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**“Moonlight and Ivory” Concerts**

“Moonlight and Ivory” has provided the community with an opportunity to gather and share in the exceptional talents of their friends and neighbors for the past 23 years! Once again musicians and artists from Dade City, Zephyrhills, Wesley Chapel and beyond are busy preparing for the shows to be held on February 1, 2020 at the Dade City Woman’s Club, 37922 Palm Avenue. The variety of music is always impressive and includes vocal and instrumental renditions of show tunes, classics, contemporary, jazz, bluegrass, sacred and original pieces by adult performers of all ages. Many of the performers are or have been professional and some are up and coming, but all are accomplished musicians. Last year's Scholarship winner, singer Zachary D'onofrio, will perform. Part of the event is a wonderful art show with contributions by local artists in a wide variety of media, including last year's art scholarship winner, Shelby Surratt. Both shows are made complete by delectable gourmet refreshments and desserts served at intermission.

As a result of the community support of this event Heritage Arts Center Association is able to offer an annual $1,000 “Pasco Heritage Scholarship” for performing arts, to be awarded to a Pasco resident who is a graduating high school senior! We also offer each year a $1,000 Nereim Fine Arts Award for a Pasco County graduating senior talented in the visual arts.

Again this year there will be two opportunities to share in this fantastic event. The matinee will begin at 2:00 pm with the art show following. Doors for the evening performance will open at 7:00 pm for the art exhibition with the musical concert beginning at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at both shows during intermission. The cost is $25.00 for the evening show and $15.00 for the matinee.

Originally conceived as a one-time fundraising effort to purchase a grand piano for the community's use, this concert has become a much-anticipated annual community event. Heritage Arts now owns a beautiful 6’1” Yamaha Conservatory grand that has served for these concerts, piano recitals, and the “Spotlight on Talent” performing arts competition for young people. As always proceeds from this year’s concert will go to support the arts in this area as well as the scholarships.

Tickets are now available for both concerts and may be purchased at the Dade City Chamber of Commerce, American Eagle Antiques in Dade City, from a HACA Board member or online at heritagearts.org. The contact person for the event is Jessica Werckman, 561-400-1404 or Shirley Surratt at 352-424-0693.