

MEDIA ALERT

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The Future of Arts and Culture in Orange County

A conversation with the candidates for Orange County Mayor

For Immediate Release: Orlando: 300 artists, advocates, and community leaders gather to hear from the three candidates for Orange County Mayor this Wednesday at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

WHAT:

A conversation with Orange County Mayoral Candidates on “The Future of Arts and Culture in Orange County.”

Each candidate — Pete Clarke, Jerry Demings, and Rob Panepinto — will present for five minutes followed by five questions. This is a free event, open to the public.

WHO:

The “Citizens for Cultural Vitality” is an informal collective of artists, advocates, and arts organizations throughout Orange County who want arts and culture to thrive in our region. They have gathered 300 artists, arts leaders, and community leaders for this forum.

WHEN:

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

5:30 PM - Candidates Meet and Greet

6-7 PM - Program

WHERE:

The Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater

at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, in Downtown Orlando

WHY:

This event is designed to highlight the importance of arts and culture as significant drivers of economic development and quality of life throughout Central Florida. Patrons of the arts are civically engaged and, according to Americans for the Arts, more likely to vote.

Florida ranks 48th in the nation for state funding of arts and culture. Orange County has a good foundation for supporting the important work of arts and culture organizations and public art. This event is designed to ensure continued and bolstered investment.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

The event will be attended by artists, and leaders from the arts and business community

Members of the media should attend to cover one of the largest mayoral events of the race. While content and questions will highlight arts and culture issues, this is a good forum to hear from the candidates more broadly as well.

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