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latest arts news,
upcoming arts
events and more!**

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Arts, Inc., is a tax-exempt,
non-profit art organization
and all proceeds from events
are used to produce the
festival, to present
educational programs
throughout the year and
provide community art
grants to various
organizations.*

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Auction, gourmet dinner raises funds for the arts on February 9

Art for Meridian combines the talents of two top arts organizations to create an evening of fun, gourmet dining and fundraising for the arts in Meridian. The Meridian Council for the Arts and the Meridian Museum of Art present the auction Saturday, February 9, at Northwood Country Club, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The event features a live auction of significant works of art by local and regional artists, a silent auction with more works of art and items donated by sponsors, plus a sit-down dinner designed to please the most sophisticated palate.

“Not only is this event fun and entertaining,” said Co-Chair Betty Lou Jones, “but each dollar of profit goes to enhancing local arts education, grants and arts programs — so attending Art for Meridian can help you make a positive impact on our community.”

Both the live auction and the silent auction are filled with items for purchase to fit any budget and personal taste. Some of the featured artists for the live auction include Laura Holladay, Mike French, Keith Everett, Karen Rush, Lucy Mazaferro, Juliett Howarth McDonald and more. Special to the live auction this year will be works from current or former students in area schools the chance to bid on a gourmet dinner, or a hunting trip.

Tickets to the event — for \$125 each — include the seated gourmet dinner, a drink and membership in the Meridian Council for the Arts and the Meridian Museum of Art. Art for Meridian kicks off at 6 p.m., with the silent auction before dinner.

For tickets and more information, call at 601.693.2787 or email her at artsalive@artsmeridian.org.

The Meridian Council for Arts was designated the local arts agency for

Meridian and Lauderdale County by the Meridian City Council and the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors in 1978. The Council serves more than 150,000 people a year through its Community Art Grants Program, the annual Threefoot Festival, workshops and other special events. Major sources of financial support include the Mississippi Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Meridian, Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors, the Threefoot Festival and special fundraisers like Art for Meridian. Find out more at artsmeridian.org.

The Meridian Museum of Art is a true community museum, serving and involving everyone who desires to participate in the visual arts. MMA is successful in hosting programs and events that foster a spirit of cooperation within the community, benefiting both youth and adults. The museum hosts regional exhibits, offers many classes and workshops and other programs. For more information, go to



SUPPORTING ANY GIVEN CHILD

MCA Board members recently awarded the Any Given Child initiative a \$5,000 donation to support arts integration in the Meridian Public School District. Meridian was designated as one of the Kennedy Center's Any Given Child sites to assist communities in developing a plan for expanded arts education for all students in grades PK-8.

Threefoot Arts Festival set for April



The annual Threefoot Festival will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 in beautiful downtown Meridian. The event features artists from across the Southeast who offer a variety of high-end art—from glass blown pieces to oil and water paintings. It is estimated that more than 5,000 people will attend throughout the day. The day-long juried art show will be held at Meridian's City Hall lawn located in the shadow of the 1920s arts deco Threefoot Building.

Artists compete for thousands of dollars in prize money in a variety of categories including ceramics, drawing, fiber/leather, glass, jewelry, mixed media, oil/acrylic, photography, printmaking/graphics, sculpture, watercolor and wood.

Talented musical artists take the stage throughout the day, showcasing every genre including Blues, Country, Rock, R&B, Jazz and Classical. The Children's Art Festival held within the Threefoot Festival area itself, features free, hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Kids can also enter their own work in the Youth Art and Photography Contest. All entries and winners will be on display at the Meridian Museum of Art.

Food and beverages are available from a variety of vendors and the Threefoot Bloody Mary is a crowd favorite. The event is a true partnership within the community—Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian Little Theatre, the Artist Co-Op and the Writer's



*MCA makes a difference...
You can, too!*

The Meridian Council for the Arts enriches the lives of more than 70,000 area residents each year by making a variety of arts accessible to citizens of all ages.

Research studies have proven that by providing arts programs, minds can be opened and spirits renewed. The results are clear—children's test scores increase, dropout rates reduced and communities as a whole are enriched.

The Meridian Council for the Arts encourages individuals within both the private and public sectors to get involved by becoming a member of MCA and being a partner in providing funding needed to ensure these vital programs continue.

For more information on how you can make a difference and to find out what levels of memberships are available, call **601.693.2787**.

or setting up a booth for festival-goers.

The Meridian Council for the Arts (MCA), organizers of the festival, are excited to partner with Earth's Bounty again this year to give festival goers a chance to purchase the seasons' first crop of fresh produce. Local produce, plants, homemade goods, and more will be available until 1 p.m. including strawberries, flowers, shrubbery and other spring produce. Don't miss the excitement!

2019 Art for Meridian

Saturday, February 9

6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Northwood Country Club

Meridian, Mississippi

The Meridian Council for the Arts and The Meridian Museum of Art proudly announce Art for Meridian 2017. This project features several opportunities for fun and art appreciation. The "main event" is planned for Saturday, February 9 at Northwood Country Club. This affair will include a reception and fun silent auction at 6 p.m., seated gourmet dinner, and an exciting live auction.

Tickets are \$125 per person, or it's not too late to be a sponsor for the event. **Call 601.693.2787 for more information.**

For more information: 601.693.ARTS (2787)