

Miami Lighthouse to Expand Music Inclusion Program with John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Grant

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired will expand its nationally recognized Music Inclusion Program for young adults to include both sighted and blind talented adults, with a \$125,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

The Knight Arts Challenge is a five-year, \$40 million initiative to help bring the South Florida community together through the arts.

The Knight Foundation award will be augmented by matching funds from the Children's Trust and an anonymous philanthropist to double the program's capacity to generate quality music. The enhanced music production program will enable more talented community vocalists and musicians to perform in the Lighthouse's state-of-the-art Henry and Inez Stone music production studio.

President and CEO Virginia Jacko stated, "We look forward to the community enjoying beautiful music by both sighted and visually impaired performers working together."



Miami Lighthouse instructors world-renown classical guitarist and sound engineer Antonio Cobo, sound engineer Harold Cobo, international pianist Julio Fumero with guest artists violinist Randolph Margitza and tenor Warren Tesch.



CEO Virginia Jacko with Dennis Scholl, Miami Program Director, Knight Foundation