

Artists for a Cause

Singing with the Martin County Stars

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RTISTS FOR A CAUSE IS DElighted to announce the cast of the second annual Singing with the Stars performance, competition and fundraiser at the StarStruck Theatre in Stuart on Friday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

This year, the non-profit organization will present seven community "note"-able stars who have been paired with professional singers. Each duo is currently practicing their song selections and fundraising efforts to win the coveted crown.

Martin County Star Singers:

Anne Scott, Martin County Commissioner Rusty Meacham, Major League Baseball alum Leslie Levy, owner of Style Encore Swart and Plato's Closet

Shaun Kelly, owner of Perfectly Legal Office Solutions

Glenn Webber, attorney

Rick Creech, civil engineering and surveying consultant

Hank Gonzalez, Sailfish Point Realty



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Above and on the cover: The cast of 2015 Singing with the Stars fundraiser to support the Artists for a Cause, a 501c3 nonprofit agency, Rusty Meacham, Peter Jones, Leslie Levy, Charles Jones, Shaun Kelly, Rick Creech, Avery Sommers, Hank Gonzalez. Anne Scott and Glen Webber.

Professional singers

Avery Sommers, Broadway performer ('Ain't Misbehavin',' 'Showboat,' 'Chicago')

Shelley Keelor, actress, entertainer and vocal teacher ('The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber' at the Lyric Theatre) Peter Jones, musical director and owner of StarStruck Academy & Theatre 'The Best of Broadway'''at StarStruck Theatre)

Charles Jones, actor and lead singer of the band. SubGroove

While the cast is excited to get onstage and compete to win the Best Performance category, there is also an award category for top fundraiser.

As the big night approaches, Commissioner Scott says, "I know something is wrong if a day goes by and I'm not bursting into song!"

Artists for a Cause is a Palm City-based,

national nonprofit organization that helps visual and performing artists use their talents for community improvement, stimulating culture, while also addressing critical needs.

Current programs include Dance for Food, Therapeutic Arts, Support for Charities, Elisabeth Lahti Donated Instrument Closet, Classical for Schools, scholarships, and high school clubs.

No program is merely about art for arts' sake. Artists for a Cause is about the arts as a solution.

"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," said Executive Director Terry Barber.

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