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**FUN Arts Festival Launches at The Visual Arts Center**

The Visual Arts Center is excited to announce its new event, *The FUN Arts Festival*. This month long celebration of art will begin in October and culminate with a Gala on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Visual Arts Center. Coinciding with the event, the FUN Arts Festival exhibit will feature art from artists around the area celebrating the master artists that inspire them, on display October 26 - November 16 in Goff Gallery.

The event is centered around six local celebrities who will be paired with six local professional artists to create a one-of-a-kind piece of art. Our local celebs are Stacey Deffenbaugh-Meyer, Kim Devine, Dr. Corey Girwood, Carlton Hughes, Carmel Kisiday and Jake Williams. Our celebrities are raising funds on *Crowdrise* for the chance to select their artist and support the Visual Arts Center.

At the FUN Arts Festival Gala, celebrities will unveil their creations and the community can vote for the people's choice award. Judges will determine a winner as well. This event will be a lively reception with appetizers, entertainment, beer and wine and more! Other events will be held at the center during this month, including:

Friday Sept 21 at 5:30pm: "Palette Pairings" Revealing our Celebrity and Artist Coach pairings  
Monday October 29 at Noon: Ribbon Cutting for **FUN Arts Festival** Kick-off and Exhibit  
Saturday Nov 17 at 6pm: **FUN Arts Festival** Finale: Battle of the Brushes gala (tickets \$50)

The FUN Arts Festival is an excellent opportunity to support the Visual Arts Center- We encourage and invite you to rally behind your celeb and give them the upper edge in this fun and friendly competition! For more information, visit [visualartcenter.org](http://visualartcenter.org).

Serving our community since 1985, the Visual Arts Center is home to artists and art lovers alike. We strive to inspire, encourage, educate, and promote opportunities to share the visual arts experience in ways that provide strong cultural and economic benefits to the region.

**GALLERY & GIFT SHOP HOURS: Mon–Fri, 9am-4pm, Sat 10-2pm**

*The Visual Arts Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the creation and enjoyment of the arts in Southwest Florida. Founded in 1961 by local artists, its mission is to inspire, explore, create and promote the visual arts in an effort to enrich the life in our community. Membership is open to all.*