

# CONTENTS

WINTER 2004 • VOLUME XVII, NUMBER 1

## 8 All Broward's a Stage!

New and emerging theater troupes are in the spotlight.

By Leon M. Rubin

## 10 Love, Death and Stuff

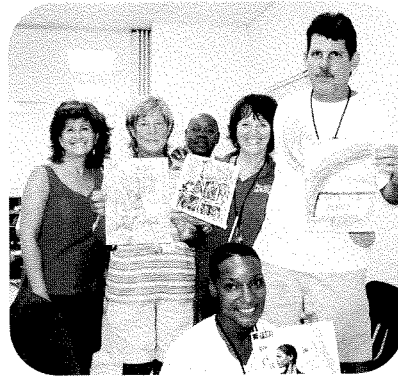
Playwright Michael McKeever finds success with unusual topics.

By Susan F. Davis

## 28 Reaching Out with Public Art

Educational activities broaden the impact of Public Art and Design programs.

By Kathryn S. Kneale



Creativity at the Broward Outreach Center.  
See page 28.

## 30 Seeing is Believing – Or is it?

Performance artist and painter Jose Alvarez tests the limits of beliefs.

By Holly Strawbridge

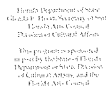
## Departments

- 2 ArtNews / Update on Broward's Cultural Community
- 7 Profile / Cultural Council Member Edith Gooden Thompson
- 14 Calendar of Events / Cultural Riches Await Winter Visitors
- 24 Family Fun / Best Bets for the Younger Set
- 26 Attractions / A Guide to Broward County's Essentials

**On the Cover:** Photographer Mike Albin and artist Patty Albin combine their talents in combinations such as *Reflection*, a lovely Everglades photograph extended with a hand-painted frame. The Albins are participating in the Paradise City Arts Festival in January.

## About the Council

The Broward Cultural Council, created in 1977, is an advisory board of the Broward County Commission. The Council is dedicated to enhancing the cultural environment of Broward County through development of the arts.



Cultural Quarterly is published four times a year by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners' Cultural Division, 100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301; phone (954) 357-7457. Address correction requested: send address changes to Cultural Quarterly, c/o Cultural Division, and enclose address label from last issue. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners does not necessarily agree with individual opinions expressed herein, nor is it responsible for the facts presented by the authors. This public document was promulgated at a cost of \$20,680 or \$1.034 per copy, including postage, to promote the arts. This publication was funded in part by the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. For advertising rates and specifications, contact The Rubin Communications Group at (561) 395-4956. Broward County is an equal opportunity employer and provider of services (minority, female, disabled, veteran).

Cultural Quarterly is available in large type and on audiocassette by calling (954) 357-7457.

# Cultural Quarterly

Broward County Board of  
County Commissioners



Ilene Lieberman, Mayor, District 1  
Kristin D. Jacobs, Vice Mayor, District 2  
Ben Graber, District 3  
Jim Scott, District 4  
Lori Nance Parrish, District 5  
Sue Gunzburger, District 6  
John E. Rodstrom, Jr., District 7  
Diana Wasserman-Rubin, District 8  
Josephus Eggleton, Jr., District 9

## Broward Cultural Council

Claire Crawford, Chair  
Lee Weintraub, 1st Vice Chair  
Anthony Abbate, 2nd Vice Chair  
Claire J. Satin, Honorary Chair

Margaret Mitchell Armand	Alan Koslow
Bonnie Barnett	Robbie S. Kurland
Michael Bassichis	Jack Latona
Darran Blake	Anna Toms McDaniel
Judie S. Budnick	Joan Mikus
Georgette Sosa Douglass	Jim Scott,
Edith Gooden-Thompson	Commissioner
Sue Gunzburger,	Diane Weinbrum
Commissioner	Elayne Weisburd
Teresa Hall	Pamela Wilson
Sue Katz	

## Public Art and Design Committee

Bonnie Barnett, Chair  
Francie Bishop Good  
George S. Bolge  
Deborah Fabian-Strelkow  
David Rivera  
Teen Woon, AIA  
Christopher Wren

## Broward Cultural Division

Mary A. Becht, Director  
Earl F. Bosworth, Assistant Director  
Jody Horne-Leshinsky,  
Cultural Quarterly Administrator

## Cultural Quarterly

Produced by The Rubin Communications Group  
Leon M. Rubin, Editorial Director  
Wendy Meyer, In You Wendo Design,  
Design Director

## Thank You

The Cultural Division gratefully acknowledges Bobby Rodriguez, entertainer and local special events and television producer, for donating his voice talent for updates on the 24-hour Arts and Entertainment Hotline (357-5700 in Broward or 1-800-249-ARTS elsewhere).

The Cultural Division, along with the Cultural Information Center, would like to thank all of our Cultural Concierges for the assistance and information they provide for the public. With their assistance, we have been able to provide, maintain, update and distribute information of the local artistic attractions and events within Broward County. Without our volunteers' assistance, our Cultural Information Center would not be able to operate at the level of excellence that it does. Their continuing support is a cornerstone to the availability of cultural awareness.

[www.broward.org/arts](http://www.broward.org/arts)