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Arts Council looks to annual auction to support Festival and programs

(SPRINGFIELD, OH) – The current economy has created challenges for all local non-profit organizations, and the Springfield Arts Council is no exception. As the 2010 Summer Arts Festival draws near, the Council is preparing to host an opportunity for the public to assist in presenting the Festival by supporting their upcoming benefit auction, “Salute to the Arts.”

“Our annual auction has traditionally provided a substantial source of funding for the Summer Arts Festival and the other programs of the Arts Council,” said Chris Moore, Executive Director. “The funds generated from this year’s auction are even more critical to the success of the Festival, helping to supplement expenses and keep the event admission-free for the community.”

“Passing the hat” at the Festival, a tradition since its inception, provides only a portion of the funding required for this annual community event. In addition to nightly contributions and Festival sponsors, the Council depends on participation in other fundraising activities such as their annual Salute Auction to help fund operating expenses associated with the Festival.

For this year’s Salute auction, held at the Champion Center Expo, the Council hopes to encourage participation in the fundraising auction by encouraging those attending to invite friends to join them at the annual event. “In addition to participating in the auction, everyone who attends will enjoy a seated buffet dinner catered by Carmae Catering,” said Candy Rinehart, chairperson of the event.

Local businesses are also encouraged to support the event by reserving tables in their company’s name, helping to increase support of the Festival and commitment to sustaining the Festival’s place in the community.

Reservations for the March 20th event may be made by calling the Springfield Arts Council at 937-324-2712. Reservations may also be made online at springfieldartscouncil.org. Those who cannot attend but who wish to participate may make an online cash donation to the auction.

For more information about the event, visit www.springfieldartscouncil.org

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