



ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS



2019-20 Season



The arts connect us to our common humanity and to each other. The simple act of picking up this program means you're part of our community, one that inspires goodness, understanding and beauty. The arts help us bridge divides across ethnicity, ability, religion and race; they tell our collective story – and we're delighted to be a part of yours!

Lydia A. Black

CEO/Executive Director



CONNECTING ART, CULTURE & COMMUNITY SINCE 1975

The Alliance for the Arts is a vibrant and welcoming nonprofit visual and performing arts center located in the heart of southwest Florida. Since the 1970s, we've been transforming lives and improving our community through the arts. Our year-round schedule of events has become a staple for our community to connect with each other and to the arts through engaging gallery exhibitions, inspiring art classes and stimulating theatre productions. The Alliance is a creative space that spurs and supports self-expression, imagination, individuality and equity.



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ArtInLee.org

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EXPERIENCE LIVE THEATRE

From the classics to the cutting edge, experience an extraordinary connection between artists and audiences that starts on our stage. Tickets and subscriptions are a click away at **ArtInLee.org/Theatre**

Harvey

by Mary Chase

Engagement Rules

by Rich Orloff

It's a Beautiful Wound written and performed by Rich Orloff

5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche

by Evan Linder and Andrew Hobgood

The Mountaintop

by Katori Hall

Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

by Ken Ludwig

August Wilson's **King Hedley II**

The Roommate

by Jen Silverman



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Southwest Florida Community Foundation
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FL Division of Cultural Affairs • Janet & Bruce Bunch
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Naomi Bloom & Ron Wallace





OCTOBER

GALLERY

Dia de los Muertos: A Juried Exhibit

Oct 4 – Nov 2 • Opening reception: Oct 4

THEATRE

5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche by Evan Linder and Andrew Hobgood

Oct 24 – Nov 3 • It's 1956 and the Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein are having their annual quiche breakfast. Will they be able to keep their cool when Communists threaten their idyllic town?

EVENTS

SWFL Pride Fest

Oct 5 • Presented with Pride-SWFL

Rocky Horror Picture Show Outdoor Movie

Oct 12 • Sponsored by PDS Architecture, Family Thrift Center, Nice Guys Pizza, Harmon's Audio Visual, Red Headed Witches, Seminole Casino Hotel, Southwest Florida Symphony and Suncoast Beverage.

Bluegrass Indoor Concert

Oct 13 • Presented with Acoustic Music Society of SWFL. Sponsored by Staywell.

Poetry Open Mic Night

Oct 16 • An evening of poetry in our gallery.

On The Table

Oct 17 • Gather around a table with friends, neighbors, and a few new faces to explore how we can improve the quality of life in our region during this nationwide event. Presented in partnership with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

Italian Fest

Oct 20 • Presented with the Rotary Club of Fort Myers

Family Art Labs - Free Drop-In Art Activity

Oct 26 • Play, create and discover during free family arts projects and activities the 4th Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.

NOVEMBER

GALLERY

Confessions of a Cuban Artist

Nov 8 - 30 • Opening reception: Nov 15

THEATRE

Pippen (Youth Cast)

Nov 11 - 24 • There's magic to do when a prince learns the true meaning of glory, love and war in this iconic and unforgettable musical masterpiece.

EVENTS

Bluegrass Indoor Concert

Nov 2 • Presented with Acoustic Music Society of SWFL.
Sponsored by Staywell.

Arts On Tap Fundraiser



Nov 9 • Mingle, play, sip and savor in our colorful, eclectic gallery as we proudly pour award-winning, rare, and brand new artisan brews. Sponsored by Briers CPA, Custom Packing & Products, The Dorcey Law Firm, PLC, EnSite, GMA Architects & Planners, Owen-Ames-Kimball, Priority Business Solutions, Jon & Megan Romine, Seminole Casino Hotel and Winged Foot Title. Participating breweries and tickets at ArtInLee.org/OnTap.

Members-Only Field Trip: Matlacha

Nov 14 • Connect with local art and history with your friends from the Alliance as you explore your own backyard during this fun and exclusive tour!

