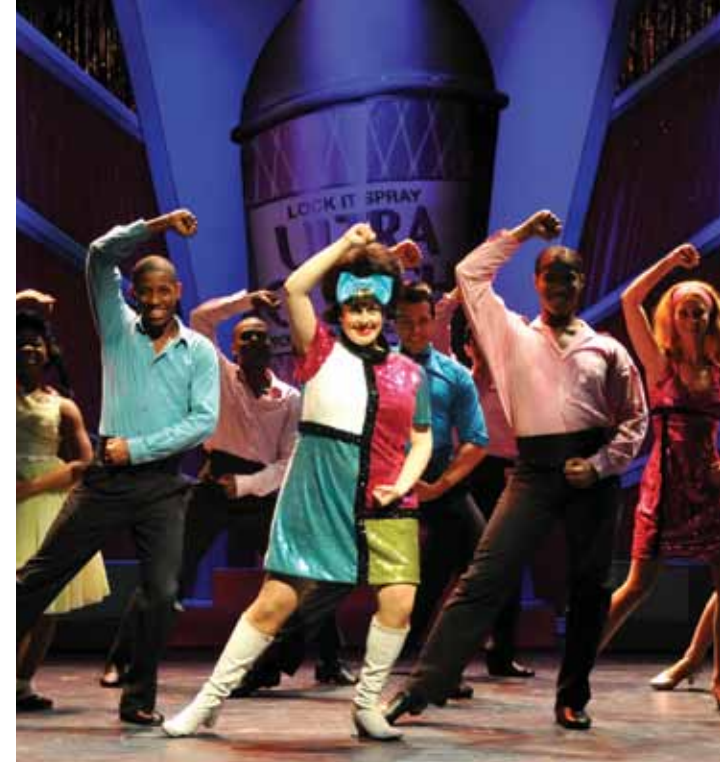




Hilton Head Island
Bluffton and the Lowcountry



A World of Art

Located in the heart of Hilton Head Island, the award-winning Arts Center of Coastal Carolina is a remarkable showcase for performing and visual arts, festivals, and educational outreach.

From its theater season to its art classes to its partnership with the Art League of Hilton Head, the Arts Center is the region's artistic heart and soul.

Each year the Center produces five plays or musicals, from concept to curtain call, featuring outstanding direction, superb production design, and talented professional performers. This season features four more shows, including the uproarious Tony Award-winning musical *The Drowsy Chaperone* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning satire *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.

In addition to its year-round theater season, the Center hosts two special series. The Presenting Series, which offers great productions

for every taste, will include performances by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and Celtic Crossroads, among others. And the Community Festival Series, which features free outdoor festivals, offers three events, including the Lowcountry food and cultural festival A Taste of Gullah.

The visual arts have a home in the Arts Center's Walter Greer Gallery, the outstanding exhibition space for the Art League of Hilton Head. Founded in 1971, the Art League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the visual arts through education, exhibits, and scholarships. The Art League's gallery currently boasts over 200 exhibiting artists. The public is welcome to attend monthly receptions that introduce each new show, providing a wonderful opportunity for islanders and visitors alike to view and purchase original artworks as well as meet many of the artists. Periodic lectures and events round out an interesting and informative program at the Walter Greer Gallery. And the Art League Academy on Cordillo Parkway offers classes in painting, sculpting,

jewelry making, photography, and more.

The Arts Center's education program consists of visual and performance workshops, lectures, field trips, and artists-in-education residencies, creating unique youth and adult learning experiences.

Each year, more than 4,000 students enjoy matinee performances, gallery walks, and visual art activities. An enrichment program called ArtsReach, offered free to participating regional schools, provides for professional teaching artists and performers to work directly in schools, serving another 8,000 students and teachers yearly. And the Community Education Series offers arts-integrated learning experiences to adults and children, including ArtStart classes specifically designed to help young children develop fine motor skills and foster creativity.

As a founding member of the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Program, the Arts Center also provides professional development for educators as part of its commitment to the improvement of education in

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The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina is the gateway to the Lowcountry's artistic side.

and through the arts.

With its exciting theater and performing arts season, unique art gallery, as well as dedicated educational programs and cultural festivals, the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina is proof that life on the legendary white-sand shores of Hilton Head is much more than a day at the beach.

From left to right:
Les Misérables,
Hairspray,
Dreamgirls, and
the Arts Center's
Walter Greer
Gallery

Theater Season

The Drowsy Chaperone
December 7-31, 2011

Lend Me a Tenor
February 7-26, 2012

Driving Miss Daisy
March 17-April 1, 2012

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying
April 25-May 27, 2012

Shout! The Mod Musical
June 19-July 31, 2012

Presenting Series

Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre
January 14-15, 2012

The Acting Company: Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors
March 2, 2012

Celtic Crossroads
March 12, 2012

Community Festival Series

A Taste of Gullah
February 11, 2012

Youth ArtsFest
March 3, 2012

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Art League of Hilton Head
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