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Cathedral Arts Project and Arts4All Florida present A New Definition of Dance featuring ILL-ABILITIES

The Cathedral Arts Project, in partnership with Arts4All Florida, is pleased to welcome back to Jacksonville A New Definition of Dance for a special performance by ILL-ABILITIES on Monday, November 5, 2018, at the Ritz Theatre & Museum.

Created in 2007 by Montreal-based dancer and motivational speaker Luca “Lazylegz” Patuelli, ILL-ABILITIES is an all-star team of differently-abled dancers whose initial goal was to compete in the breakdance competition circuit, showing the world that anything is possible.

The crew gets its name from the standard in hip-hop culture of using a negative term to refer to something positive. Examples of this can be heard in studios or at competitions where dancers compliment each other by saying they were “bad,” “nasty” or “mean.” The “ill” in ILL-ABILITIES does not refer to being sick or unwell, but rather to the dancers’ incredible, amazing and intricate talent. Rather than seeing the negative limitations of their disabilities, the members of this crew focus on their positive – or “ill” – abilities.

In addition to its performance at the Ritz Theatre, the ILL-ABILITIES crew will visit Oak Hill Academy and Douglas Anderson School of the Arts to provide student workshops for dancers of all experience levels. Their methods of adapting movement focus on each participant’s individual strengths and help build confidence through team activities that challenge participants to overcome perceived limitations.

The student workshops are closed to students at Oak Hill and Douglas Anderson, but anyone may purchase tickets to the performance at the Ritz Theatre on November 5. General admission tickets are a \$10 donation, and all proceeds will directly support the Cathedral Arts Project’s CAPabilities program for students with specialized needs.

To purchase tickets, visit capkids.ejoinme.org/ill-abilities. To learn more about ILL-ABILITIES, visit www.illabilities.com.

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The Cathedral Arts Project is the leading nonprofit provider of quality, comprehensive and ongoing instruction in the visual and performing arts for elementary and middle school students in Duval County. The driving force behind all CAP programs is the belief that the arts matter – they provide essential skills, like creative thinking, perseverance, teamwork and self-discipline, that benefit all people in all areas of their lives.

Too often, certain populations of students do not have access to an arts-rich education because of



limited access and resources in their schools, communities or homes. Yet these are the students for which the arts can have the strongest and longest-lasting impacts. CAP needs your support to accomplish its vision for every child in Northeast Florida to have access to a well-rounded, arts-rich education that endows his or her spirit with the imagination, self-confidence and strength of character that inspires great leadership and a will to succeed. Learn more at capkids.org.

Arts4All Florida (formerly VSA Florida) provides, supports and champions arts education and cultural experiences for and by people with disabilities. A private not-for-profit organization, Arts4All Florida conducts art education programs in schools, Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, and community centers; promotes the accomplishments of artists with disabilities through our artist registry, exhibitions, and performances; and increases access to the arts through professional development workshops. Arts4All Florida is headquartered in the College of Education at the University of South Florida.



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