

FIND YOUR START



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The arts supply a dazzling spectrum of entertainment, encourage community dialogue, and inspire us to see new perspectives. They help us connect to something bigger than ourselves, to our community, and to each other.

Every day I have the pleasure of witnessing the magic of the arts in the lives of our members and guests. From a parent who is looking to reignite her passion for painting after her children have left home, to a widower looking to share his love of literature with new friends at a community book club. From a cancer patient using improv to laugh away his pain, to a child finding her voice and individuality on stage for the first time. The arts change lives and we invite you to have a front row seat!

Come **FIND YOUR START** during the 2016/17 Season at the Alliance! Create new friendships, be entertained, hone your craft, learn a new art form or hobby, be inspired and engage with your neighbors or fellow artists. We're just a walk, phone call or click away - come be a part of our community!

Lydia A. Black



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VISUAL ARTS

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Be inspired and learn about art! Our year round exhibitions explore all mediums and themes, revealing new ideas and unexpected connections across diverse ages and cultures. From world-class artists to aspiring students, the Alliance galleries showcase something for everyone to experience and enjoy.



POLITIKOS: JURIED EXHIBIT

October 7 - November 5, 2016

Opening Reception: Oct 7, 5-7pm Walk & Talk with Juror: Oct 8, 6pm Member Gallery: MiMi Stirn Theatre Gallery: Julie Griffin



OFF THE WALL: 200 UNDER \$200

November 18 - December 30, 2016

Opening Reception: Nov 18, 5-7pm Member Gallery: Caren Pearson

Theatre Gallery: Private Collection: Alliance Treasures

Sponsor: Clif and Tina Parker



CHANGING STATES: Krieger, Riner & Weber

January 6 - January 28, 2017

Opening Reception: Jan 6, 5-7pm

Artists: Jim Krieger, Kimberly Riner, Dale Weber

Walk & Talk: Jan 7, 10am Member Gallery: A.J. Weber Theatre Gallery: Broadsides Sponsor: Covanta Energy



LYNN DAVISON

February 3 - February 25, 2017

Opening Reception: Feb 10, 5-7pm Walk & Talk: Feb 11, 10am Member Gallery: Alicia Schmidt



ART BEYOND BOUNDARIES

March 3 - March 25, 2017

Opening Reception: Mar 5, 6-8pm Walk & Talk: Mar 11, 10am Member Gallery: Fort Myers Eight Sponsor: The Jewish Federation of Lee &

Charlotte Counties

MON-FRI 9-5 & SAT 9-1





THE FUTURE OF ART

April 4 - April 29, 2017

Opening Receptions:

Apr 4, 5-7pm Elementary and Middle Apr 20, 5-7pm High School

Member Gallery: Alliance Youth Art Sponsor: Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers



PUSHING BOUNDARIES:

ART QUILTERS UNLIMITED

May 5 - May 26, 2017

Opening Reception: May 5, 5-7pm Walk & Talk: May 6, 10am Member Gallery: Nancy Goodenow Theatre Gallery: Richard Stanton



ALL FLORIDA JURIED EXHIBIT

June 2 - June 30, 2017

Opening Reception: Jun 2, 5-7pm Walk & Talk with Juror: Jun 3, 10am Member Gallery: Alliance Youth Programs



MY SKY

July 7 - July 29, 2017

Artists: Lee County Art Students

Member Gallery: Alliance Youth Programs



ELEVATION: MEMBERS EXHIBIT

August 4 - August 31, 2017

Opening Reception: Aug 4, 5-7pm

Artists: Alliance Members

Member Gallery: William Rodriguez

For more exhibit information or to schedule a tour call 239.939.2787 or visit artinlee.org/exhibits.



PERFORMING ARTS

MUSIC & THEATRE

The 2016-17 season features world and Florida premieres, comedic favorites, classics, socially relevant plays, and youth theatre productions. Escape the ins and outs of day to day life with Theatre Conspiracy and City Scenes this season!

