Arts showcase to be livestreamed Thursday

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HIGH POINT — Musicians and local actors will take center stage on Thursday as a local arts group gets set to put on a virtual showcase.

The High Point Arts Council and its affiliates will present Arts Alive at 7 p.m. The two-hour show will feature performances by the High Point Ballet, High Point Community Concerts, High Point Community Theatre, John Coltrane Jazz Workshop, and the Pullman Poet Society. Plus, the Arts Council will be presenting pianist Keith Byrd, who will also be serving as Master of Ceremonies.

The show will feature excerpts from upcoming performances of holiday classics by the ballet and community theater, "The Nutcracker" and "A Christmas Carol," plus music and original poetry, said arts council Executive Director Debbie Lumpkins.

The event will be livestreamed from Centennial Station Arts Center and available for viewing on the High Point Arts Council's Facebook page. In addition to performances, several community leaders will share why the arts are important to them. Arts Alive is the finale for this fiscal year's United Arts Fund Drive and viewers can call 336-889-ARTS to pledge a donation.

The Arts Council over the past seven months during the pandemic has presented 23 virtual concerts, Lumpkins said.