



June 2nd, 2020

To: Commissioner Ricky Arriola  
From: Ray Breslin  
Subject: New Year's Eve Celebration in Collins Park

Dear Ricky:

Orchestra Miami would like to have a concert in Collins Park for New Year's Eve to celebrate the 250th Birthday of Beethoven. There is a grant request into the CAC for this concert but something of this magnitude and size needs to have more support from CMB and the Commission.

All the focus seems to be on Ocean Drive and North Beach Bandshell and nothing for the Art and Cultural Epicenter of Miami Beach. With COVID-19 hopefully behind us as we reopen our businesses and tourist industry, we'd like to throw this big party in Collins Park but we can't do it without Commission support. I've already spoken to the Bass who is totally on board and I'm sure CPNA will be able to get local businesses to partner. We finally will have a new garage with a plaza connecting the library to Miami City Ballet and feel the timing is right to really put Collins Park on the map. We cannot do it alone. We do not have a BID nor do we feel we need one.

We would also like the City to consider having the fireworks off the shore of Collins Park instead of Ocean Drive or North Beach as always done in the past. It's time.

Orchestra Miami has hired Global Arts Project and KCC Productions to assist with the permitting and presenting of this event. They have been our partners for the past 5 years presenting our ArtScape Concert Series in Collins Park, so we can assure you, this will be a perfect and memorable event. How spectacular will depend on the budget. This could be a farewell 2020 festival. God knows, we are all looking for a New Year and a new focus.

Please let us know what we can do to have the City partner with us on this event.

Thank you for considering our request,

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