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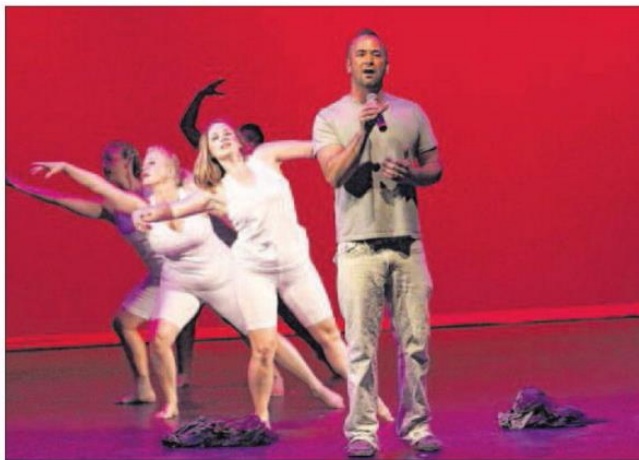


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Dance for Food, Lyric Theatre, 3 Nov 2013.

Artists for a Cause invites public to donate food and watch contemporary dance

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TREASURE COAST – Did you know nearly 100,000 people on the Treasure Coast and more than 200,000 people in Palm Beach County don't know where their next meal will come from?

About 16 percent of the residents on the Treasure Coast, which includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties, struggles with hunger, including nearly 35,000 children.

Palm Beach County is not immune either. Hunger impacts families and individuals, seniors, children, and people with disabilities. It affects the homeless as well as working families who were once stable but now need help to survive.

Artists for a Cause (A4AC), a Palm City based, national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is doing its part to help fight hunger by producing their seventh annual Dance for Food event series.

Dance for Food is a program designed to bring dancers and audiences together to collect food for the hungry. Artistically directed by Anna Preston, the annual Dance for Food events con-



Dance for Food, 3 Nov 2013, Lyric Theatre. Arianna White in Jar of Hearts. Photo by Mitch Kloorfain/courtesy of Your Voice News & Views

vene many of Florida's finest contemporary dancers to showcase their talents to an audience whose only admission fee is a bag of unexpired, nonperishable goods.

The popular "food raiser" will showcase exceptional talent and provide quality entertainment in a variety of venues to help people throughout the region. The four events take place on: Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m., Duncan Theater, Lake Worth Campus; Nov. 8 at 4 p.m., Fort Pierce Arts Magnet School

for the Arts; Nov. 15 at 4 p.m., Martin County High School; and Nov. 22 at 4 p.m., The Kane Center, Stuart.

"Thanks to the hard work of Artistic Director, Anna Preston, our seventh annual Dance for Food events promise to include moving performances and more companies throughout Florida than ever before—from Tampa to Boca Raton," said A4AC founder Terry Barber. "Building on the success of past events, this

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season's Dance for Food will entertain audiences throughout the Treasure Coast and Palm Beaches while collecting food for those in need. Audiences will experience innovative contemporary dances and preshow entertainment by some of the most gifted young artists in our network."

Dancers registered with Artists for a Cause include: Anna Preston, Preston Contemporary Dance Theatre, Treasure Coast; Eric Yow, Yow Dance, Orlando; Anna Nunes, AGWA, Lake Worth; Jesse Hammel, Ballet Atlantica, West Palm Beach; Alicia Chodera, Atlantic East Coast Dance Theatre, Stuart; Donna Murray, The Dancer's Space (Kraavis Center), West Palm Beach; Kattrina Soricelli, Independent Artist, Tampa; Maria-Elena Marso, Florida Aerial Dance and Circus Arts, Stuart and Jupiter; Jerlyn Scott, Sensational Pole Fitness, Jensen Beach; and Bill Evans, International Artist, piece commissioned by Florida Atlantic University Dance Department, Boca Raton.

Student Companies include: Downtown Dance, Lake Worth (Nov. 7); That's Dancing, Lake Worth (Nov. 7); South Florida Dance Company, Port St. Lucie (Nov. 8); Port St. Lucie High School Dance Depart-



Terry Barber, Executive Director and Anna Preston, Director, stand before food raised during a 2014 Dance for Food event.



Contemporary dancers perform to raise food for the hungry in Artists for a Cause annual series Dance for Food.

ment (Nov. 8); Dance Academy of Stuart, Stuart (Nov. 22); and Mo's Dance Works, Stuart (Nov. 22).

All performances will also feature acclaimed professional dancers. The Dance for Food event at Martin County High School will be produced and performed entirely by the Martin County A4AC Club.

In the past, Dance for Food raised over 6,000 meals for families through a single performance.

Last year's series

collected nearly 5,000 pounds of food, which was distributed to those in need through charity food bank partners.

This year CROS Ministries, Farmworker Coordinating Counsel, Treasure Coast Food Bank and Kane Center Emergency Pantry will partner with A4AC for the Dance for Food events. TCPalm is the official media sponsor.

Call A4AC at 772-419-8778, visit www.a4ac.org, or email terry@a4ac.org for more information.