

# Dear Cultural Supporter:

United Arts' *Collaborative Campaign for the Arts* ends on April 30; now is the time to contribute easily online at [www.UnitedArts.cc](http://www.UnitedArts.cc). United Arts matches all designated gifts with an additional 15 percent! To incentivize your giving, here are some of my favorite upcoming programs by campaign participants.

If you don't have your tickets yet, you may miss out on **Garden Theatre's *Evening With Chita Rivera*** on March 9. This Broadway icon will share stories and songs from her legendary career.

A hidden gem, the **Art & History Museums - Maitland**, through May 12, has two exhibitions highlighting resident African-American experiences and the intertwined histories of Maitland and Eatonville: *Maitland and African-American Experiences Then & Now: J. André Smith and Jane Turner* and *Maitland and African-American Experiences: Marked, Unmarked, Remembered*.

Crealdé School of Art's *La Diaspora, Keepers of Heritage*, on exhibition through May 18, focuses on Puerto Rican artists embracing the diverse influences of cubism, abstract expressionism, constructivism and realism.

A treat without the travel, on March 9 at 2 p.m., is the **Orlando Philharmonic's *Matinee Pops: Mardi Gras in New Orleans with Byron Stripling***, a night of hot, steamy, jazz including music from Fats Domino, Mahalia Jackson and Louis Armstrong.

The **Bach Festival Society of Winter Park** presents the *Scharoun Ensemble Berlin* on March 16, one of Germany's leading chamber-music organizations, performing a wide repertoire.

On April 12, check out the **Orlando Repertory Theatre's Fifth Annual *Rockin' REP REC Fest***. This professionally produced performance showcases students' talents and helps participants build skills related to positive identity, self-esteem and creative expression.

April also brings us **Enzian's** nationally and internationally recognized *Florida Film Festival* — and while you are there, enjoy a craft cocktail at the unique Eden Bar.

Experience **Orlando Ballet's** world premiere on April 26-28 of Arcadian Broad's *Wonderland: Mad Tales of the Hatter*, featuring fantastical costumes, sets and live music.

The **Orlando Science Center** is showcasing *Above and*



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*Beyond* through May 12; the ultimate interactive flight exhibition that celebrates the greatest accomplishments in aviation featuring immersive simulations and other interactive experiences.

The 28th annual **Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival** occurs May 14-27, where anything and everything goes.

From May 31 through August 18, the **Orlando Museum of Art** showcases the sixth *Florida Prize in Contemporary Art* featuring 10 of the most exciting artists in the state.

On June 14, experience *Symphonic Broadway*, music and song presented by Central Florida Community Arts Symphony Orchestra (the largest in Florida).

In this issue of *Orlando Arts Magazine*, you will find countless summer camp opportunities for children on break from school. If your child has an interest in theater, visual art, history, science or music, there is a camp to catch their attention.

October brings **CityArts Factory's *Dia de los Muertos and Monster Factory*** in downtown Orlando at their new location in the historic Rogers Kiene building. Go early and stop by the **Orange County Regional History Center**, featuring exhibits and programs with deep roots in Orange County.

Do not miss **Orlando Shakes' *PlayFest 2019*** Nov. 1-3; experience the development of new groundbreaking plays, conversing with playwrights, directors and actors.

For an abundance of offerings for the holidays, visit [OrlandoAtPlay.com](http://OrlandoAtPlay.com) or purchase tickets as gifts for once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

There you have it — incredible cultural experiences throughout the year. We hope you'll engage with the arts and consider giving through the *Collaborative Campaign for the Arts*, and in particular the *Arts for ALL* Fund, which supports more than 60 cultural organizations.

Sincerely,

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