



2017 FRA Award Application
Promotion

Historic Ali Cultural Arts

Pompano Beach
Community Redevelopment Agency





Promotional Video



A Cultural Arts Destination

The Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) constructed the Ali Cultural Arts Center (a \$2.3+ million project) then began planning programming for the facility, which after opening became recognized as the new destination for cultural arts. The property that the Ali Cultural Arts occupies was at one time a boarding house in what was once the commercial heart of Pompano Beach's African American community.

Opportunities for Local and Emerging Artists

The mission of what we know now as the Historic Ali Cultural Arts Center is to both celebrate the history and culture of the African American community and cultivates, incubates and nurtures a vibrant performing and visual arts community that enriches Pompano Beach.

The Ali offers a stunning flexible space and community art gallery that features works by artists who are typically in the beginning of their careers.





World-Class Musical Performances

The Ali has hosts a terrific array of acclaimed musicians in its courtyard, ranging from the “Jazz Cats” the local high school band to regionally acclaimed acts such as Valerie Tyson, national Grammy award winners like Cory Henry & Shaun Martin as well as a most impressive and inspiring child prodigy, Matthew Whitaker. In addition, the Ali has Jam Sessions where local talent can come ‘shed’ or practice with established musicians as a way to expand their repertoire and skills.

A Community Uniting Through Arts

The Ali Cultural Arts is the culmination of community input, staff resources, CRA dollars and leadership from the CRA Board. The CRA is pleased that the Pompano Beach community has embraced this new cultural arts venue in an up-and-coming area that was once the heart of Pompano Beach's African American community.



Awareness of Downtown Redevelopment

The Ali has garnered innumerable articles in the local media highlighting the creative mission, unique events, and profiles of the visual and musical artists that have participated in the many programs presented.

"The Art Scene: The new Creative Arts District is the heart of Pompano Beach's thriving arts scene, which is breathing new life into the historic downtown with a collection of renovated buildings. These include the brand-new Ali Cultural Arts Center, showcasing emerging local artists as well as major performing groups..." (Luxury STANDARDS Magazine)

