

**CITIZENS *IN* TERESTED  
ARTS**

**KEEPING ARTS ALIVE IN SOUTH FLORIDA**

**2018  
Champion of the Arts  
Award Luncheon**

**Books  
&  
Books**

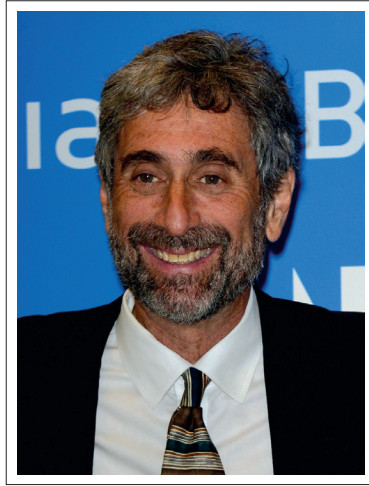
**Mitchell Kaplan  
Honoree**

**March 25, 2018**

**Dave Barry  
Master of Ceremonies**

# Mitchell Kaplan

## 2018 Champion of the Arts



We are proud and excited that this year's recipient is none other than our own "born and raised in Miami" Mitchell Kaplan. As a former educator and lover of learning, Kaplan is the Founder of Books & Books in 1982, which is still a destination landmark in Coral Gables. Additionally, he was a driving force in creating the now internationally respected Miami Book Fair. This past year he added to his impressive credentials by producing a movie adaptation of "The Man Who Invented Christmas" by Les Standiford.

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## 2018 CIA Grantee Award Winners

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Art and Culture Center of Hollywood  
Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.  
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## **CHAMPION OF THE ARTS AWARD LUNCHEON**

Honoring

### **MITCHELL KAPLAN**

Books & Books  
Miami Book Fair

Master of Ceremonies

### **DAVE BARRY**

Humor Columnist & Author

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018**

**11:00 AM**

### **FAENA FORUM**

3300 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33140

Reception in Forum 11:00 a.m.

Silent Auction

Entertainment

Luncheon in Ballroom 12:30 p.m.

Entertainment

Award Presentation

## **Event Chairperson**

Lenore Toby-Simmons

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## **Mission Statement**

Citizens Interested in Arts, Inc. (CIA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to preserving the visual and performing arts in South Florida, and is organized solely for the purpose of providing grants to qualified members of the South Florida artistic community.

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