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MARTIES AWARDS

CLASS OF 2021, STUDENT EDITION

Dear Patrons & Art Enthusiasts,

Thanks for joining us “Under the Sea” for the mARTies! This has been a unique year, and so we’ve created a unique event to celebrate and applaud the talent of our student nominees before they go off to pursue their dreams.

The pride we have in the students we have celebrated over the years knows no boundaries. It was even more exciting when we found out we were going to have a recipient of the mARTies Awards from 2012 join us as our emcee. Cory’s accomplishments since left Martin County (although as you can see, he isn’t really gone...) are inspiring. We hope his example inspires students, parents and the community to support this event and our efforts to enhance arts education in our community.

The arts celebrate the highest values - solidarity, harmony, mutual compassion and can unite communities. We hope that you leave the theatre tonight feeling that the experience has improved your day and filled you with hope for the future.

Lisa Renee Ludlum & Marney McKee
mARTies Co-Chairs



MartinArts Memberships

On behalf of the Arts Council of Martin County, we would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you for celebrating with us this evening at the mARTies!

Since 1980, the Arts Council has been working year-round to inspire participation and passion for the arts in Martin County. It is because of the support from you, and people like you, that the Art Council’s mission to this day can be achieved 365 days a year.

As a private nonprofit arts agency, membership is the backbone of the Arts Council. Your gift of membership provides us with valuable support that ensures greater quality and access to arts and cultural programs that benefit the community. As an arts supporter, you know that in times of uncertainty like this, the contribution to mental health and wellness that they offer is exponential.

Now is a great time to become a member as a vote of encouragement that strengthens the Arts Council’s effort to help heal during these bewildering times through the arts. Your support connects our community and makes Martin County a more culturally vibrant place to live, work and play! Every gift is meaningful and makes a tremendous difference. Thank you in advance for your support.



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MUSIC

SARAH SPECTOR

Sarah is a student at Martin County High School where, as a trumpet player, she has been a member of the Tiger Regiment Band for her four years in high school holding leadership positions within the band. She says that she hears music in a way many people do not, in the rumble of her father’s car, the tinkling sound of glass colliding when the recycling bin is emptied, the pattern of rain, the chorus of crickets and frogs, the tapping of pencils of bored classmates, and clicking of computer keys. She is also an artist, contributing to the “We Are Makers” mural in downtown Stuart. She is the 2020-2021 Art Club president at her high school and an active member of the National Art Honor Society.



VISUAL

ALEXANDRA TREJO

Alexandra has been a student and peer teacher at the Visionary School of Arts since she was in Middle School. She discovered a love for portrait painting with acrylic and oil. She says, “Every time I went to paint, I was excited with the idea of continuing to work on something that had so much expression and that told a story.” She loves portrait painting because she can express emotions, can show every detail including imperfections to show the viewer that even some of the most beautiful and successful are not perfect, and because she can paint people of every ethnicity and race. “I am able to show the beauty in each and every race, ethnicity, gender, and religion.” Alexandra has donated paintings to be auctioned for charitable causes and has presented and competed in major exhibitions and competitions. She is a student at South Fork High School, and her goal is to become an art teacher.

THE ARTS FOUNDATION FOR MARTIN COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE mARTies AWARDS CLASS OF 2021, STUDENT EDITION:

COMMITTEE:

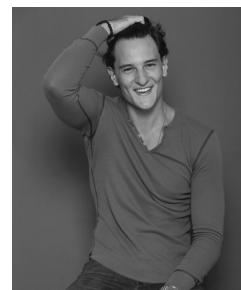
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CORY JEACOMA, EMCEE
mARTies Award Recipient 2012

Cory Jeacoma is a New York based, Martin County bred performer who has been seen touring the country with *Jersey Boys* as well as much more. Before the industry shut down, Cory closed the Broadway company of *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* then transitioned into TV. Be sure to check him out on the hit show *Ghost* on Starz playing Trace Weston. He returns to NYC next week to continue filming season 2. He’d like to thank Heidi, Krystal, and the entire Marties family for bringing this show to life and for supporting the arts in our beloved area.



VISUAL

RIANNA LEPAK

Rianna excels in visual arts, in animation. This past summer she attended the Ringling College of Art and Designs Pre-College Program participating in their 3-D Computer Animation and Motion Design programs. She is now mastering 3D modeling software on her own. One of her own special projects is Reset Stress focused on helping teens and preteens manage their stress. She created a website to host animated videos on stress management and animated all of the components. The project took 113 hours to complete, 55 of which were spent animating. The analytics from the website showed it had a large impact in Martin County and people visited the website from all over the globe. Rianna is a student at Clark Advanced Learning Center and her goals include a Bachelor of Fine Arts in animation and producing movies and television shows as part of a large animation company.