Drop the Mic

Nov 20 • Plug into your local music community at our music open mic night.

Family Art Labs - Free Drop-In Art Activity

Nov 23 • Play, create and discover during free family arts projects and activities the 4th Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.

Arts & Ends Holiday Sale

Nov 23 • Creative ideas to inspire your holiday! Find unique gifts for friends and family while supporting local artists.

DECEMBER

GALLERY

Small Works Off the Wall

Dec 6 - 28 • Opening reception: Dec 6

THEATRE

Children of Eden (Youth Cast)

Dec 2 - 8 • Adam, Eve, Noah and the "Father" who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children.

EVENTS

Members-Only Make & Mingle: Beading

Dec 14 • Create colorful and fashionable pieces to wear, such as bracelets and necklaces, as you socialize with fellow Alliance members!

New Play Contest



Dec 14 • Join us for food, libations and readings from the top 3 entries in our annual New Play Contest. Your favorite will be produced next season and receive the Janet & Bruce Bunch New Play Contest Award.

Family Art Labs - Free Drop-In Art Activity

Dec 28 • Play, create and discover during free family arts projects and activities the 4th Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.

Bluegrass Indoor Concert

Dec 29 • Presented with Acoustic Music Society of SWFL. Sponsored by Staywell.



TAKE AN ART CLASS

Dive into different interests for a well-rounded, happier you. Consider finding balance with Tai Chi, creating compelling scenes with an improv class or learn how to call the shots with a photography workshop!

Join us and jump start your creativity or advance your skills. Our diverse collection of over 200 classes and workshops for all ages and abilities ensure you'll never stop learning.

For a full class schedule or to register, visit

ArtInLee.org/Education

Become a Member
**AND SAVE 20%
ON CLASSES!**





JANUARY

GALLERY

Reveries of A Tropical Heart

Jan 10 - Feb 2 • Opening reception: Jan 10

THEATRE

The Mountaintop by Katori Hall

Jan 16 - 26 • A fictional and powerful retelling of how Martin Luther King Jr. spent his last night on earth, before his tragic assassination. Sponsored by William and Shareen Groce.

EVENTS

Workshop: Bigger, Faster, Fresher, Looser Abstract Painting

Jan 9 - 11 • Take bold risks! Create loose, colorful and emotionally expressive abstracts during this three day workshop with nationally recognized arts educator, juror and author David Kessler.

Bluegrass Indoor Concert

Jan 19 • Presented with Acoustic Music Society of SWFL. Sponsored by Staywell.

Poetry & Music Open Mic Night

Jan 22 • A fusion of spoken word and tunes that welcomes poets and musicians to the stage.

Family Art Labs - Free Drop-In Art Activity

Jan 25 • Play, create and discover during free family arts projects and activities the 4th Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.

Storytelling Showcase: The Elephant

Jan 29 • From personal stories to tall tales, folk tales to fractured tales and more. Come join us for narratives you'll never forget!

Arts Access

Transforming lives and improving our community through the arts

The Alliance is a place to gather, meet new people and start conversations. Through intentional programming, we provide access to the arts for all.

1153

Number of hours of Arts Access programming per year

1458

Number of people impacted by our Arts Access programs

Alliance ArtsPark & Water Wall



We're creating a community hub on the the western edge of our 10-acre campus where people, art and imagination meet. This project connects neighbors with a new sidewalk and regenerates the land with native plants. At the center stands a towering piece of art, the Caloosahatchee Water Wall, by internationally acclaimed environmental artist Michael Singer. For project partners and updates, visit ArtInLee.org/WaterWall.



Accessibility



Our senses of hearing and sight connect us to people, the arts, music, theatre and our environment. Our theatre is wheelchair accessible and we provide amplified audio and audio described performances during select shows.

ArtPlay for Artists with Autism

ArtPlay camps and classes, in partnership with Family Initiative, are designed for students with with autism spectrum disorder to learn identity development, self-esteem and positive coping skills through visual arts, dance, acting, music and more! This project is supported by The Bireley Family Foundation.

The CHANGE Program

Our CHANGE Program (Communities Harnessing the Arts to Nurture and Grow Equity) engages aspiring actors of color in theatre education, provides performance opportunities and a platform to convene dialogue on social issues that challenge our community through creative, artistic expression.

