

# Welcome to Arts Center's 23<sup>rd</sup> Season of Wow!



First of all – let us say “thank you!” We have so much gratitude for your patronage of not only our theatre performances and presenting shows, but for our year-round education and outreach

programs. You have entrusted your children and grandchildren to our always-growing camps and workshops, master classes and field trips. And you are wonderful about letting others know how multi-faceted the Arts Center truly is!

***It is with that sense of heartfelt appreciation that I welcome you to the Arts Center's 23<sup>rd</sup> Season!***

Your top pick for a play and a musical are both right here in our wow-filled line-up, and interspersed with those favorites are the hottest shows this side of Broadway.

It's just one sensational show after another: Your number one selection for a play was *Amadeus*, kicking off the season, followed by the dazzling and romantic Gershwin-filled *An American in Paris* during the holidays, the hilarious Noël Coward play *Blithe Spirit* this winter, then the Tony award-winning smash hit *A Chorus Line* in spring (your top pick for a musical) and our summertime celebration of girl-power, *Legally Blonde*! Based on the number of subscribers so far this season, it is indeed going to be a banner year, and for your stamp of approval, we thank you!

We'll also be bringing you one of our best *Great Performances* series ever, complementing our theater series with a

host of presenting artists ready to dazzle you! The Arts Center will be presenting legendary jazz, celebrity comedy, as well as internationally acclaimed dance and music that will excite all ages.

Mark your calendars for an all-new themed, soiree of the spring season: The Bourbon Ball to be held March 23, 2019! In addition to the best bourbon around, we'll be spotlighting Laura Bell Bundy!! Not only is she a native Kentucky gal, known to sip her share of the night's featured libation, she was the original Elle Woods in the Tony-nominated Broadway musical, *Legally Blonde* (not coincidentally our summer show!), as well as being a country music star, and a hysterical comedian. She'll perform Broadway, top hits, and country faves, and entertain with her sassy southern charm.

As always, we are delighted to host a trio of free community festivals as well: The Town's Official Tree Lighting (November 24), Taste of Gullah Festival (February 9) and our Youth ArtsFest (March 9), which is always partnered with the Island School Council of the Arts' amazing *Rising Stars* talent competition, on our main stage. In addition to our five theater productions and chart-topping presenting shows, we look forward to hosting a number of valued community partners at the Arts Center this year including the Hilton Head Dance Theater, Island School Council for the Arts, Jazz Vibes Showcase, and Long Cove Club, just to name a few.

Thanks to you, our patrons, and our community partners, the Arts Center continues to be a vital part of this thriving cultural area. We greatly appreciate every one of you. See you at the theater!

**Kathi Bateson** President/CEO