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**ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, May 5 at noon**

Miami-based Funding Arts Network (FAN) will host its annual awards luncheon and membership meeting in event-making style with the presentation of \$200,000 in grant awards, including the prestigious \$50,000 Knight Foundation New Work Award. Twenty-two artistic organizations will receive grants at the luncheon held exclusively for members and grantees. To date, FAN has given \$2.25 million to 75 groups. Much more than a giving circle of arts enthusiasts, FAN conducts a careful and professional screening process and provides workshops for applicants and quarterly panel presentations for members that foster arts awareness and appreciation. Members are the critical ingredient; they provide the funds, make the decisions, and individually or through organized "cultural camaraderie" events attend the performances and exhibits. To become a member and attend this and many other interesting arts events, [contact Karen Gottlieb](#). In addition to the information from the press release on the FAN May 5th Luncheon, the acting Program Director of the Knight Foundation, Dennis Scholl, will be presenting this year's \$50,000 Knight Award. Also at luncheon, elections for the FAN board 2009-2011 will be held with Rachel Blechman, after 6 years as president, stepping down and Terry Schechter nominated to be incoming president for 2009-2011.

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