Arts & Economic Prosperity

Southwest Florida loves the arts and the feeling is mutual! The nonprofit arts and culture industry generate \$140.1 million in annual economic activity for our Lee County community.

Arts Access is supported by





FEBRUARY

GALLERY

Retrospective: Ikki and Polly Matsumoto

Feb 7 - 29 • Opening reception: Feb 7

THEATRE

Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

by Ken Ludwig

Feb 13 - 23 • Watch as intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguises and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than forty characters. Sponsored by Naomi Bloom and Ron Wallace.

EVENTS

Screaming Orphans Outdoor Concert

Feb 1 • Presented with the Rotary Club of Fort Myers

Workshop: Paint Like Gustav Klimt

Feb 6 - 7 • Come ready to explore new techniques and take your paintings to the next level!

Asia Fest

Feb 8 • Presented with the Naples Asian Professionals Association

Bluegrass Indoor Concert

Feb 9 • Presented with Acoustic Music Society of SWFL.
Sponsored by Staywell.

Members-Only Field Trip: St. Petersburg

Feb 13 • Explore murals and art galleries as you dine your way through area restaurants with your friends from the Alliance.

Vampire Lesbians of Sodom by Charles Busch

Feb 21 - 29 • A night of fundraising featuring one of the longest running and most outlandish plays in Off Broadway history!

Family Art Labs - Free Drop-In Art Activity

Feb 22 • Play, create and discover during free family arts projects and activities the 4th Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.

ArtPoems

Feb 26 • A collaboration of artists and poets, inspiring each other, to create new art and new poetry.



MARCH

GALLERY

34th Annual All Florida Juried Exhibit

March 6 - 28 • Opening reception: March 6

As the name suggests, this exhibition features pieces created by artists working in a wide variety of media from all over the 65,000 square miles that make up Florida. Submit your work at ArtInLee.org/AllFlorida

THEATRE

August Wilson's King Hedley II

March 5 - 15 • King Hedley II shows the shadows of the past reaching into the present as King seeks retribution for a lie perpetrated by his mother regarding the identity of his father. Sponsored by Noreen Raney.

EVENTS

Drop the Mic

March 11 • Plug into your local music community at our music open mic night.

Members-Only Make & Mingle: Succulents

March 14 • Learn the basics of succulent care and spend an evening with friends planting your very own!

Spring Break Camp: Seussical

March 16 - 21 • In partnership with Florida Rep Education

Storyteller Bil Lepp

March 21 • The side-splitting funny man returns!

Bluegrass Indoor Concert

March 22 • Presented with Acoustic Music Society of SWFL. Sponsored by Staywell.

Family Art Labs - Free Drop-In Art Activity

March 28 • Play, create and discover during free family arts projects and activities the 4th Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.



TRAVEL WITH US

Support local, travel national! In addition to all the Alliance benefits you love, Traveler Members receive free admission to over 1,000 museums and cultural institutions across the country for the entire family. The best part? You don't have to travel far! There are 80 participating institutions right here in the beautiful Sunshine State. Join today at **ArtInLee.org/Join**



ART LIVES HERE

Our Art Lives Here Exhibit is always open, always free and you can view it from the comfort of your car. We're delighted to partner with Carter-Pritchett Advertising to bring more art to more people by sharing local artists' work on billboards around Lee County. Find out more at **ArtInLee.org/ArtLivesHere**



APRIL & MAY

GALLERY

The Future of Art: Student Exhibits

April 1 - 25 • Opening receptions: April 1 and April 16. Sponsored by Downtown House of Pizza, Florida SouthWestern State College and Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.

Crossroads

May 8 - 30 • Opening reception: May 8

THEATRE

Charlotte's Web (Youth Cast)

April 3 - 5 • E.B. White's classic novel is brought to new heights in this enchanting musical version of Charlotte's Web.

I Never Saw Another Butterfly (Youth Cast)

April 27 - May 3 • This version of Celeste Raspanti's widely produced play brings an added dimension to the story of World War II.

