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Cathedral Arts Project Presents Annual Showcase of the Arts

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Jacksonville, FL – Mark your calendars! This spring, close to 1,200 elementary school children throughout Florida's First Coast will become stars as they feature their talents in Cathedral Arts Project's Annual Showcase of the Arts! The celebration will begin with the Visual Arts Showcase, to be held at St. Johns Cathedral on Sunday, April 27 at 2pm in the heart of downtown followed by the Performing Arts Showcase on Saturday, May 17 at 10 am, 1:30 pm, and 4 pm; and Sunday, May 18 at 2 pm and 5 pm at Jacksonville's historic Ritz Theatre. The presenting sponsor is Publix Super Markets Charities.

Both events are open to the public. There is no charge for the Visual Arts Showcase. Tickets for the Performing Arts Showcase are \$4.00 each and can be purchased at the door.

The Visual Arts Showcase will feature the masterful and creative artwork of our very own students. Artwork done by means of watercolor, clay sculpture, silkscreen printing and much more will be on display at St. Johns Cathedral in Taliaferro Hall. The Performing Arts Showcase will include a series of performances and awards presentations honoring all of "CAP's Kids" for their unique talents, enthusiasm and commitment to the arts. Dance routines, plays, and musical performances will be presented to an audience of family members, teachers, and friends.

In continuation with Mayor John Peyton's Early Literacy Initiative, RALLY Jacksonville, the theme of this year's Showcase is "Literacy in the Arts." Each of CAP's teaching artists has been asked to select a piece of literature that will stir their students' imaginations and inspire their artwork and performances.

Cathedral Arts Project was established in 1993 by St. John's Episcopal Cathedral to serve disadvantaged children in Duval County through arts-based, after-school programming. Today, CAP has grown to become the largest provider of FREE, ongoing and standards-based instruction in the visual and performing arts for public school students in Duval County. Each week, CAP serves over 1,200 children with classes in dance, drama, music and visual arts. Eight out of every ten students enrolled in Cathedral Arts during the 2006-2007 school year showed measurable improvement in grades, behavior, conflict resolution and communication skills. CAP's mission is to enrich the quality of life in Northeast Florida through unleashing the creative spirit of young people.

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