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"5th Annual Meri Goyette Arts Award Luncheon"

Call for nominations and volunteers

WHO: City Arts Nashua, a New Hampshire 501(c)3 organization

WHAT: Champagne with the Greek Muses: 5th Annual Meri Goyette Arts Award Luncheon

WHERE: Sky Meadow Country Club, 6 Mountain Laurels Drive, Nashua, NH

WHEN: Sunday, March 25, 2018 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

ABOUT:

The 5th Annual Meri Goyette Arts Awards Luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 25th at Sky Meadow Country Club. In addition to recognizing the contributions of those who have significantly supported the arts and helped to expand the vibrant arts community, this luncheon serves as the main fundraising event for City Arts Nashua, allowing the organization to pursue its mission to enrich quality of life by providing leadership to support and strengthen arts and culture. The event includes an awards ceremony, live entertainment, lunch, champagne, live and silent auctions, and more. The proceeds from this year's Fund-A-Need Initiative will benefit the Nashua Performing Arts Center Endowment Fund.

To help make this great event happen, City Arts Nashua announces two aspects of the event that are important in advance:

Nominations needed

Nominations are now open for the 2018 **Meri Goyette Arts Award** in three categories – **individual, small business, and large company/organization**. The award recognizes those non-artists that help contribute to a vibrant arts community in greater Nashua at the annual luncheon and auction. The guidelines and form are on the website cityartsnashua.org and the deadline is **Fri. February 23, 2018**.

Volunteers needed

City Arts Nashua is looking for volunteers for the Luncheon. Volunteers will be needed from 10am to 3pm on the day of the luncheon to help with auction set-up, manning the check-in table, auction check-out, monitoring auctions and other activities, and break-down. To be part of this fun event that raises funds to support and strengthen arts and culture in Nashua contact project manager Tara Kalish at Tara@cityartsnashua.org.

ABOUT CITY ARTS NASHUA:

City Arts Nashua was formed in 2004 and is a volunteer arts services organization with a 501(c)3 IRS non-profit designation. Its mission is to enrich quality of life by providing leadership to support and strengthen arts and culture. City Arts Nashua helps expand and provide visibility for greater Nashua's artistic and cultural community. It promotes, advocates, networks, produces events and projects, fundraises, and provides fiscal sponsorships. In addition, City Arts Nashua works closely with the Nashua Arts Commission, with local arts individuals and groups, community organizations, business, government and with State and national arts organizations. City Arts Nashua produces ArtWalk, Nashua's most celebrated art event every fall, now in its 14th year, and the Meri Goyette Art Awards and Luncheon, recognizing contributions to the arts of non-artist community members, now in its 5th year. City Arts Nashua successfully led the effort to restore 3 important murals in Nashua, including, in 2016 Margaret's View of Nashua by renowned artist Lucienne Bloch; in 2013, Vivian's Dream, by Nashua mural artist Barbara Andrews; and, in 2015, the Yankee Flyer Diner by Nashua native and former Artist Laureate of New Hampshire, James Aponovich. In addition, City Arts Nashua is the fiscal sponsor of the Nashua International Sculpture Symposium, now in its 11th year, and the only such international sculpture symposium in the United States.

For more information:

<http://www.cityartsnashua.org> for the Nominations guidelines and form, to donate live and silent auction items, sponsor and place ads, and more.

Images:

Photos from the 2017 luncheon are available upon request.