The Roommate by Jen Silverman

May 7 - 17 • A dark comedy about what it takes to re-route your life - and what happens when the wheels come off.

EVENTS

Poetry Open Mic Night

April 8 • An evening of poetry in our gallery.

Show Off! Youth Performance Showcase

April 18 • Enjoy a free and fun day of performances and art activities! Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.

Bluegrass Indoor Concert

April 19 • Presented with Acoustic Music Society of SWFL. Sponsored by Staywell.

Family Art Labs - Free Drop-In Art Activity

April 25 and May 28 • Play, create and discover during free family arts projects and activities the 4th Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida.



April 2019 • Stay tuned! Intriguing things are coming this April. Check **ArtInLee.org** for the latest updates. A partnership with the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.



GREENMARKET

Share a little sunshine! Local produce, artisanal foods, yoga, music, art, beer, backyard farming workshops and all the good vibes you can fit into your Saturday morning. Our weekly GreenMarket is a year-round trading post driven by sustainability and all it's missing is you. Learn more at ArtInLee.org/GreenMarket



GIFT SHOP

Southwest Florida is not just chock full of sun, but craftsmen and creators as well. Browse our gift shop and discover unique finds! When you buy local art, you don't just get an incredible something - you support an incredible someone. Your purchase supports the Alliance and your neighbors. **Members receive 10% off.**



ART FOR ALL SEASONS

And before you know it – it's summer in southwest Florida. It's hot out there, so why not explore the great indoors through engaging exhibits, creative camps, captivating classes, and more. We're open all summer long!

Check **ArtInLee.org** or our Facebook page for the latest updates on Summer 2020. We'll save a seat just for you.

SUMMER CAMP

Explore a vast universe of art, culture and performance for an exciting summer experience! Kids will love creating one-of-a-kind masterpieces, making new friends, exploring our galleries, and so much more. We've got something for everyone:

Arts Camp: grades 1-6

Musical Theatre Intensive

Camp in partnership

with the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre: grades 7-12

Become a Member
**AND SAVE 20%
ON CAMPS!**



ENGAGE

CONTRIBUTE

Donations help sustain the Alliance as a vibrant cultural center for all of southwest Florida to connect and celebrate the arts. Donations are 100% tax-deductible and can be made in support of specific areas such as education, exhibitions, theatre, summer camp scholarships, memorials, brick pavers, and more.

ArtInLee.org/Donate

VOLUNTEER

Discover a world that promises to stimulate your imagination and inspire new ways of seeing and thinking. From building sets to representing the Alliance at community events, volunteer opportunities are endless. Share your talents with the world and volunteer with us!

ArtInLee.org/Volunteer

SPONSOR

Sponsorships provide a unique branding platform to engage with more than 125,000 southwest Florida artists and art lovers each year. Sponsorship opportunities are available for a wide range of programs and exhibitions and can be customized to meet your needs.

ArtInLee.org/BusinessClass





MEMBERSHIP

Experience engaging exhibitions, exciting events and inspiring educational opportunities. Membership gives you special benefits throughout the year and helps the Alliance remain an outlet for creativity and connection for all in our community. Join at **ArtInLee.org/Join**

INDIVIDUAL/ARTIST \$55

- 20% off adult classes and workshops
- 10% off in our gift shop
- Discounts on theatre tickets
- Exclusive members-only events including Friday Open Studio, Gallery Book Club and our Member Field Trips
- Special discounts on events
- 10% discount at Cristof's restaurant
- Exhibition opportunities and entry discounts
- Special rates available for students

FAMILY \$80

- Everyone in your household receives Individual benefits
- PLUS 20% off classes for the whole family
- AND 20% off summer arts camps
- ALSO early registration for summer camp

TRAVELER \$125

- All Family benefits
- PLUS North American Reciprocal Museum Membership including member admission to over 1,000 museums, discounts at museum shops and savings on concert and lecture tickets

FRIEND \$250

- All Traveler benefits
- PLUS discounts on rental space
- AND 20% off in our gift shop

PATRON \$500

- All Friend benefits
- PLUS a personalized Alliance brick paver
- And our undying love and affection

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