

GIAHA Offers Two Theater Camps for Summer 2008

For a decade, young people in the Golden Isles have been able to pursue their interest in theater through summer camps at the Ritz Theatre, sponsored by Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association (GIAHA). For Summer 2008, GIAHA is proud to offer two unique two-week sessions that will introduce students to the magical, wonderful world of the stage!

Session 1 is the Acting on the Stage Camp that has been taught for the past ten years by theater professional and GIAHA Executive Director Heather Heath, who has worked extensively throughout the Southeast for many years acting, directing, and teaching. This camp is open to ages 8 to 14 and will feature games, improvisations and scripted material to explore and expand the theatrical experience. The acting camp continues to be not only a great opportunity for those who want to be on stage; it is also a fun, interactive way to enhance concentration, discipline and social and interpersonal skills.

Session 1 will take place June 16-27, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The camp finishes with a production of an original play created by the students themselves on Friday, June 27, at noon. Family and friends of summer campers, as well as the general public, are invited to this free performance.

Session 2 is a new Summer Musical Theater Camp, taught by professional actor-singer-dancer Julia Nolan, who has recently relocated to the Golden Isles after several years touring the world with many top acts and appearing in television commercials (including the singing voice of the Maybelline ads). This two-week session for ages 5 to 18 provides training in singing and dancing as well as general stage skills, culminating in a production of "Broadway Bound," a revue show featuring great songs from the classic Broadway hits. The musical theater camp will be offered July 14-26, 2008, at the Ritz Theatre, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday. The production will be presented on Friday evening, July 25, and a Saturday matinee on July 26. This production is also free and open to all.

The cost of each camp is \$150 for early-bird registration (by June 1); if registered after June 1, the price for each is \$175.

For more information and registration, contact GIAHA at 912-262-6934 or email executivedirector@goldenisesarts.org.



BCCA Holds Kick-Off Dinner for 2008-09 Season

The Brunswick Community Concert Association began its 68th membership campaign April 24th with dinner at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Brunswick. Attendees were board members, membership campaign workers and special guests.

President Bud Dorsey presided and introduced local pianist Michele Jamieson, who entertained with a program of Bach, Beethoven and Gershwin selections.

Vice President Steve Stevens announced that BCCA is offering six outstanding concerts next season, opening on October 24 with guitarist and singer Pavlo.

The remaining five concerts will be The Mantini Sisters on January 15, harpist and vocalist Bronn & Katherine Journey on February 20, Swiss Wind Quintet on March 20, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra on April 2 and Pianafiddle on May 5.

Early bird memberships are available until May 31, while individual donor memberships are \$240, individual patron memberships are \$120, individual adult memberships are \$60 and student memberships are \$10. After May 31, donor memberships will be \$280, patrons \$140, adults \$70, with students remaining at \$10.

For more information, call 638-5616.



BCCA President Bud Dorsey with Pianist Michele Jamieson

254th Anniversary of Midway Meeting

The St. John's Parish Daughters of the American Colonist Chapter Members and Georgia State Officers recently attended the 254th anniversary of the Midway meeting in Liberty County. The guest speaker was Georgia DAC first Vice Regent Dr. Martelia Cunningham of the Valdosta Chapter. The Midway Society meets once a year with direct descendants of original families attending. A wreath was placed in the cemetery by the DAC in honor of all the ancestors of the Midway Society. Also in attendance was Georgia State Historian Mrs. Martha A. Martin and Chapter Regent Mrs. Peggy Hart.



From left, Barbara Martin, Martelia Cunningham, Martha Martin, Carolyn Martin and Peggy Hart.

Jazz In The Park 2008 Begins May 25th Season Passes Available Now



From left, Phil Morrison and Keith Williams of The Phil Morrison Trio

The 19th great season of one of the Golden Isles' most popular events returns Memorial Day weekend for another summer of "Cool Music for the Warm Nights." Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association (GIAHA) is once again pleased to present Jazz in the Park. Featuring an exciting and eclectic mix of some of the finest jazz musicians throughout the Southeast, the open-air concerts are held on six Sunday evenings at high tide (for maximum breeze and comfort) from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the St. Simons Lighthouse lawn. Bring a chair or blanket to relax on and a picnic supper and your favorite beverage - this is the summertime place to be, and a wonderful chance to gather with friends and other music lovers for the event that has achieved national recognition.

May 25: The Phil Morrison Trio featuring Keith Williams
Jazz in the Park 2008 kicks off, as it has for the past several years, with these talented hometown favorites, bringing their unique mix of traditional jazz standards with fresh arrangements, the strong vocals of pianist Keith Williams, and original compositions with the flavors of Asia, Africa, Brazil and American blues. Come early for a good spot on the lawn - this show is usually packed! This first performance is sponsored by Dan Vaden Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick.

The line-up for the other five shows this season is:

- June 29: Silver Lining Trio
- July 13: Rob Denty Trio
- July 27: Johnnie Eason
- August 17: Anton Harris Quartet
- September 14: Barry Greene

Information about all of these performers, with links to their web sites and music samples, is available at goldenisesarts.org (click on Jazz in the Park on navigation bar).

Admission to Jazz in the Park is \$10 per person; ages 6-12 are \$5 and kids under 6 get in free. Individual tickets are purchased at the gate only on the night of each concert. Season passes are available in advance now: all 6 shows for only \$40. Passes can be purchased at the Ritz Theatre, Downtown Brunswick (Tuesdays-Fridays 9 am - 5pm, Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm); by phone (with credit card) at 912-262-6934; or on line through GIAHA's website (www.goldenisesarts.org) through the secure PayPal service.

Jazz in the Park 2008 is sponsored in part by the Best Western Island Inn. For more info, visit GIAHA's website, email info@goldenisesarts.org, or call 912-262-6934.

Optimist Club Contest Winners



2008 CCDHH winners from left: Tionna Vereen, Hilary Ahl, Allison Shearouse, Christopher Williams and Jessy Shaffer

Hilary Ahl and Allison Shearouse from Glynn Academy High School recently won the Saint Simons Island Optimist Club's Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing based on the theme "Why Me? Why Not?"

Ahl and Shearouse were awarded medals and certificates for their participation in this public speaking and signing event. In addition, Ahl and Shearouse will go to the district level where they will compete against winners from other Optimist Clubs in Georgia for the chance to win a \$1,500.00 scholarship.

"Both Hilary through sign language and Allison through speech did a wonderful job presenting their essays about the challenges they face", Club President Carol Weber stated. "The members of our Optimist Club have no doubt that these students will do well regardless of what types of challenges they face and we are excited to have them compete at the next level."

The Optimist Club of Saint Simons Island has been participating in the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for over 10 years and has been active in the community since 1959. The Optimist Club meets every Thursday, except the first Thursday of the month at the King & Prince Hotel and is always interested in new members. "Anyone is welcome to join us for lunch to get to know our club members and find out what we are about," states President, Carol Weber.

Optimist Clubs are about meeting the needs of young people in communities worldwide, they have been "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" since 1919. Last year alone, the St. Simons Optimist club donated \$15,000 to support local youth programs.