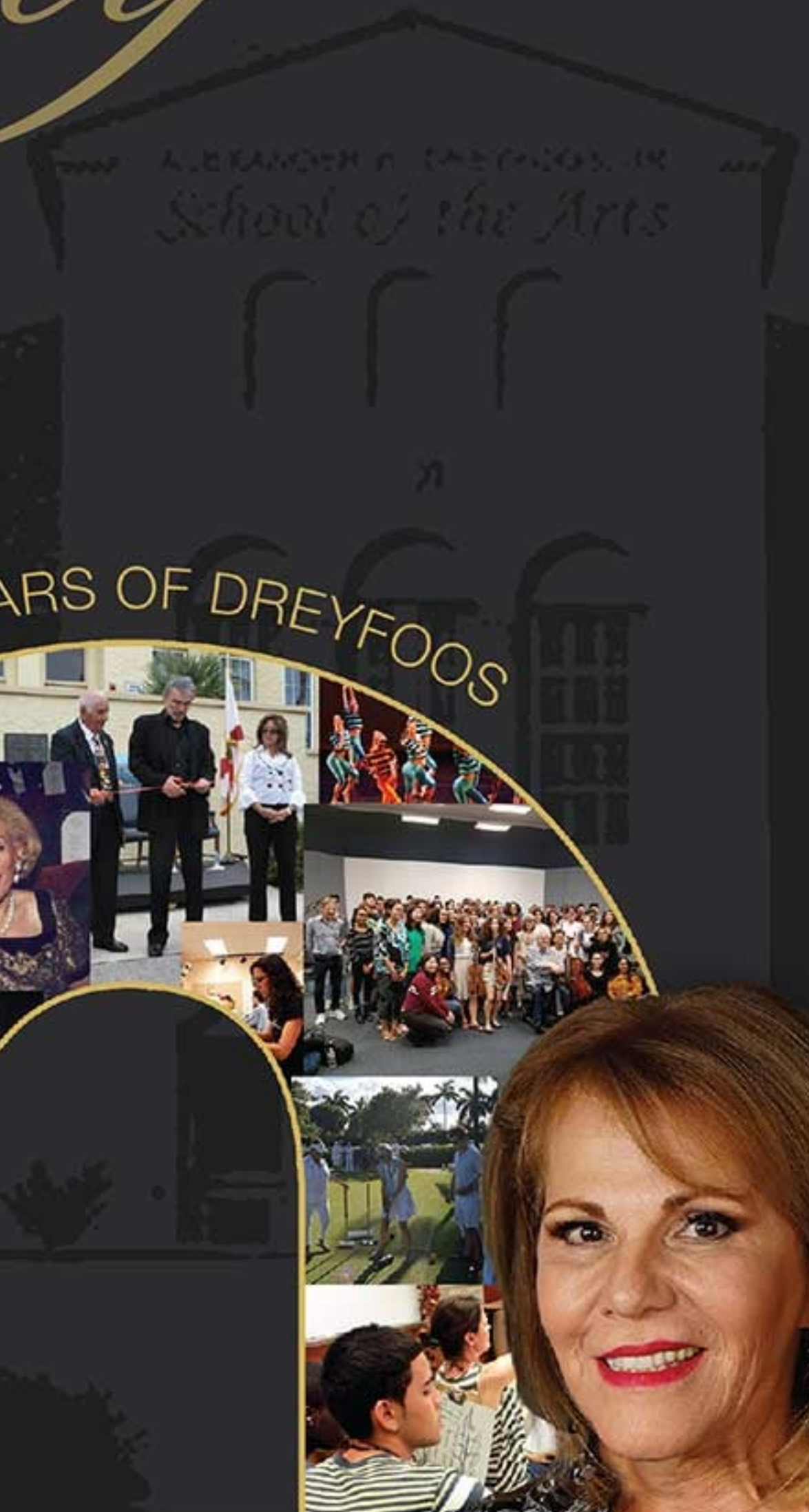


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BOOSTING ALEXANDER W. DREYFOOS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS THROUGH ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Dreyfoos is a place of passionate learning, creating, exploring, performing, and inspiring, and it graduates an equally unique kind of student. The curriculum at Dreyfoos is a hybrid, where high-level academics and arts/performance intersect. The students bring their talent, passion, joy, and individuality with them daily, which creates one of the most open, diverse, joyous environments that you will find at an American public high school campus.

30 Years of Dreyfoos! What seems like just yesterday started out as just an idea in the late 1980's from a group of arts teachers. The community was surveyed, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. The Palm Beach County School of the Arts opened as a county-wide magnet school in 1990 with 250 students.

In 1993, community leaders established the **School of the Arts Foundation (SOAFI)** to raise funds to enhance the art and academic programs at the **Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts**. The Foundation funds needs and opportunities that the School District cannot fund.

Since the doors opened August 27, 1990, more than 7,600 students have graduated. The high school currently averages 1,400 creative, dedicated students a year, participating in six arts disciplines that include communication, dance, music, theatre, digital media and visual arts. Today, we are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of one of the most successful educational experiments in Palm Beach County.

That's 30 years filled with student accomplishments and highlights such as 100% graduation rate, numerous *Pathfinder Awards*, *YoungArts* winners, National Debate team members, *Presidential Scholars of the Arts*, and *National Merit Scholarship* winners just to name a few. Placing first, competition after competition



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in all art areas year after year. Our alumni go on to be world renowned musicians and award winners in every art area, famous both in front of and behind the camera in popular film and Broadway theatre, dancing pros, broadcast journalists, fashion designers, authors, senior advisors to public officials, and so much more!

A big thank you to our 30th Anniversary sponsors - *Senior Sponsor: Lisa Marie Browne; Junior Sponsors: Alice and Cater Randolph; The Silpe Family; and Sophomore Sponsor: Nancy and Joel Hart* for celebrating this milestone occasion with us!

The 30th school year has brought us the biggest challenges yet, with only about 30% of the students currently in our brick and mortar campus, while the remainder are still learning virtually, due to the pandemic. As the school continues this year without the wonderful in-person performances that showcase our talented students, our students and faculty are the very definition of resilience as they've all adapted to virtual productions and showcases.

Arts are more important than ever as we watch our students cope with this year's adversities.

For this school year, we have shifted our focus to the *30th Anniversary Resilience Fund*. Whether school is virtual or in-person, we need your help to provide flexible funding for emergency resources students and faculty require this school year. While we continue to provide college scholarships, financial assistance for lessons, art supplies, music instruments, summer institutes, artists-in-residence and guest artists' salaries, we have expanded our reach. In addition to our regular support, we are providing school supplies, gift cards for basic needs, sanitation and personal protective products to ensure safety, health, and well-being, and additional teacher instruction hours not funded by the School District.

Together we will empower the students to grow and thrive during this challenging time and ensure the development of their talents, helping them to succeed academically, and most importantly: stay engaged in school! Our school has flourished for the last 30 years and we are committed to continue ensuring excellence for the next 30.

Contact us for more information on our virtual programming. We hope you will consider making a donation to our *30th Anniversary Resilience Fund* online at soafi.org, by phone at 561.805.6298, email info@soafi.org, or by mail to School of the Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 552, West Palm Beach, FL 33402.

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