

## MEDIA ALERT

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### **Celebrate the Arts Month Returning to Collier County in November**

Naples, Florida (August 18, 2011) - The United Arts Council today announced the schedule of events for the 2011 *Celebrate the Arts Month*. The fourth annual promotion in November features events held at many locations in Naples, Marco Island and throughout the county. This year over 100 events are on the *Celebrate the Arts Month* schedule.

Activities planned by local arts and cultural organizations include dance, vocal and musical performances, theatre, art and photography exhibits, museum activities, special events, outdoor concerts, a film festival, and arts-related educational programs. Many of the activities are free, while some require reservations and tickets.

In announcing this year's schedule the Council's president, Mark Klym, indicates that this is an exceptional year. "We have some great events scheduled for this November. This promotion just keeps getting better and better every year." He added, "Most of our arts and cultural organizations use *Celebrate the Arts Month* to kick-off their season, so you'll also find many season opening activities on the *Celebrate* calendar."

A complete schedule of events for *Celebrate the Arts Month* and information about the promotion are available online at [www.celebratethearts.org](http://www.celebratethearts.org). Brochures will be available in late October and can be reserved by calling the United Arts Council office at 263-8242.

Collier County is recognized as Florida's "Cultural Paradise," offering a wealth of options. From unique art galleries to magnificent performance halls, the area has virtually hundreds of choices for arts enthusiasts. Ongoing offerings throughout the year include street festivals, free outdoor concerts, museums, lecture series, working artists' studios, as well as dance, music and theatrical performances. The county is home to 59 nonprofit arts groups and cultural destinations, over 75 galleries and artist studios, and more than 500 artists and musicians.

The United Arts Council is designated by the state of Florida as the official local arts agency for Collier County. The non-profit organization is responsible for promoting arts and culture in the area, and coordinates a consolidated calendar of arts and cultural events for their web site at [www.uaccollier.com](http://www.uaccollier.com).

Title sponsor for the 2011 *Celebrate the Arts Month* is the Moran-Edwards Asset Management Group. Media sponsors are *Naples Daily News*, Comcast, WGCU and *Gulfshore Life* magazine.

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