THEATRE

HANNAH ROEBUCK

Middle School is where Hannah found her interest in theatre. It combined a lot of elements that spoke to her: reading, talking, presenting, analyzing, and acting. At Martin County High School she devoted herself to theatre. She particularly likes reading a script, finding all the little nuances and connections, and drawing them out. During the first show she directed, one of the actresses was injured during the performance. There was no one to take over so Hannah successfully stepped into the role with no opportunity to memorize the lines or rehearse. Hannah wants to share the arts with as many people as she can to give them the wonder she experiences when she steps into the theatre. She says that she is a dedicated person in all aspects of her life, but the arts, and theatre in particular, is where she is most dedicated.



THEATRE

CAROLINE ROUSE

"The arts have been a guiding force throughout my life. I started to dance at Florida Arts and Dance Company when I was four years old. I helped teach student dance classes in middle school and in my sophomore and junior years in high school I helped choreograph the lower school's musical. In high school I had the chance to teach three of my own dance classes, one in Jazz, another in Musical Theatre, and a third in Lyrical." Caroline also loves costume, clothing, and jewelry design. She has participated in the Recycled Runway event, taking old, recycled materials and repurposing them into high fashion pieces, "a haute culture of garbage." Caroline has won fourteen awards in dance during her years at The Pine School.



THEATRE

SOLANA RUDNITSKY

Solana has been a leader in the Drama program at The Pine School in each of her four years. She has had a leading role in the musical each year performing in The Addams Family, Bye Bye Birdie, and Footloose. She has received a super-ior rating at annual competitions over the last two years and had a nearly perfect score at last year's District ITS Competition. She has also served as president of her school's chapter of the International Thespian Society for the last two years. Singing in musicals is very important to her. She says, "I love evoking feeling from my audience." One of the most important lessons she has learned from music is "that at the heart of every song is a message, a lesson, or tragedy, all there to teach and to be heard."

THE ARTS FOUNDATION FOR MARTIN COUNTY PRESENTS THE



Class of 2021 Student Edition

April 28, 2021

OPENING NUMBER: "AT THE MARTIES"
Cory Jeacoma & mARTies Student Nominees

WELCOME
Cory Jeacoma, Master of Ceremonies

"MAYBE THIS TIME" FROM CABERET
Emma Garner

AWARDS PRESENTATION
Sanders Award

BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS
Nancy K Turrell, Executive Director, and Marie Jureit Beamish, Chairman

BALLET VIDEO PERFORMANCE
Caroline Rouse

"ETUDE 1" BY PHIL SNEDECOR
Alexander Cooper and Sarah Spector

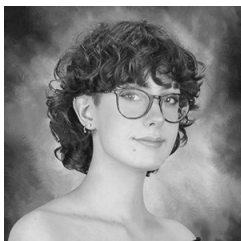
"BREATHE" FROM IN THE HEIGHTS
Solana Rudnitsky

"HERMIONE'S MONOLOGUE" FROM THE WINTER'S TALE
Hannah Roebuck

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT VISUAL NOMINEES

AWARDS PRESENTATION
Student Visual, Student Performing Music, Student Performing Theatre

PARTING COMMENTS
Cory Jeacoma, Master of Ceremonies



VISUAL

DARIA BEHRENS

"The arts have completely transformed my perception of the world." When Daria first started photography her favorite genres were macro and still life. But she has turned to portrait photography which has enabled her to express more meaning and emotion, voicing perspectives of herself and others in a creative way. She uses her lens to present ways that media and societal norms impact people. She says that in every situation she is in she is always thinking through art. Daria is a student at Martin County High School and a member of the National Technical Honor Society. Her art has been exhibited at the Marvin S. Cone Annual High School Juried Art Show for three consecutive years, and the pieces she submitted were purchased in 2019 and 2020. She photographed and edited over 100 submissions for the Education Foundation of Martin County Evening of Excellence program in February 2020.



VISUAL

KAITLYN BERGER

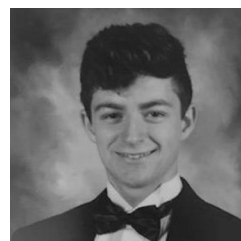
Kaitlyn is a student at the Clark Advanced Learning Center. She says, "Art motivates and inspires me like the power of a hundred horses, galloping frantically away from their trainers. I spend hours a week sifting through artist's work on the internet trying to learn from their techniques and create my own." She loves both the perfection and imperfection in art knowing that perfection is at best a rarity, and more often a fallacy. "The feeling of inspiration, the frantic rush to the easel, and the satisfying result always keeps me coming back, to try harder and to do better. It is this adrenaline rush to get my ideas onto the canvas before they fade away" that she cherishes. Kaitlyn is a member of the National Honor Society, and the National Science Honor Society. She says, art drives my happiness, begging me to return at all hours of the day.



