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City of Pompano Beach

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Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for the Pompano Beach Cultural Center and Library  
*World Premiere Cuban Art Exhibit Part of Opening Festivities*  
Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
50 West Atlantic Boulevard  
5:30 p.m.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening for the Pompano Beach Cultural Center and Library will take place on Thursday, May 11th at 5:30 p.m. Following the ceremony, this new attraction will be open to the public to tour. While on the tour, guests will be treated to a live painting performance as well as an array of music and dance performances throughout the premises. To top it all off, guests will be able to view the world premiere Cuban art exhibit, *Shipwrecked of Reason: Half a Century in Cuban Art*. This celebration of music, dance and theatre has been conceived by the acclaimed Director Michael McKeever and is entitled *Imagine: A Celebration of the Creative Mind*. The Pompano Beach Cultural Center is located at 50 West Atlantic Boulevard, across the street from City Hall.

Thanks to the determination and foresight of City and County Commissioners, Pompano Beach has a long anticipated state-of-the-art facility which serves as a beacon for culture and learning. The two-story structure, which spans 47,000 square feet, will encompass the Cultural Center, which includes an art gallery, digital media arts center and a flexible space for performances/special events and the new Broward County Library which will be opening this summer. This partnership that was forged between the City, County and State to bring the two projects into one hi-tech facility is a shining example of how intergovernmental collaboration can work for everyone's benefit.

"My hope is that the Center fills a niche that no one else can offer; providing educational opportunities with the media center; providing opportunities for new and upcoming artists to display their talents; offering a venue for weddings, private corporate events; and showcasing our all-around and well-rounded City as one of the finest in America," said Mayor Lamar Fisher.

The new Pompano Beach Cultural Center garnered an art world coup by securing the world premiere exhibit *Shipwrecked of Reason: Half a Century in Cuban Art*. On loan from the Cuban government, this exhibit features the top 20 Cuban contemporary artists and is curated by the internationally renowned, Isabel María Pérez Pérez. She is regarded as the leading authority on contemporary Cuban Art and is celebrated as one of the top curators worldwide.