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Marties Awards Student Edition - Class of 2015
Nominees Announced

For Immediate Release, (October 31, 2014), Stuart, FL - The Arts Council of Martin County announced today the nominees for the mARTies Awards, “Student Edition – Class of 2015.” Recipients of the award and scholarship in the categories of Student Performing and Student Visual Artist will be announced at the Awards Ceremony to take place November 19, 2015 at the Barn Theatre.

“Join us to roar and applaud the most talented young artists of our community! This special night of the mARTies lets us celebrate the importance a strong and rich arts education makes in creating smart, talented, civic-minded and passionate young citizens,” stated executive director, Nancy K. Turrell.

The 2014 Nominees for Student Performing are Colleen Broome from Jensen Beach High School, Christina Reagan from The Pine School, Katie Rodgers from The Pine School, Juliet Sharpe from South Fork High School, Reagan Slater from The Pine School, and Savanna Webber from Martin County High School. Student Performing Arts nominees will be performing during the awards ceremony.

The 2014 Nominees for Student Visual/Digital Artist are Jessica Hester from Martin County High School, Britney McNally from Martin County High School, Penny Parnevik from The Pine School, Austin O'Reilly from Clark Advanced Learning Center, Ellie Serafini from Martin County High School, Brett Taylor from Martin County High School, and Madelene Wishart from South Fork High School. Works from the Visual/Digital Media artist nominees will be displayed at the event.

A panel of distinguished judges are currently reviewing the applications and will be interviewing each candidate, prior to making a final selection. Judges include photographer, Thomas Bollinger; artist and digital media sculptor, Marcia Moore; painter and 2014 Outstanding Visual Artist Award recipient, Jane Blatt; council board member, Tim Kimes; music educator and the 2014 recipient of the Excellence in Arts Education Award, Bridget Glass; and dancer, Anna Preston.

The mARTies were created to celebrate and applaud the creative people who make our community more enriched. You can purchase tickets for the mARTies event online on the Arts Council's website: martinarts.org. Tickets are \$25 for non-members, \$22.50 for Arts Council members, and \$15 for students 18 years and under. Proceeds from the mARTies support year-round initiatives of the Arts Council including arts education, the Court House Cultural Center, and cultural information services and support.

The Arts Council is the designated local arts agency for Martin County. The Arts Council provides services to visual and performing artists, arts organizations, students and the public and strives to instill a passion for and participation in the arts. For more information, please call 772-287-6676 or visit www.martinarts.org.

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