TRAVEL

As part of our cultural exchange program, a group of travelers visiting our partner organization the Ludwig Foundation of Cuba listened to its executive director Wilfredo Benitez as he describes its history and programs involving contemporary Cuban visual and performing artists.

VISUAL ARTS

We are currently presenting ten art works rarely shown in the U.S. by the late internationally renowned Cuban artist Belkis Ayón at FRG Objects & Design/Art Gallery in Hudson, NY.

AFLFC facilitated an unprecedented exhibition of 95 prints by Salvador Dalí curated by our Advisory Board member Alex Rosenberg that is presently on view at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Havana.

DANCE

In January, the premiere of Moments in the Wind, a new bi-national dance commission produced by our dance initiative The Windows Project in collaboration with Endedans - the Contemporary Ballet of Camagüey, kicked-off the yearlong celebrations honoring the 500th anniversary of this beautiful colonial city in Central Cuba.

Malpaso, the riveting new modern dance company founded by LFC’s performing arts director Fernando Saez, had a critically-acclaimed U.S. debut at the Joyce Theater in May including live accompaniment by Grammy Award winning Arturo O’Farrill and his Afro Latin Jazz Ensamble.
On March 6, AFLFC President Carole Rosenberg and MC Odalys Molina from WNBC/Telemundo 47 welcomed guests at our annual Havana Night Benefit Gala at the Copacabana Nightclub.

HAVANA NIGHT BENEFIT GALA

Our new music initiative launched with two unique programs presented in collaboration with Cuban master teacher Solomon Mikowsky. A special concert of legendary Cuban composer Cervantes’ Danzas Cubanas featuring Chinese pianist Wenqiao Jiang and Cuban pianist Willany Darias was co-presented with Americas Society on February 21 as part of its Music of the Americas Concert Series. In June, we also brought our travelers to the 2nd International Festival of Young Pianists at the recently renovated architectural gem Teatro Martí in Old Havana.

MUSIC

HAVANA FILM FESTIVAL NY

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Our professional development program hosted Cuban conceptual artist Yoan Capote at Modern Art Foundry in Queens, NY. Throughout the spring, he learned new techniques casting a bronze sculpture that completed a four-piece series he started working on during the first stage of this program in 2013.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HFFNY Artistic Director Diana Vargas (2nd from left) and cast members of Best Film winner Conducta onstage at the festival’s Awards Ceremony on April 11.