

## **Miami Music Project Receives \$500,000.00 Donation From Audre & Donald Carlin**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>**- The Miami Music Project is pleased to announce that it has received a major 10 year commitment from Audre and Donald Carlin. The \$500,000.00 commitment is a testament to the Carlin's passion for the Miami community, and demonstrates their recognition that the Miami Music Projects approach to classical music is going to lay the foundation for a brighter arts landscape in Miami.

**Artistic Director of the Miami Music Project, James Judd** said:

*"The generosity of Don & Audre Carlin is typical of their philanthropy. Their gift will enable us to reach the lives of over 2000 children in the first year alone, and we will be able to impact many more lives in the future as the organization grows."*

**Judd**, former Music Director of the Florida Philharmonic for 14 years, added:

*"Even during the most difficult economic situation the world has ever faced, this gift from Audre & Don demonstrates their willingness to support arts initiatives in their community. We hope to use their donation as a beacon to others."*

The Miami Music Project is a year round classical music outreach program which culminates in a collaborative arts festival led by Artistic Director James Judd.

At the very heart of the Miami Music Project is an 'educational ensemble' whose primary focus is to carry out educational programs in Miami-Dade schools.

The Miami Music Project was awarded a one million dollar grant in January 2009 by the John S. & James L. Knight Foundation as part of the Knight Arts Challenge Program.

The Miami Music Project operates as a partner with the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County where its offices are currently located.