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## **100+ STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WILL PERFORM AT BAC'S 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE**

**(Rockledge, FL, September 16, 2025)** BAC's 12th Annual Performing Arts Showcase is returning to the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts in Melbourne on October 15th. With the theme "Starry Nights", BAC is continuing its longtime partnership with Brevard Public and Private Schools, to host the event which provides opportunities for 115 students and adults with disabilities to showcase their talents in dance, music, and theater.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 11 a.m. on the main stage of the King Center and is a culmination of an 8-week performance-based art program taught by a local professional teaching artists across 8 schools and BAC.

"What excites me most about working with these students is the opportunity to break down preconceived notions regarding persons with disabilities and to share with our community the extraordinary vision and creativity of these artists," said Visiting Teaching Artist, Joan Taddie.

Among the program's line-up are: Astronaut High School, Eau Gallie High School, Kennedy Middle School, Johnson Middle School, Space Coast Jr/Sr High School, Viera Middle School, Eastern Florida Cheer and Dance Team, and BAC along with teaching artists: Alicia Robin of Dance Variations, Dallas Clark of DrumLuv Dance Center, Katie Parsons of Space Coast Performing Arts, Cricket Moros, and Chris Kahl.

We're excited to welcome the Eastern Florida State College Cheer and Dance Team, led by coach Ashley Olund, to help open this year's showcase. Their spirited performance will rally the crowd and set the stage for what matters most, the incredible talents of our student and adult performers with disabilities. Together, they'll create a day filled with inspiration, creativity, and a true celebration of ability.

"It's been a privilege to showcase artists with disabilities and the organizations that support their artistic talents and abilities for the past ten years", exclaimed Lee Sorensen, Arts Program Manager for BAC. "The Arts play an important role for individuals with disabilities. With emotional, physical, cognitive and social benefits, the creative process of art making has a positive and helpful impact on their lives. When other types of communication may be challenging, art can facilitate the expression of thoughts and feelings in such a powerful manner."

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All performances will be accompanied by American Sign Language (ASL). Seating is limited and reservations are strongly encouraged. For reservation and sponsorship information, please visit: [https://bacemploy.com/rsvp\\_pas/](https://bacemploy.com/rsvp_pas/). For those who may be unable to attend, but still wish to support BAC's Arts programming, please contact Erika Newby, 321-632-8610 ext. 252, [enewby@bacemploy.com](mailto:enewby@bacemploy.com), for more information.

## **ABOUT BAC**

BAC is a social enterprise dedicated to building communities that support members of unique abilities in growing their own personal success. BAC's empowerment programs provide life enrichment opportunities to those with significant disabilities and help more than 1,200 people find meaningful purpose in their lives.

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