

Who'll be Singing with the Stars?

Third annual fundraiser for A4AC will be presented Feb. 27

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PALM CITY — Artists for a Cause (A4AC), a national non-profit 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 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 vari-



The cast of 2016 Singing with the Stars fundraiser to support the non-profit organization Artists for a Cause are, from left, 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.

ous 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 and Memory Care; Thomas Klersy, managing partner and owner of Leadsconnec-

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tion, 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.

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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 non-profit 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 cre-

ativity 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 <http://www.a4ac.org/Singing-with-the-Stars.html>, call 772-419-8778 or email 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 <http://www.starstruckfl.com/tickets.html> and range in price from \$35 to \$100.

Follow the competition on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/singingwiththestarsa4ac>

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 art's sake — Artists for a Cause is about the arts as a solution. To learn more about A4AC please visit <http://www.a4ac.org>, call 772-419-8778 or email info@a4ac.org. Registration is available for artists, charities, and volunteers on the website.