

Four performance groups win Arts Alive grants



Cultural Council Executive Director, Tony Alegretti, speaks to the audience with during his opening remarks.

Expanding its format from an awards luncheon to an all-day conference, the 2017 Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville State of the Arts drew audiences to several venues.

The conference kicked off Aug. 30 at the JAX Chamber for coffee hour with Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry, Secretary of State Ken Detzner and Chamber CEO Daniel Davis. Sandy Shaughnessy, director of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, led a workshop on Arts and Economic Prosperity before attendees headed to the Jessie Ball duPont Center for the luncheon and awards ceremony.

Keynote speaker was Taiwan native Lily Yeh, artist, author and community change-agent, whose mission is to build community through art, learning, land transformation and economic development.

Also at the luncheon, \$60,000 in grants were awarded through the 2017 PNC Arts Alive Grant program to four arts groups: The Florida Ballet, The Cathedral Arts Project, The Jacksonville Civic Orchestra and The Performers Academy.

The afternoon workshop on activating art partnerships and the private sector, led by Kristi Aiello, market development and community engagement manager for Florida Blue, was followed by a reception at Hyperion Brewing Company.



Artist and guest speaker, Lily Yeh aka "Barefoot Artist", presented her findings in spirituality and artistic expression. Yeh showcased her work and shared her inspiration for her new book titled, "Awakening Creativity - Dandelion School Blossoms".



Joshua Delphonse and Edwin Newton of the Young Men and Women's Leadership Academy enjoy the luncheon as special guests.

Irma impacts fundraisers, other events

The September social calendar is traditionally heavy with a variety of fundraising events, many of which represent the single largest opportunity for nonprofits to raise money for programs and operating expenses. Thanks to Hurricane Irma, most events were washed out of their original dates last month and have rescheduled.



Environmental Protection Board Symposium

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
UNF Adam W. Herbert University Center

Avondale 5K Classic

Saturday, Oct. 7, 8 a.m.
Shoppes of Avondale
Benefits Sanctuary on 8th Street

Remission Rocks

Friday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m.
River City Brewing Company
Benefits Bosom Buddies

Young Collectors Party

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6-8:30 p.m.
Intuition Ale Works
Run-up event for 2017
Art & Antiques Show

25th Annual Jacksonville Environmental Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017, at 11 a.m.
UNF Adam W. Herbert University Center

Driving for Dreams Car Show

Saturday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m.
Autobahn Indoor Speedway
Benefits Dreams Come True

Festival of Flight

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.
Riverside Arts Market
Benefits Angels For Allison

Salute to Veterans

Thursday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m.
Florida Yacht Club
Benefits the Navy League
Jacksonville, Florida Council

A Grand Affair

Sunday, Nov. 19 3-5 p.m.
Jacksonville Main Library
303 N. Laura St.
Benefits Relatives as Parents Program

America at a Crossroads

Sunday, Dec. 3, 3 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Riverfront
Includes memorial tribute to Americans killed in Benghazi

Color Me Fed 5K

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, 9 a.m.
Burrito Gallery, Brooklyn/Riverside
Benefits Hunger Fight

One Spark 2017 Innovation Festival

Friday-Saturday, April 6-7
EverBank Field



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