



Artists For A Cause Announces Cast Of Third Annual — Martin County *Singing With The Stars*

Artists for a Cause (A4AC), a national nonprofit organization that improves communities through the arts, is pleased to announce the cast of the third annual *Singing with the Stars* event. This performance, competition and fundraiser will take place at StarStruck Theatre in Stuart

on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

After a competitive application and audition process, eight community notables have been selected and paired with local professional star singers. Each duo has chosen a song, has begun practicing, and has launched their fundraising

efforts in preparation for their performance on stage in front of a panel of judges.

Professional singers include: Carla Holbrook, singer and musician who toured with Santana, soon

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The cast of 2016 *Singing with the Stars* fundraiser to support the nonprofit organization Artists for a Cause. Pictured: Donna Roselli, Karin Leone, Janine Landolina, Norman Beebe, Lorna Day, Debbi Denning, Carla Holbrook, Jennifer Fontaine, Mike Terrio and Thomas Klersy. Not pictured, Shelley Keelor and Susan McAllister.

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to be seen in the title role of *Gypsy* at StarStruck; Shelley Keelor, actress, entertainer and vocal teacher who has been touring in *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber* with Terry Barber; Janine Landolina, who recently earned a perfect score in MC Healthy Start's *Dancing with the Martin Stars*, has fronted several cover bands and has been involved in various musical and theatrical endeavors; and Karin Leone, acclaimed singer and actress who has performed nationally and is soon to be seen onstage at StarStruck playing Mama Rose in *Gypsy*.

The community notables include: Norman Beebe, employment consultant at Gulfstream Goodwill Inc.; Lorna Day, owner of Ooo La La Catering in Stuart; Debbi Denning, Board of Directors member of Twisted Ribbons; Jennifer Fontaine, director of activities at The Lynnmore Assisted Living & Memory Care; Thomas Klersy, managing partner and owner of Leadsconnection Inc.; Susan McAllister, retired teacher and resident of Mariner Sands Country Club; Donna Roselli, healthcare professional and member of Unity of Stuart Church; and Mike Terrio, president and founder of

The Terrio Group, Retirement Planning Solutions.

Singing with the Stars is about more than the thrill and excitement of performing on stage in an effort to win the Best Performance Category. The community notables are also competing for best fundraiser, which benefit nonprofit Artists for a Cause and the programs the organization administers that help to improve the community through culture and the arts. As the event concludes, the scores of both categories are combined to determine the overall winner of the event.

The cast gathered in December to meet one another and also to choose their duets under the direction of director Jennifer Jones and accompanist Peter Jones. The immediate chemistry of the group and energy in the room was palpable — although a sense of friendly competition hung in the air.

"We have a very dynamic group of individuals performing this year and are excited to watch them showcase their talent while using their creativity to raise funds," said A4AC Executive Director Terry Barber. "*Singing with the Stars* is our signature fundraising event with the proceeds helping our organization to continue to do what we do best — to use art as a catalyst to improve communities."

For more information about sponsorships, visit www.a4ac.org/Singing-with-the-Stars.html, call (772) 419-8778,

or e-mail info@a4ac.org. To show your support for Martin County's local talent, purchase a ticket to *Singing with the Stars*. Tickets are on sale now at www.starstruckfl.com/tickets.html and range in price from \$35 to \$100. Follow the competition on Facebook at www.facebook.com/singingwiththestarsa4ac!

About Artists For A Cause

Artists for a Cause is a Palm City-based, national nonprofit organization that helps visual and performing artists to use their talents for community improvement, stimulating culture, while addressing the critical needs of communities. Some programs help artists and charities to get the most out of their collaboration, while most produce results directly, by feeding the poor, healing the sick, or solving other problems through unique artistic solutions. Additionally, Artists for a Cause never asks artist professionals in a struggling industry to donate or give away their livelihood. No program is merely about art for arts' sake — Artists for a Cause is about the arts as a solution. To learn more about A4AC please visit www.a4ac.org, call (772) 419-8778 or e-mail: info@a4ac.org. Registration is available for artists, charities, and volunteers on the Web site.