced the winners of the 2018 Muse Awards, which coincides with the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season. The biennial award ceremony will take place on March 22 at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts and honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to art and culture in The Palm Beaches. In addition to special presentations to each awardee, the Muse Awards features performances by some of the county's most talented artists. Proceeds support the Cultural Council's ongoing programs, including services for artists and musicians, arts education, outreach, professional development for teachers and advocacy for cultural funding.

2018 Muse Awards recipients are:

- **Outstanding Environmental and Science Organization:** Loggerhead Marinelife Center (Jupiter)
- **Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion:** Young Singers of The Palm Beaches (Belle Glade and West Palm Beach)
- **Outstanding Art in Public Places:** CANVAS Art Charities (West Palm Beach/Lake Worth)
- **Outstanding School Committed to Arts Integration:** Milagro Center (Delray Beach)
- **Outstanding Business Arts Partner:** PNC Bank
- **Liman Excellence in Arts Education:** Boca Raton Museum of Art (Boca Raton)
- **The Legacy Award - Organization:** Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens (Delray Beach)
- **The Legacy Award - Individual:** Judith Goodman

"This is one of the most important events for the Cultural Council," said Nathan Slack, Cultural Council Board Chair. "It's a chance for us to celebrate the work being done by artists, organizations, educators and other community leaders to enhance art and culture in Palm Beach County. On behalf of the Cultural Council and its board of directors, we congratulate the 2018 Muse Awards winners, and we look forward to honoring them in March."

Alex and Renate Dreyfoos serve as Honorary Chairs; Roe Green is Grand Benefactor Chair; and PNC Bank is Elite Sponsor, of the 2018 Muse Awards. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Muse co-chairs are George Elmore and Marti LaTour, Judith Goodman and J. John Goodman, M.D., Nathan and Julie Slack, Dom Telesco, and Kathryn and Leo Vecellio.

Tickets to the 2018 Muse Awards are now on sale at [palmbeachculture.com/muse](http://palmbeachculture.com/muse). For sponsorship opportunities and further ticket information please contact Mary Lewis, director of development, at (561) 472-3340 or [mlewis@palmbeachculture.com](mailto:mlewis@palmbeachculture.com).

**About the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County**

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County is the official support agency for arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. The Council provides grants to cultural organizations and professional artists, advocates for art and cultural funding, enhances local arts education, offers support services to foster growth of the sector and promotes cultural tourism.

The Cultural Council also serves as a venue for exhibitions and performances featuring artists who live or work in Palm Beach County, and provides additional programming at its headquarters in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building in Downtown Lake Worth. Also on the property are the Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store featuring hand-crafted items by local artists; the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center, a VISIT FLORIDA-designated Florida Certified Tourism Information Center; and the Project Space, an open-air garden for live music and large-scale sculpture.

The Cultural Council is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, including a complete calendar of cultural activities in The Palm Beaches, visit [palmbeachculture.com](http://palmbeachculture.com).