

Battle of the Brushes

At Visual Art Center

The Visual Arts Center is excited to present the 2022 “Battle of the Brushes”. (Finale postponed due to hurricane Ian) The event is centered around six local celebrities, paired with Visual Arts Center professional artists to create a piece of collectible artwork. The Celebrity will do all the painting, with the Artist Coach providing insight and direction. The teams have met, planned their strategy, and started painting their masterpieces. Progress is going well!

The Celebrities will be raising money while they create their works of art. The Leaderboard on our website, www.VisualArtCenter.org, is updated to keep track of the donations & which Celebrity is leading the Battle. The event will conclude with a Grand Finale Gala Reveal Dinner at the Visual Arts Center where the completed artworks will be up for auction, along with 5 tapas stations, drinks, music, dancing, red carpet op, an additional silent auction, and more. Our presenting sponsor is Susan Hill with RE/MAX Palm Realty in Punta Gorda, FL. Susan is also on the board of directors for the Visual Arts Center.

Calendar of Events:

- Finale Reveal Gala Dinner – March 24, 2023, from 6p-9p at the Visual Arts Center 210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda, Florida (941) 639-8810. \$75 per ticket, available at www.VisualArtCenter.org

Celebrity Artists:

- Shawn “Dali” Gilstad with The Purple House
 - matched with Artist Coach Laura Pommier
- Sherri “Raphael” Dennis with the Animal Welfare League
 - matched with Artist Coach Beverly Yankwitt
- Brett “DaVinci” Hawker with Heartland Payment Systems
 - matched with Artist Coach Mairin Wilson
- Larry “Picasso” Stewart who is a Visual Arts Center Lifetime Member

- matched with Artist Coach Birgit Tode
- Matt “Van Gogh” Nemec with The Wyvern Hotel
 - matched with Artist Coach Rosalie Mack
- Pam “J. Mitchell” Monnier with Grand Care Plus
 - matched with Artist Coach Susan Fraley

This is an exciting fundraising opportunity for the Visual Arts Center. The celebrities have a great time learning about art and the community gets involved following the Celebrities progress and donating to help them win the Battle of the Brushes.

Information about the Celebrities, Artist Coaches, how to donate to your favorite Celebrity, updated Leaderboard and Tickets for the Grand Finale Gala are available on our website, <https://visualartcenter.org>