THEATRE CONSPIRACY

PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR BILL TAYLOR \$24 Adults / \$22 Alliance Members / \$11 Students

THE TAMING A COMEDY BY LAUREN GUNDERSON

Oct 14-15, 20-22, & 27-29 at 8pm; Oct 30 at 2pm

A hilarious take on America's overheated political rhetoric, with some surprising truths about our founding fathers.

THE COUNTRY WIFE A COMEDY BY WILLIAM WYCHERLEY

Dec 1-3, 8-10, & 15-17 at 8pm; Dec 4 at 2pm

This bawdy, hilarious, subversive and wickedly satirical comedy features a country husband and wife.

ANGELA PIERRE AND THE MOTOWN 4 HOLIDAY REVUE

Dec 21-23 at 8pm

Angela Pierre and her backup singers perform timeless Christmas tunes by legendary Motown groups.

33 VARIATIONS BY MOISES KAUFMAN

Jan 20-21, 26- 28 & Feb 2-4 at 8pm; Jan 29 at 2pm

Find yourself thoroughly absorbed by the legendary mystery surrounding Beethoven's compositions. A play about a Beethoven scholar, her relationship with her daughter and the daugter's burgeoning romance.

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM BY AUGUST WILSON

Feb 24-25, Mar 2-4, 9-11 at 8pm; Mar 5 at 2pm

It's 1927, at the height of the classic blues recording era. Ma Rainey, "The Mother of the Blues", arrives at a Chicago recording studio with her band to record her latest songs; but this session produces much, much more. Sponsor: Noreen Raney

NICE T!TS WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY AMY MARCS

Mar 17-18 at 8pm; Mar 18-19 at 2pm

A comedic exploration of Marcs' rollercoaster experience with cancer and its effect on her perceptions of femininity, womanhood, confidence and mortality. It's a unique perspective full of humor and heart-felt honesty. Sponsor: Meisenberg Family Trust

(Theatre Conspiracy Continued)



THE CAVE A WORLD PREMIERE BY JEFFERY LINDSAY

Mar 24-25, 30-31 & Apr 1, 6-8 at 8pm; Apr 2 at 2pm

A Union soldier, a Confederate soldier and a runaway slave have a chance encounter while escaping from the Civil War.

NEW PLAY CONTEST WINNER

May 5-6, 11-13, 18-20 at 8pm; May 14 at 2pm

The Winner from over 600 entries will be announced at Theatre Conspiracy's Annual Fundraiser on November 19.

MUSIC

BLUEGRASS MUSIC

Oct 9, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 30 from 2-5pm: \$10 Join the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida for their extremely popular Sunday Bluegrass in the Theatre Series.

THE SCREAMING ORPHANS

PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF FORT MYERS

Saturday, Jan 14: \$25 presale, \$35 at the door

Join us for an outdoor concert featuring a high energy performance that blends pop rock with traditional Irish music.

BBQ, BANDS & BREW

Sunday, Apr 9 from 11am-6:30pm: \$10 (Kids12 and Under Free)

Featuring the best in local BBQ, great live music and fun for the entire family. Proceeds benefit Builders Care.

For more detailed performing arts information call 239.939.2787 or visit artinlee.org/performances.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

AT THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance offers a range of events throughout the year! For more detailed information visit artinlee.org/events.

FFATURED EVENTS

FALL FOR THE ARTS: A FREE FAMILY ARTS FESTIVAL

Sat, Oct 15, 10am-3pm

Kick-off the 2016-2017 season at this free family arts festival! Festivities include art stations, performances, food trucks, games and artist booths.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

ORDER & CHAOS

Sat, Nov 12, 7pm: \$200 VIP experience, \$125 main event

Join us for interactive art exhibits, culinary creations, specialty cocktails, auctions and a concert from local rockstars, Strange Arrangement, while supporting our major annual fundraiser.

ARTISTS@WORK

Sat, Nov 5, 10am-1pm: Free

Join the members of the SWFL Fine Craft Guild as they demonstrate their specialties during this free, family-friendly demo day.

