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Women Supporting the Arts Announce 2015 Grant Recipients

For Immediate Release, Stuart, FL:

Members of Women Supporting the Arts are proud to announce that in 2015, 22 grant awards will be funded, totaling \$27,470. Since our first grant cycle in 2004, the cumulative total (11 grant cycles) is 173 grant awards, totaling \$229,000.

In 2014, WSA-Public Art dollars were contributed to the City of Stuart's Waterbird installation that will be installed later this year. WSA is proud to support this new and exciting public art project along Colorado Avenue to beautify our main entry to downtown Stuart.

2015 Grants & Scholarships:

Alchemy Fine Art Restorers: Restoration of Theater Backdrop at Environmental Studies Center

Allison, Lisa Jill: HEART part 3

Artists for a Cause: School Clubs

Arts Council of Martin County: Cultural Conversations

Arts Council of Martin County: High School Juried Art Show

Atlantic Classical Orchestra: Spring Sectionals - Inspiring Young Musicians

Bach's Children Music School: Scholarships for Music Students

Building Bridges to Youth: Creation of an arts program for children in this organization

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Duck in the Truck Puppets, Inc.: Camp Puppet: Sock it To Me

Florida Arts & Dance Company: Dance Me a Story

Friends of the Martin County Library System: Cultural Explosion: Music in the Park Concert Series

Library Foundation for Martin County: Three Wyeths: N.C., Andrew and Jamie

Martin Youth Leadership: Art & Culture Day

Swinton, Robert: Music Ala Carte

Treasure Coast Community Singers: Community Chorus presents John Purifoy's "Chronicles of Blue and Gray"

Treasure Coast Music Teachers Association: Concert & Master Class by Gareth Johnson /Amazing Steinway Artist Tao Lin

Treasure Coast Music Teachers Association: Concert Pianist David Crohan - Performing "Beethoven to the Beatles"

Treasure Coast Youth Symphony: Scholarship & Grant Program

Tykes & Teens: Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Art Contest

Visionary School of the Arts: Scholarships with Shows

Wong, May and Ellen Bates: Exhibit of Functional Ceramics

Applications are judged by the members of WSA on the following criteria:

Value to the community in strengthening the arts; merit of the program, project, scholarship, or internship; increase of public awareness and participation in the arts; and partnerships and collaborations with existing community resources.

Women Supporting the Arts' mission is to build a community of women philanthropists who inspire, educate and encourage women to strengthen the arts and cultural environment in Martin County. Members contribute \$1000 which is combined together to make up the grant pool available for grants annually.

Women Supporting the Arts is affiliated with the Arts Foundation of Martin County, a 501(c)3 organization, and offers grants to support arts enhancement opportunities for Martin County artists and arts-related projects, programs, scholarships and internships. For more information about the Foundation or WSA, visit www.martinarts.org.