THEATRE

MAXWELL CALLEWAERT

Max is Vice President of the Drama Club and President of the National Honor Society at South Fork High School. He is a winner of the Shakespeare Competition two years in a row, continuing to perform Shakespearean monologues and sonnets at the Palm Beach Branch competition. He won the All-Star Cast Award for the role of William Shakespeare at the 2019 District XV Thespian Festival. He has performed lead roles in 'The Mad Hatter' in Alice in Wonderland, 'Zach' in Chorus Line, and 'Thenardier' in Les Miserables. Max has also written a one-act play "I Am Not Okay." He says, "being able to take people out of the world, even if it's just for a couple of minutes, and make them forget everything that's happening around them can be a great gift to give to people."



MUSIC

ALEXANDER COOPER

"Music is a passion for me that I want to share." Alexander has participated as a trumpet player in every facet of the Band program at Jensen Beach High School and as Band captain for three years. He was a member of the 2017 and 2019 Florida All-State Concert Band, honored as one of the highest achieving student musicians in Florida as a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and for his excellent musicianship. He is a member of the Treasure Coast Youth Symphony and an active performer with the Academy Orchestra of South Florida. His versatility and flexibility make him an exceptional part of the music program at Jensen Beach High School.



VISUAL

NINA CURTO

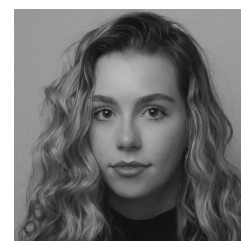
Nina wants to show how art and music relate to each other in an emotional and visual sense. Using this grasp of the arts she created an expressive and relatable graphic design in her freshman year that took first prize in a competition. Each year since she has won a design competition based on concept and message through connecting art and show music. She has also served as a stage manager which involved thinking theatrically, creatively, and musically to keep the audience engaged while also taking into account the structure and order of the production. She plans to major in psychology in college and work professionally in art or music therapy in ways that will help others. Her honors and awards include first place in Mixed Media in 2019 and second place in 2020 in the Marvin S. Cone Art Show. She has also won numerous musical awards playing the trumpet. Nina is a student at South Fork High School.



VISUAL

MIKA FOWLER

Mika says art has changed her life. She has found it challenging to start conversations but when people enjoy her art, she can have a conversation without starting one. She says, I do art every day; I enjoy doing realism, surrealism, abstract art, and some photography. This year she has submitted a portfolio and five individual pieces for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and won second place in the World Lemur Conservation Foundation juried art show for amateurs and professional artists. As a junior she won a gold key, two silver keys, and three honorable mentions in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Earlier as a sophomore she won third place in the Congressional Art Show, Excellence in Portraiture at the Lighthouse Museum, and Art Center art show. She is a member and officer in the National Art Society at Jensen Beach High School. She will pursue either art and design, or art and business.



THEATRE

EMMA GARNER

Emma is a student at Martin County High School. She has been a performer at the StarStruck Performing Arts Center for almost 15 years appearing in 5 professional theatre productions, 9 student theatre productions, and 4 live performances. She has studied musical theatre and acting, voice, piano, and dance in tap, jazz, and ballet. She is an outstanding student taking Advanced Placement courses, is a member of the National Honor Society, and a Pathfinder Award Nominee for both music and literature. She was selected to attend the Broadway Artists Summer Intensives, the Northwestern University youth program, and a New York Times summer program. She is a Woman's Club of Stuart Scholarship winner. She will attend film school to pursue a career as a screenwriter for film and television.



VISUAL

RACHEL GOLDMAN

Rachel loves photography and painting and uses them to raise important issues about nature and the environment. Her goal is to inform and involve the public, focusing today on problems from litter. One way she has done this is by creating a four-foot green sea turtle sculpture made entirely from litter she collected in Stuart. She studied the anatomy of the turtle, designed, drew detailed pictures, and planned dimensions. Her finished work will be displayed at her school. She believes it is our responsibility to care for our environment and that each person has the power to make a difference. She continually engages in community art, helping with art festivals, painting murals, and participating in art exhibits. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Art Honor Society. She wants to major in art in college and continue participating in community services. Rachel is a student at The Pine School.