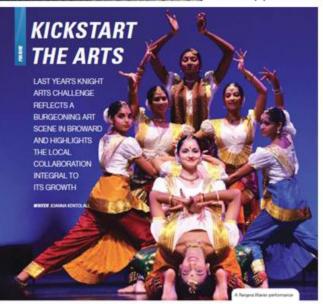
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total programming with the Island City Stage Theater and Stonewall National Museum and Archives. The Art and Culture Center of Hollywood is also a Broward finalist this year with a submission to improve arts education communication through new equipment.

No matter who takes away the coveted Knight Arts Challenge Award this year, based on the current winners, collaboration may be the key to gaining a viable edge in this competitive field.

Countless artists rely on funding with a blend of government. corporate, foundation, organization, non-profit, in-kind, and individual support. Although the Knight Foundation is perhaps the single largest funder of arts programs specific to South Florida, other resources exist on the local, regional, state, and national levels. A few



ther designed to educate, entertain, engage, or anything in between, the arts are an integral part of any community. Funding to support artistic institutives can be difficult to come by, but groups in Broward County are making strides in achieving success.

In 2014, for the fast time ever, four winners of the protagous Kraght Arts Challenge South Florida came from Broward County. Although most winners are traditionally from Mamo Dudo, this influx of awardors

from Broward reflects a stendily growing local arts score. "We've seen a cultural rumbling across the region. With more winners coming from Broward, it encourages others to apply," said Kraght Foundation Arts Program Director Bahra Ramos.

Knight Aris Challenge South Florida is a program designed to bring the region together through the arts, infusing over \$2 million into the area in 2014. The challeng represents part of the \$86 million the Knight Foundation has invested in the cultural community since 2006.

The rules for the challenge are simple: 1.) The idea is about the arts. 2.) The project takes place in or benefits South Horsda, 3.) You find matching funds. According to Ramos, when considering a potential project to submit, sharing resources with collaborators may generate synergy and increase the quality of a submission. Eased on the recent Broward awardors, this type of collaboration is a common theme

For example, current recipient EST Village is broadening