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O, MIAMI NOW ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR 2016 FESTIVAL

O, Miami is now accepting proposals for events and projects to take place during our next festival in April 2016

September 6, 2015 (MIAMI, FL) Each year, O, Miami tries to adopt more and more sophisticated strategies for delivering a poem to every single person in Greater Miami. This year, they are using our open submission period to target three communities outside of the downtown core which they have left untouched: West Kendall, Hialeah, and Opa Locka.

“Each of these communities has an exciting combination of people, history, and leaders, and we’re thrilled to see what kinds of ideas Miamians have for creating poetry in these communities,” says O, Miami Director P. Scott Cunningham.

The 2015 festival reached more people and communities in Miami-Dade county than ever before. O, Miami’s “in-person” audience was 15% higher than in 2014. Based on surveys, O, Miami reached 49 out of 72 zip codes in Miami-Dade County, and received 3,304 “zip odes” from 187 different South Florida zip codes. That’s not even taking into account the impressions from such projects as our intervention on the side of the Intercontinental Hotel downtown (estimated at just shy of 2 million impressions during April) and the Steve Powers mural on the side of The Carlton Hotel on South Beach, nor does it take into the account the many other projects from 2014, including the poems hidden inside magazines at hair salons, the 1700 “poetry popsicles” the team handed out, and the poems gold-leafed onto urinals.

O, Miami is currently working with leaders in West Kendall, Hialeah, and Opa Locka to bring more of the festival to their communities. Ideas for events and projects in these three places will be given priority during the proposal review process, but any idea that offers effective and novel ways to bridge the gap between poetry and people will be seriously considered.



The submission period is now open and will close on October 16th.

If you need help with your proposal or would like to ask O, Miami questions in person, the team is hosting an information session and idea workshop on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the The New Tropic headquarters in Little River (7230 NW Miami Ct., #5, Miami, FL 33150).

For a more detailed infographic on what they're looking for and a link to submit, we encourage you to visit <http://www.omiami.org/submissions2016/>.

O, Miami looks forward to hearing your ideas for making Miami more poetic in 2016.

ABOUT O, MIAMI

O, Miami builds community through literature.

We produce a poetry festival, a publishing imprint, a poets-in-schools residency, and other programs that democratize access to literature and re-think the role of the literary arts in American society.

Our largest event is our annual poetry festival, also named "O, Miami." The mission of the festival is for every single person in Miami-Dade County to encounter a poem during the month of April. Since its founding in 2011, the festival has hosted performances by Anne Carson, Raúl Zurita, W.S. Merwin, Patti Smith, Richard Blanco, Tracy K. Smith, Thurston Moore, Kevin Young, and many others. For general information, visit our O, Miami festival page, or check out Knight Foundation's report on the inaugural festival. Upcoming festival events will always be updated on our events page.

We collaborate widely with other local organizations, as well as with national organizations who share our commitment to contemporary literature. Previous and current collaborators include: Poetry Foundation, Poetry Society of America, Pen Center USA, The Miami Herald, Pérez Art Museum of Miami, New World Center and the New World Symphony, Miami-Dade Public Libraries, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Miami's Design District, The Wolfsonian-FIU, The Betsy-South Beach, Lotus House, Overtown Youth Center, Locust Projects, Sweat Records, Miami New Times, Center for Literature and Theater at MDC, Gallery Diet, Books and Books, Miami Poetry Collective, Fountainhead Residency, Bas Fisher Invitational, and Borscht Film Festival, among others.

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