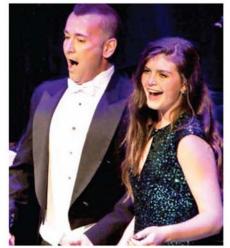
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Singing With The Stars: Your Opportunity To Shine

Have you always wanted to be center stage singing under the spotlight? What if that opportunity to perform on stage included singing a duet with a Grammy-winning artist who is there to guide you and make you shine?

Artists for a



Cause is excited to announce their inaugural event, *Singing with the Stars*, will be held at the Lyric Theatre in Historic Downtown Stuart on Saturday, March 15. The fundraising event promises to be a spectacular evening of entertainment, designed to uncover some of the hidden singing talent in Martin County.

Along the lines of *The X Factor* and *The Voice*, the *Singing with the Stars* event has a Martin County twist – pairing "unsung" community leaders with professional singers. Each duo will select a song, practice and prepare and then compete on stage where a panel of judges will determine the winners.

The event is the brainchild of its Co-chairs Terry Barber, internationally acclaimed countertenor and founder of Artists for a Cause; and Stacy Ranieri, chief illuminator of The Firefly Group, a public relations firm whose client base includes many nonprofit organizations.

"Every performer loves to be on stage," said Barber. "We thought this new event would be a great way to connect with talented individuals in Martin County who have a love of singing but have spent their time doing it in their cars or showers but never had the thrill of being on a real stage performing in front of a live crowd."

While the event is a new fundraiser for the nonprofit Artists for a Cause, one additional community nonprofit – Keep Martin Beautiful - has also been chosen to be a recipient of a portion of the proceeds from this year's inaugural event.

Amateur singers will be chosen through an open application process. Sponsorship opportunities are available and tickets are being sold through The Lyric Theatre at www. lyrictheatre.com. For more information, please go to www. a4ac.org, call (772) 419-8778 or e-mail info@a4ac.org.

About Artists For A Cause

Artists for a Cause is a Stuart-based, national, nonprofit 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. Current programs include Dance for Food, Therapeutic Arts, Donated Instrument Closet, Classical for Schools, A4AC Scholarships, A4AC High School Clubs, and Benefit Performances – all of which improve communities through artistic endeavors. By bringing together artists, community, and support, we can significantly affect change. 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.