THEATRE CONSPIRACY FUNDRAISER

Sat, Nov 19, 7pm: \$50

Join us for food, libations and stage readings from the top three entries in our annual New Play Contest. The audience votes for their favorite production, which will be produced in May.

GIFT SHOP EXPLOSION & HOLIDAY SALE

Sat, Dec 3, 10am-1pm: Free

Find unique gifts and support local artists. Alliance members receive 10% off every purchase.

FORT MYERS FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING

Fri, Mar 3, 10am-5pm

Join fellow film aficionados as the Fort Myers Film Festival screens independent films in the Foulds Theatre. The festival is held March 8-12 at locations across Southwest Florida.

OUTDOOR EVENTS

GREENMARKET

Every Saturday from 9am-1pm, year round

Buy from local growers and vendors who feature locally produced products. Enjoy gardening workshops, free yoga, & live music.

PRIDE FEST: PRESENTED BY PRIDE-SWEL

Sat, Oct 8, 10am-5pm

ITALIAN FEST: PRESENTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF FORT MYERS Sun, Oct 23, 11am-5pm

EMPTY BOWLS: PRESENTED BY COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE

RAISING HUNGER AWARENESS THRU ART Sat, Mar 25, 11am-2pm

INDOOR EVENTS

AN EVENTING W/ AUTHOR NATHAN HILL

Fri, Dec 16, 6:30-9pm: \$10

BROADSIDES: POETRY OFF THE SHELF

Thurs, Jan 12, 7pm: \$10

Poems are combined with original illustrations and designs to create unique visual and literary artifacts.

STORY SLAM: 10 AREA STORYTELLERS OFFER ORIGINAL NARRATIVES

Wed, Jan 25, 7-9pm: \$10 Members / \$15 Non-members

STORYTELLER BIL LEPP PRESENTS: FORTUNE COOKIES

Sat, Feb 11, 2pm & 7pm: \$10 Members / \$15 Non-members
Bil's hilarious, family friendly stories are a treat for all ages. Sponsored by Briers CPA

JOIN BIL FOR A STORYTELLER WORKSHOP on Fri, Feb 10, 7-9pm

AN EVENING W/ AUTHOR VICTORIA KELLY

Wed, Mar 1, 7pm: \$10

Presented by the Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties.

ARTPOEMS

Wed, Mar 8, 7pm: \$10

A collaboration that challenges artists & poets to create new works culminating in an exhibit and poetry program.

POETRY OPEN MICS

Wed, Oct 5, 2016 & Wed, Apr 5, 2017 at 7pm



SPECIAL EVENTS

EDUCATION

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Listed below are but a few of the over 200 classes and workshops offered annually. For a complete listing or to register online visit artinlee.org/classes.

FEATURED WORKSHOPS

ABSTRACT PAINTING BIGGER, FASTER, FRESHER, LOOSER (Ages 16+)

3 Day Workshop; Jan 13-15, 9:30am-4:30pm

Learn about painting abstract compositions, and how to loosen-up and paint more freely with David M. Kessler.

PRINT, PRESS AND MONO-PRINT (Ages 16+)

2 Day Workshop; Jan 24-25

Learn a variety of mono-printing techniques from GOLDEN Paints artist Kevin Tobin.

JOIN KEVIN FOR A FREE DEMO on Tues, Jan 24, 10am-Noon

STILL LIFE WORKSHOP (Ages 16+)

3 Day Workshop; Mar 10-12, 9:30am-5pm

Elio Camacho's colorful approach to painting and his sunny disposition is guaranteed to inspire.

JOIN ELIO FOR A FREE DEMO on Wed, Nov 2, 1-5pm

YOUTH CLASSES YEAR ROUND

YOUTH ART WORKS (Ages 9+)

Instructors: Krista and Leo Johnson

This youth class is designed to foster an appreciation of art for students.

ART FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (Grades 1-3)

Instructor: Kathryn Dunn

Children will be introduced to basic art principles such as line, texture, color and composition while working with a variety of art materials.

