

MEDIA ALERT

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Celebrate the Arts Month Returning to Collier County in November

Naples, Florida (September 16, 2009) – The United Arts Council today announced the schedule of events for the 2009 *Celebrate the Arts Month*. The fourth annual promotion in November features events held at many locations in Naples, Marco Island and throughout the county. This year over 125 events are on the *Celebrate the Arts* schedule.

Activities planned by local arts and cultural organizations include dance, vocal and musical performances, theatre, art and photography exhibits, museum activities, special events, outdoor concerts, and arts-related educational programs. Many of the activities are free, while some require reservations and tickets.

In announcing this year's schedule the Council's president, Pat Antonetti, indicates that this is an exceptional year. "We have more events scheduled for this November than we've ever had in the history of *Celebrate the Arts Month*. With the exciting new Naples Film Festival, as well as the grand re-opening of the Naples Botanical Garden, this will be a great year." He added, "Most of our arts and cultural organizations use *Celebrate the Arts Month* to kick-off their official season so you'll also find many grand openings on the calendar."

A complete schedule of the 125+ events for *Celebrate the Arts Month* and information about the promotion are available online at www.celebratethearts.org. Brochures will be available in late October and can be reserved by calling the United Arts Council office at 263-8242.

Collier County is recognized as Florida's "Cultural Paradise," offering a wealth of options. From unique art galleries to magnificent performance halls, the county has virtually hundreds of choices for arts enthusiasts. Ongoing offerings throughout the year include street festivals, free outdoor concerts, museums, lecture series, working artists' studios, as well as dance, music and theatrical performances. The county is home to 46 arts and cultural organizations, over 100 galleries and artist studios, and 500+ resident artists and musicians.

The United Arts Council is designated by the state of Florida as the official local arts agency for Collier County. The non-profit organization is responsible for promoting arts and culture in the area, and coordinates a consolidated calendar of arts and cultural events for their web site at www.uaccollier.com.

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