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BIG ARTS ANNOUNCES PERFORMING & CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

BIG ARTS is proud to announce its 2024 Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship recipients. Since 1998, the BIG ARTS Scholarship Program has supported high school and college students from Lee County in their pursuit of higher education in the visual and performing arts.

This year, the program awarded a total of \$25,000 to six exceptional students, recognizing their outstanding dedication and artistic promise. Each scholarship recipient exemplifies the commitment to excellence and creativity that BIG ARTS aims to foster in the community.

The 2024 scholarship recipients and their respective institutions and degree programs are as follows:

Evan Carville

University of Central Florida
Pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education

Sarah Conley

Lynn Conservatory of Music
Pursuing a Bachelor of Music

Cole Ellis

Berklee College of Music
Pursuing a Bachelor of Music

Hazel Fitzpatrick

University of Central Florida
Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Music

Arabella Lilleslatten

Rollins College

Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts

Zachary Yoshida

Art Institute of Chicago

Pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts

The recipients were officially recognized at BIG ARTS Annual Art Vibe event on June 15, 2024, celebrating their achievements amongst fellow students, art enthusiasts and members of the community.

"We are thrilled to support these remarkable students through our Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship Program," said Lee Ellen Harder, Executive Director of BIG ARTS. "Their passion and talent inspire us, and we are excited to see how they will contribute to the arts in the future."

The online platform for BIG ARTS 2025 Performing and Creative Arts Scholarships will open on January 1, 2025. Visit <https://bigarts.org/programs/scholarships-2/> for information and details.

About BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS on Sanibel Island was created by and for the community and will endure forever as a warm and welcoming cultural center that celebrates the artist in all of us. Visit BIGARTS.org for hours, details and programming information, and stay tuned for our exciting 2024-25 season to be announced this summer!

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