

## **Kretzer Piano's monthly 'Music for the Mind' concert series presents Artists for a Cause inaugural Students & Stars**

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**STUART** — See the stars of tomorrow as they are mentored by the Broadway stars of today

If you're looking for an exceptional, entertaining and affordable cultural opportunity on a hot summer night, you won't want to miss the "Music for the Mind" inaugural "Students & Stars!" part of a new series with its first event at the Harriet Himmel Theatre at CityPlace in West Palm Beach. Where else can you see a Broadway star for \$10? This star-studded evening of song features Avery Sommers, who will perform and share the stage with rising star, Kevin Paul. Produced by the national, non-profit organization Artists for a Cause (A4AC), "Student's & Stars!" takes place on Tuesday, July 15 at 7 p.m.

"Our 'Students & Stars!' event is a remarkable program designed to bring out the best in both the student and the experienced professional. It provides a rare opportunity for a gifted performer from our A4AC network to be coached by a professional in their respective genre. The audience will hear the talented young Kevin Paul, be enthralled with the voice of Avery Sommers, and then enjoy the two of them as they perform together," said Terry Barber, president and founder of Artists for a Cause.

Another artistic element of the event is the inclusion of a unique piece of art inspired by the new series and designed by visual artist, Jameson Donoian, which will be raffled off to raise funds for A4AC. Jameson has been teaching a visual arts class at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County as part of A4AC Therapeutic Arts Program with the goal of creating a safe environment for artistic expression that can help lead to academic and behavioral improvements in at-risk youth. Jameson will speak briefly about some of the triumphs this program has already witnessed which have led to the Boys and Girls Club tapping A4AC as their official provider of visual and performing arts outreach at all Martin County clubs.

"Students & Stars!" is part of the "Music for the Mind" series presented by Kretzer Piano. Tickets for the July 15 event are only \$10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance through CityPlace by calling 866-449-2489. All proceeds benefit A4AC.

For more information about the “Students & Stars!” series or for A4AC call 772-419-8778 or visit <http://www.A4AC.com>.

#### About Avery Sommers

Avery Sommers starred on Broadway in Ain’t Misbehavin replacing Nell Carter and in Show Boat as Queenie. She toured nationally playing Jewel in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas with Ann-Margret and in Chicago as Matron Mama Morton with Chita Rivera and Joel Grey. Avery won the La Ovation Award for her portrayal of Matron Mama Morton. She will perform hits from several of her favorite Broadway shows, as well as a special tribute to three outstanding popular music artists that passed away in the last few years: Marvin Hamlisch, Donna Summer and Whitney Houston.

#### About Kevin Paul

Kevin Paul trains as an actor, singer, dancer, pianist and guitarist, and is a scholarship winner both for Watch a Rising Star Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches and Pathfinder. Cast as a lead role in countless musicals at StarStruck Theater in Stuart, he has recently been accepted into eight of the country’s most competitive Musical Theatre degree programs, and has selected the program at Carnegie Mellon to attend this fall. Kevin is the President of the A4AC Club at the Pine School, where he pioneered the Share Arts program, leading his peers in an effort to share their arts education with less fortunate students.

#### About Artists for a Cause

Artists for a Cause is a national, non-profit organization that improves communities using art as a catalyst to achieve incredible results. Some programs help artists and charities get the most out of their collaboration, while others produce results directly - by feeding the poor, healing the sick or solving other problems through unique artistic solutions. Programs include Dance for Food, Therapeutic Arts, Donated Instrument Closet, Classical for Schools, A4AC Scholarships, A4AC High School Clubs, Homeless Musical Ensemble, and Artist Auction Packages and Benefit Concerts – all of which improve communities through artistic endeavors.

Among the organizations receiving support from Artists for a Cause Inc. are the Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Helping People Succeed, Treasure Coast Food Bank, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, House of Hope, Sailfish Point Foundation, Arc Broward, Farmworker and Coordinating Council of Palm Beach, as well as hundreds of artists in every genre.

To learn more about A4AC go to <http://www.a4ac.org>, call 772-419-8778 or [info@a4ac.org](mailto:info@a4ac.org). Like A4AC on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/ArtistsforaCa...>. There is free registration for artists, charities and volunteers on the website.

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