



A SEASON OF STARS

TREASURE COAST

Artists for a Cause will hold auditions for 2015/2016

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Artists for a Cause (A4AC) — a national, nonprofit organization, founded in 2009 and based in Palm City — offers several programs and services that support the community through the arts.

From providing therapeutic arts to heal and soothe the sick, to connecting artists with charities for events, to programs that feed the hungry, A4AC helps communities through unique artistic solutions.

As a way to identify and use the talents of artistically-inclined individuals throughout the community, A4AC will be hosting open auditions at 6 p.m., Sept. 1 and 2, in the South Fork High School Auditorium.

All performing artists of every age with exceptional talents in any genre who want to be considered for special performance opportunities should sign up and attend the auditions.

Artists will be assigned a five minute audition spot on one of those days. Instrumentalists and singers should be prepared to perform two unaccompanied 16 bar varied selections (ballad and up tempo), or one selection up to 32 bars.

Artists who possess another performing arts talent, please prepare one minute of unaccompanied material to share. It's also possible to submit a video audition.

"The artists involved in our network

are truly inspiring. Our members come from all walks of life, however, despite the diversity of the organization, we're still a cohesive group united by our mutual interest in using our talent to improve communities," said Terry Barber, internationally acclaimed countertenor and founder of Artists for a Cause.

Student, volunteer, and professional performing artists will be considered for a number of programs and events, paid and volunteer.

"All of our programs offer creative and unique solutions," said Barber. "Recently Jackie Robbins, a principal participant in our therapeutic arts program, was playing her cello for a group at an assisted living facility. Suddenly an elderly resident stood up and started singing along at the top of her lungs. The staff and other residents began crying, rose from their seats and started clapping. In all the years, through all the sing-a-longs, no one had ever heard her utter a word."

"This was not the first time that our Therapeutic Arts program had helped someone find their voice again," Barber continued.

Please email Megan@a4ac.org for an appointment or for more information.

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