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ANNUAL ARTS AWARD PLANNED WITH A NEW TWIST

*Connection in the midst of social distancing*

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, May \_\_,2020 – The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville is planning their 44th Annual Arts awards for September 4, 2020. The theme for this year’s event is “Bridges – Connecting Art, Community and Business”. To work within the unknowns of the current social climate, they have planned an exciting hybrid event that will combine videos and interactive streaming, beginning with a Leap Week kick-off to coincide with the September Artwalk.

“Originally, our theme of “Bridges” was about connecting our incredible artists and arts organizations with Jacksonville’s business community. Now, the theme has expanded to also mean re-connecting, as we emerge from the shut-down and begin to enjoy events outside of our homes,” said Joy Young, executive director of the Cultural Council.

Throughout the years, the annual gala has taken on different forms, but this is the first year it will not be an in-person event.

“Of course, we were disappointed that we couldn’t move forward with our original plans, but we are committed to making this an outstanding event that will honor the nominees and keep up the tradition of being a fantastic party for the community,” added Diana Donovan, Cultural Council board member.

The award nominations are now open. There are nine categories in which to vote for artists, businesses and community members who demonstrate exceptional skills, capabilities, and passion for arts and culture. The nominations will close on June 1st.

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville’s mission is to enrich life in Northeast Florida by investing in arts and culture. They serve as the official regranting and administrative agency for City of Jacksonville funding to arts and cultural organizations, as well as provide a number of programs that benefit artists and arts and culture organizations of all disciplines.