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**“Y’all Come Back Now: A Southern Affair” Set to Celebrate the South**

Rockledge, Fla. – Local arts patrons Tom and Susie Wasdin, along with Dale and Linda Coxwell, will host “Y’all Come Back Now: A Southern Affair” on Saturday, September 14 at 6pm to raise support for Very Special Arts-Brevard (VSA-Brevard) and Cogswell Street Studio, the art program of Brevard Achievement Center (BAC), that helps children and adults with disabilities reach their full potential through the arts and art experiences. The event will be held at the Coxwell’s Lansing Island home.

This fun-filled fundraiser comes complete with Southern charm and homemade fixins prepared by true Southerners and Brevard County residents: Beth Davis, Suzy Fleming-Leonard, Robert Eppig, Guy and Delores Spearman, Jim and Jonnie Swann, Drew and Lindsay Wasdin and Nick Wynne, as well as Murdock’s Southern Bistro in Cocoa Village. Some of the samplings to be savored include fried catfish fingers, barbeque ribs, steamed shrimp, Brunswick stew, gumbo, banana pudding, and Key lime pie. Besides fine food and hospitality, guests can boogie to bluegrass band Late Fer Dinner, participate in the live auction, or purchase art by artists with disabilities. And while horse-drawn carriages won’t be onsite, there’ll be plenty of horsepower to shuttle guests from the clubhouse to the Coxwell’s courtesy of Merritt Island Land Rover.

Those wishing to join the fun can still do so by sponsoring at one of the following levels: Bobby Flay - \$1,500 (six guests); Emeril Lagasse - \$1,000 (four guests); Jimmy Buffett - \$500 (three guests); Rachel Ray - \$300 (two guests). VSA-Brevard and Cogswell Street Studio would like to thank those sponsors who have already committed: Bobby Flay – FLORIDA TODAY, and Charles and Cynthia Snell; Emeril Lagasse – Brevard Business News, Kat Milikin, Bryan and Judy Roub, and Martha Sinclair; Jimmy Buffett – Artemis, Community Credit Union – David Brock, Ed and Shirley Lanni, Jim and Marcia Ridenour, Jim and Jonnie Swann, and Tom and Susie Wasdin; Rachel Ray – Hal and Zelda Abercrombie, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPAs, Community Bank of the South, Mike and Sherri Coppage, Brenda Fettrow, Pete and Stacia Glavas, John and Susan Hopkins, Lang and Judy Houston, Indian River Potters Guild, Neil and Dianne Levine, Ray and Judi Maiorani, Jim Mallon and Dottie Allen, Dayle Olson, Jackie Pantello, Amar and Megan Patel, Diane Payne, Steve and Debbie Phelps, Bill Ronat and Linda Brandt, Rob and Deborah Sands, Paul and Jennifer Secor, Harry and Dee Dee Sheffield, Shirley Slack, and The Bath Cottage. To sponsor, contact Rosalind Weiss at (321) 632-8610, ext. 203 or rweiss@bacbrevard.com.

VSA-Brevard is an affiliate of VSA, the international organization on arts and disability, founded in 1974 by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith. In 2003, VSA-Brevard became a program of BAC and began providing services to both students and adults so they could experience personal success through the arts. Visit vsabrevard.org to learn more.