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Mission Statement:

TLL, Inc. is organized to culturally and academically educate youth and adults in the community. We strive to instill in youth a sense of cultural awareness, consequently be sensitive to their environment and have respect for themselves and others while discovering hidden talents.

Programs:

Spring Fest, Summer Intensive Institute (Sii), Monthly Youth Engagement Study Series (YESS), Winter Recital Concert Series, TLL Dance Ensemble, Haitian Folk Dance Lab and Haitian Creole class. For five years, and counting, TLL has made Spring Fest available to children/youth ages 6-16. The program aims to engage participants in innovative arts and culture activities to foster self-awareness, respect for others and discover hidden talents. Spring Fest is a week-long free program infused with holistic learning.

Sii was launched in 2013 and is geared to teach self-advocacy and communication skills. Sii is a four-week camp presented in two sessions.





The first two weeks consists of the YESC (Youth Engagement Study Circle) which affords participants ages 10-16 to debate on current issues and derive at measurable goals to address the concerned issues. The second session involves all participants ages 6-16 and is a replica of Spring Fest with the exception of [Participatory Photography](#) session. **December 27th 2014** will mark the second year of TLL Winter Recital Concert Series. The first one was entitled [Winter Recital: A Cultural Kaleidoscope](#). This event engages the community and provide an opportunity for artists to showcase their work through collaboration. The overall goal of **YESS** is to produce a **quarterly newsletter** by the youth and for the youth and the community. Dance and Haitian Creole classes are offered once weekly. Haitian Folk Dance Lab is an annual two-hour free dance workshop open to the public.

Venues:

Community based organizations, schools, museums, fundraising galas, fairs, workshops/lectures, weddings and concerts.

Past Events:

TLL Winter Fest 2008 and 2009 at Libreri Mapou, Little Haiti

Funders/Supporters:

Miami Dade Cultural Affairs, Florida Cultural Affairs/Culture Builds Florida, Publix and Little Haiti Cultural Center (LHCC). The Spring Fest is made possible with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners. The Sii is made possible with support of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs and Culture Builds Florida grants. TLL, Inc. is a partner of LHCC.

Highlight:

TLL is a Bronze Medal organization of Guide Star.