DRAWING AND PAINTING (Ages 10-17)

Instructor: Kevin Madieros

Various sessions will focus on drawing, drawing to painting, still life and landscape, and an introduction to oil painting.



20% ALLIANCE MEMBER DISCOUNT ON CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS.



ADULT & TEEN CLASSES YEAR ROUND

GENTLE YOGA (Ages 16+)

Instructor: Anna Withrow

Let Gentle Yoga at the Alliance help you discover how the unhurried pace of meditative movement and breathing can refresh, body, mind and spirit!

PHOTOGRAPHY & DSLR OPERATION (Ages 16+)

Instructor: Paul Rodino

You know some of the basics, but are you ready to call the shots when it comes to setting your camera's functions? No more auto setting for you!

CLASSICAL PAINTING (Morning or Afternoon) AND PAINTING STUDIO (Ages 14+)

Instructor: Terry Lynn Spry

Classes are for the novice to the professional, including all mediums.

FINE ART ACRYLICS (Ages 18+)

Instructor: Various

Inspiration comes through sharing ideas, stimulating critiques and challenging assignments.

INSTRUCTED LIFE DRAWING

GESTURAL AND STRUCTURAL APPROACH TO THE FIGURE (Ages 18+)

Instructor: Francesco Gillia

You will see and draw by understanding and personally translating the subject instead of just copying.

MIXED MEDIA AND TECHNIQUES IN MODERN ART (Ages 16+)

Instructor: Leo Johnson

Artist and instructor Leo Johnson will guide students to investigate and use all forms of painting and drawing media, and then move on to found objects, collage, and assemblages.

To see a complete listing of all the great classes we have to offer, and to register online visit artinlee.org/classes.

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KIDS & FAMILY

YOUNG ARTISTS

The Alliance is a place where families and children can gain a sense of identity and understanding of the world through music, theatre, visual arts, and literature. Our art camps, youth classes, and family friendly events inspire imagination and engagement.

ART CAMPS

SUMMER ARTS CAMP

Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm, extended care available from 8am-5pm

We offer a summer filled with weeklong camps providing handson instruction with fun and artistic activities following a different theme each week that culminates in a final performance.

TWO CAMPS: AGES 4 & 5, AND GRADES 1-6

MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

Mon-Fri, 4 weeks: Jul 10-Aug 4, 9am-4pm

Presented in partnership with Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. GRADES 7-12

WINTER ARTS & SPRING FEVER CAMPS

Winter: Jan 2-6, 9am-4pm; Spring: Apr 10-14, 9am-4pm

Presented in partnership with Florida Rep and held at the Alliance to engage your child in music, drama and visual arts during Winter and Spring Break! AGES 5-17

For more detailed information visit artinlee.org/camps.

YOUTH CLASSES

We offer a variety of engaging classes for kids of all ages including:

- Piano, guitar, and percussion lessons
- Drawing and painting
- Homeschool classes available

We constantly add classes throughout the year. To see the current class lineup visit artinlee.org/classes.





YOUTH THEATRE

CITY SCENES THEATER COMPANY \$10 Presale, \$20 Adults, \$15 Students and Seniors

XANADU, JR.

Sept 30 at 8pm; Oct 1 at 3pm & 8pm; Oct 2 at 3pm

Follow the journey of a magical Greek muse, Kira, who descends from Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time – the first Roller Disco. (Hey, it's 1980!)

SWEENEY TODD

Nov 4 at 8pm; Nov 5 at 3pm & 8pm; Nov 6 at 3pm

An infamous tale. Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to 19th century London seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. This masterpiece is sure to both thrill and delight audiences.

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OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Movies begin at dusk, \$10 Family Donation

Bring your lawn chairs, coolers and blankets to enjoy family friendly films under the stars.

ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: ROAD CHIP: Fri, Jan 20

ICE AGE: COLLISION COURSE: Fri, Feb 17

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2: Fri. Mar 10

Sponsors: Riverside Realty, Staging Matters, Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers, DinoLingo.com, and GreenMedInfo.com

COMPETITION

2017 YOUNG ARTISTS AWARDS AUDITIONS

Jan 21, 22, 28, & 29, 9am-5pm

Hundreds of students will audition in voice, dance, drama, and instrumental music, with scholarships being awarded to the top performers. **Pre-registration required.**



MEMBERSHIP

JOIN THE ALLIANCE

We are proud to say we have more than 1,200 members and our membership ranks continue to grow! Members receive special discounts and offers, including member-only events, field trips, exhibition opportunities, plus 20% off classes and camps, and 10% off gift shop purchases.

MEMBER-ONLY EVENTS

ST. PETE MOREAN CENTER FIELD TRIP

Thurs, Jan 19: \$75 (limited to 30 participants)

Join fellow Alliance members for a daytrip to the Morean Art Center in St. Petersburg. Ticket includes transportation, admission to museum, and glass blowing demo. The Morean Art Center houses the permanent collection of world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly's unique artwork.

RINGLING MUSEUM MEMBER FIELD TRIP

Thurs, Feb 16: \$99 (limited to 25 participants)

Join fellow Alliance members for a daytrip to the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. Ticket includes transportation, admission to museum and grounds including the Ringling's mansion, the Circus Museum, and a lunch voucher for the Banyan Café.

MEMBER WINE & ART NIGHT

Thurs, Mar 16, 7-9pm: \$25 (includes all materials)

Join fellow Alliance members for an interactive painting workshop with local artist David Acevedo. Registration includes a glass of wine and snacks, but you can bring your favorite beverages to share.

MEMBER GALLERY BOOK CLUB

3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:30pm

MEMBER ARTIST OPEN STUDIO (Ages 16+)

Every Friday from 9:30am-Noon

MEMBER THEATRE NIGHTS (Just \$15)

Mix & mingle with fellow members for a night of great theatre!

Fri, Oct 14: THE TAMING; Thurs, Dec 1: THE COUNTRY WIFE;

Fri, Jan 20: 33 VARIATIONS; Fri, Feb 24: MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM;

Fri, Mar 17: NICE T!TS; Fri, May 5: NEW PLAY CONTEST WINNER



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

INDIVIDUAL - \$55

- 20% OFF ADULT CLASSES, WORKSHOPS
- 10% OFF ALLIANCE GIFT SHOP PURCHASES
- SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON ALLIANCE PROGRAMS
- ALLIANCE INCENTIVES Show your membership card to participating area businesses to receive special member pricing.
- MEMBER-ONLY EVENTS including Friday Open Studio & Monthly Member Gallery Book Club and Member Theatre Nights
- EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES AND EXHIBIT ENTRY FEE DISCOUNTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS & VETERANS INDIVIDUAL - \$15

FAMILY - \$80 Family receives all benefits listed above PLUS:

- 20% OFF ART CLASSES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
- 20% OFF SUMMER ARTS CAMPS

FRIEND - \$250 All benefits listed above PLUS:

- DISCOUNTS ON RENTAL SPACE
- 20% OFF ALL GIFT SHOP PURCHASES

PATRON - \$500 All benefits listed above PLUS:

A PERSONALIZED ALLIANCE BRICK PAVER

ARTS & CULTURE PARTNERS - \$125

- LINK TO YOUR WEBSITE ON ARTINLEE.ORG
- ON-SITE ORGANIZATION LITERATURE BOX
- INVITATION TO MONTHLY BREAKFAST WITH THE ARTS
- PARTICIPATION IN THE ARTS & ECONOMIC PROSPERITY V STUDY (NON-PROFIT & ARTS PARTNERS ONLY)
- ACCESS TO ARTS & ECONOMIC PROSPERITY MARKETING LITERATURE
- 15% ON-SITE RENTAL DISCOUNT TO HOST EVENTS
- SPECIAL EVENT BOOTH DISCOUNTS

Start your benefits today!

Become a member or renew by calling 239.939.2787 or online at artinLee.org/membership.



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