

## HAPPENINGS

### 'Open Call' Applications Now Being Accepted

#### To Compete In Third Annual *Singing With The Stars* Fundraising Event To Benefit Nonprofit Artists For A Cause

Have you always dreamed of being on stage? Have you longed for the moment when the spotlight is trained on you as you belt out a song? Here is the chance to fulfill your dream – and help raise money for a great cause! Nonprofit organization, **Artists for a Cause (A4AC)**, is excited to announce its third annual *Singing with the Stars* fundraising event to be held at StarStruck Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. Applications are now being accepted for community participants who are both courageous enough to perform on stage with one of the most gifted and experienced vocal talents in our network, and inspired to help raise funds to support the mission of A4AC.

*Singing with the Stars* pairs local community stars with professional singers. Each duo selects a song, practices and prepares and then competes on stage where a panel of judges determines the winners based on a combination of singing and fundraising prowess. The event promises to be a spectacular evening of entertainment, designed to uncover the hidden talent in Martin County.

"I'm so grateful to the community leaders who participated during the last two years and had the courage to get up on stage and sing their hearts out for our cause," said Terry Barber, **Artists for a Cause** executive director. "Last year, they raised more than \$30,000 as they performed in front of a sold-out crowd. These funds make it possible for us to fulfill our mission, which includes support for student and professional artists as they utilize their talent to improve communities. After last year's tremendous success, I am eager to see who is cast in our third annual event," added Barber.

*Singing with the Stars* is pleased to announce that Jennifer Jones, **StarStruck Academy and Theatre** artistic director and owner, will once again be using her award-winning talent to produce and direct the show.

Community singers will be chosen through an open application and audition process. To download an application, please go to [www.a4ac.org/UpcomingEvents.html#Singingwiththestars](http://www.a4ac.org/UpcomingEvents.html#Singingwiththestars) and return it to [info@fireflyforyou.com](mailto:info@fireflyforyou.com) by **Monday, Aug. 26**. Following the application process, those selected to audition will be invited by appointment to audition Sept. 1 and 2 at South Fork High School Auditorium. The appointments will begin at 6 p.m. both evenings.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available through Artists for a Cause. Please visit [www.a4ac.org/SWTS-sponsorship-A4AC.html](http://www.a4ac.org/SWTS-sponsorship-A4AC.html) to download the sponsorship package.

For more information, go to [www.a4ac.org](http://www.a4ac.org), call (772) 419-8778 or e-mail [info@a4ac.org](mailto:info@a4ac.org). Follow Artists for a Cause on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/singingwiththestarsa4ac](http://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



Community notables Leslie Levy, Glenn Webber, Shaun Kelley, Rusty Meacham, Rick Creech, Anne Scott and Hank Gonzalez take the stage in the 2015 *Singing with the Stars* event to benefit Artists for a Cause.

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 [www.a4ac.org](http://www.a4ac.org), call (772) 419-8778 or e-mail [info@a4ac.org](mailto:info@a4ac.org). Registration is available for artists, charities, and volunteers on the Web site.

showcase their talents and share their arts education with others.

• **Support for Charities** enables visual and performing artists from the national A4AC network to support charity events with their talents.

#### More Details On A4AC Programs:

• **Therapeutic Arts Program** which sends the healing power of visual and performing arts to children and the elderly

• **Dance for Food** events, where the price of admission is a bag of food to help the hungry

• **Classical for Schools**, Terry Barber's personal effort to inspire students about the importance of arts education impacting thousands throughout the United States and Canada

• **A4AC School Clubs** allow students to use the visual and performing arts as a means to strengthen their communities. The program is divided into two facets: "Share Arts" and "Art as Therapy." The students gain leadership skills as they