



Griffin Area
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Proudly Presents

*Heart for the Arts
Awards 2023*

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:00 PM

*First Baptist Church
Morgan Hall*

Heart for the Arts Awards

2023

Opening Remarks.....Debbie Hammond, President

Recognition of Volunteers of the Year

Camelot Theatre.....Kim Irby
Griffin Area Concert Association.....Nate Barnes
Griffin Ballet Theatre.....Kyanna Bowman
Griffin Choral Arts.....Margie King
Chamber of Commerce.....Josh Abernathy
Main Street Players.....Anthony Seaman

Performance by Griffin Ballet Theatre

Excerpts from “Cinderella”

Ashley Barnes, Kimberly Badgett, Bethany Barner, Nina Berry,
Savanna Bowman, Margaret Godat, Evie Harrington,
Carly Jane Harris, Isabella Matey, Camryn Patton,
Kendall Patton, Mariona Potter, Emma Roberts,
Annalise Timmons, Stuart Schroeter,
Bethany Williamson, Ansley Yarbrough

Business Appreciation Award.....Galloway & Lyndall, LLP /
Newton Galloway

Patron of the Arts Award.....Jay Averett / W.F. Ingram Family
Foundation and Donald and Vera Lawn

Arts Achievement Award.....Ashley V. Barnes

Closing RemarksDebbie Hammond

History of the Griffin Area Arts Alliance

The Griffin Area Arts Alliance (GAAA) is a coalition of organizations in the Griffin area that participate in all facets of the arts. A volunteer appointed to GAAA's Board represents each participating entity. Board members cooperate to coordinate the efforts required to support the arts in our area. Membership is open to anyone interested in the arts. Speak to any of the Board Members for more information.

The Heart for the Arts Celebration began in 2009 to recognize an individual who demonstrated a deep commitment and sustained contributions to the arts and cultural community in the Griffin area. In 2012, the Business/Organization Appreciation Plaque was added to recognize a business or organization committed to the arts and culture in Spalding County and each member group began honoring one of their volunteers for their commitment to the group inspiring others to engage in volunteer service to the arts.

In 2020, GAAA was pleased to present the first Nora and Gayle Goodin La Isla Collection Scholarship to a graduating high school senior in Spalding County. Scholarships are available each year to high school graduates from Spalding and Pike Counties who have contributed to the arts in their communities and intend to continue participating in or studying an area of artistic expression.

Beginning this year, we will honor a person who has provided sustained financial and moral support to the GAAA arts organizations demonstrating a commitment to the arts and culture in Griffin and Spalding County.

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