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News From The Atlantic Classical Orchestra

ACO And Price Wealth Management Host Guests At Lyric Flagler Center

Following a sold-out January performance of Concert I of the Atlantic Classical Orchestra (ACO) featuring pianist Lindsay Garritson at the Lyric Theatre, Craig Price of Price Wealth Management Group and the ACO hosted a reception at the Lyric Flagler Center.

The 8 p.m. (twilight) season performances at the Lyric are sponsored by Price Wealth Management/UBS. The ACO will perform on Friday, March 2 at 4 and 8 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre with featured violinist Elmar Oliveira. The Phyllis and Gerome Rappaport Foundation is the sponsor of the 4 p.m. concert. For more information, please visit www.acomusic.org or phone the office at (772) 460-0850.

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Jerry Rappaport, Lindsay Garritson, Stewart Robertson, Craig Price and Michael LaPorta



Betty Lahti, Craig and Elizabeth Price, Yung and Nancy Young



Jacqueline Kostaska, Dr. Howard Voss and Suzanne Horstman

Rabbit Lovers Unite At Humane Society’s BunFest



The Bunny Glamour Shot area was a big hit as Dust Bunny shows here. The rabbit belongs to HSTC volunteer Sheila McLaughlin.

Dozens of rabbit lovers recently gathered at the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast’s (HSTC) recent BunFest event. They brought their bunnies to participate in everything from the Bunny Olympics and grooming services at the Rabbit Spa to an educational seminar that taught the ins and outs of what it takes to own and care for this unique creature.

Others adopted a new furry friend to take home while others took advantage of having their pet spayed or neutered. Bunny Glamour Shots attracted the attention of many a rabbit owner, too. They also purchased toys, treats and bunny clothing at the Rabbit Boutique.

Five lucky people who bought tickets at the event won tickets to see country superstar

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Visit The Parthenon Without Leaving The Treasure Coast

Tickets For United For Families’ Annually Themed Le Bal Masque Now On Sale



Le Bal Masque Committee members, front, left to right: Michelle Cavil and Penny Morin. Back, left to right: Jessica Van Valkenburgh, belly dancer Yvonne Dudley, Donna DeMarchi, Angela Hoffman and Carissa Zerga are all gearing up for a trip to the Parthenon during the 2012 Le Bal Masque.

Each year United for Families coordinates its signature fundraising event, **Le Bal Masque**, where guests become immersed in the culture and cuisine of a different part of the world. This year’s gala will be held on March 3, 6:30 p.m. at Mariner Sands Country Club in Stuart. While the event is one of the more lighthearted ones on the Treasure Coast, the nonprofit organization’s mission is quite serious.

United for Families touches the lives of every known abused or neglected child in Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties. The nonprofit organization,

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which oversees the local child welfare system throughout the multi-county area, ensures that critical services such as foster care, adoptions and protective services are available.

The ultimate goal of United for Families is to break the cycle of child abuse through a diverse network of community partners and innovative services. While United for Families receives a portion of its funding through state and federal sources, the Le Bal Masque fundraiser is an important part of its financial health.

As part of the annual Le Bal Masque travel series, a new locale is explored every year, with the region's cultures and customs thematically woven into the entertainment, décor



Mary Spielberg captures the spirit of last year's event, donning a colorful Carnival mask. The 2011 Le Bal Masque raised more than \$50,000 for the Road to Success program, which this year saw a record number of former foster children graduate high school and enter college.



The entertainment for the 2011 Le Bal Masque



Mike Kaiser, Christina Kaiser and Kelly Krumme at the 2011 Le Bal Masque



Lesley Demetriades and Grant Werle at the 2011 Le Bal Masque

and cuisine of the evening. Guests at Le Bal Masque 2012 will be transported to the Parthenon in Athens where they will experience the many traditions of this rich culture – from belly dancing to bouzouki playing; souvlaki to tzatziki. Guests of this black-tie affair will partake in traditional Greek dinner and libations, plus thematic silent auction and live auction by local auctioneer Reed Hartman of Hartman Auction Group. The highlight of the evening includes a chance to win a \$2,500 trip to Greece – or anywhere in the world!

Tickets are \$125 or \$875 for a table of eight. Funds raised from Le Bal Masque will go toward the **Road to Success** program that prepares teenagers for life outside the foster-

care system by teaching independent-living skills such as financial planning and budgeting. Thanks to the Road to Success program, more teens are graduating from high school and pursuing college educations, while fewer are getting into trouble with the law or experiencing homelessness.

Sponsors of Le Bal Masque include the King of the Gods sponsor Seacoast National Bank. Other sponsors include: The Secrets of Modern Parenting/Behavior Basics, En Vogue Event Planning, QVC and The Firefly Group.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://uff.us/lebalmasque>.

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