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Arts Alive: A Free, Family-Friendly Festival Celebrating The Local Arts

(Manassas, VA) – The Prince William County Arts Council and Hylton Performing Arts Center will present Arts Alive 2012 from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, at the Hylton Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. Arts Alive will include performances, exhibits, hands-on activities and demonstrations by local artists and arts organizations.

Inside and outside the Hylton Center, Arts Alive will feature 18 performances on three stages; visual art on display and for sale; local authors reading their work and telling stories; and food for purchase from local vendors. Performances by Arts Council members will range from ballet to belly dancing, from orchestra to a drum and bugle corps, from children's theater to choral music. The full schedule is available at www.PWCArtsCouncil.org.

Arts Alive will be more than just a place to view art: there will be many opportunities for families to actively participate. Children and adults will enjoy art projects, classes and demonstrations throughout the festival. Admission to this family-friendly event is free and plenty of free parking is available at the Hylton Center.

The festival will also include presentation of the 2012 Kathleen K. Seefeldt Awards for Arts Excellence. Bob Madigan of WTOP and Tracee Wilkins of NBC4 will emcee the award ceremony, which recognizes outstanding efforts by artists, arts organizations, advocates and business supporters of the local arts. The awards presentation will take place at 2:30 p.m.

Sponsors of Arts Alive 2012 include United Bank, the Prince William County/Manassas Convention and Visitors Bureau, Burt & Peacock PLC, the Ferde Grofé Foundation, Inc., Northside Auto Sales and Bentz Communications LLC.

The event will be held rain or shine, although some outdoor activities may be canceled in case of rain. Participants are encouraged to dress comfortably given the range of locations and activities. For more information, visit www.PWCArtsCouncil.org or email pwartsCouncil@gmail.com.

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