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ArtServe Previews 30th Anniversary Artistic Season with VIP Event on October 12 and Community Day on October 26

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (September 5, 2019) – ArtServe, South Florida’s historic arts incubator and innovative creative laboratory, invites the community to experience a preview of its upcoming exhibitions and initiatives celebrating its 30th anniversary season. The immersive, multi-disciplinary showcase includes vibrant, thought-provoking and enriching explorations of culture, spirituality, identity and environment in an ever-fragile world.

“This special season was born from a series of listening sessions with artists, interviews with South Florida curators and dialogues with community leaders in areas ranging from arts advocacy to social service,” said ArtServe Executive Director Craig W. Johnson. “Embracing experimentation and collaboration, we’re excited to share what will emerge from our creative laboratory in 2020.”

Featuring a curated sampling in the visual and performing arts, the 30th Anniversary Season Preview, which runs from October 9 to December 27 in the ArtServe gallery, gives audiences a sneak peek at upcoming thematic exhibitions including the African Diaspora “Roots of the Spirit” exhibition, a Women’s History Month exhibit, the environmentally-conscious “Changing Landscapes” installation, “Emerging Art from War-Torn Syria” and more.

ArtServe’s 30th Anniversary Season Preview VIP Reception takes place on Saturday, October 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at ArtServe, located at 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are $75 each and include gourmet bites and drinks, a gallery display by local visual artists and performance by featured artists of all genres. All proceeds and gifts support ArtServe’s artistic, educational and public service goals.

During the event, ArtServe will honor Broward County Arts & Culture Visionaries for their contributions to the region’s arts and culture landscape. Honorees include the Broward Cultural Division, represented by Director Phillip Dunlap, City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Steven Glassman and City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis.

In celebration of ArtServe’s 30th anniversary, 30 honorees will be recognized at similar VIP events throughout the upcoming artistic season. At its kickoff event in August, ArtServe awarded the Broward County Arts & Culture Visionary distinction to Broward Cultural Council Vice Chair Darran Blake, renowned South Florida artist George
Gadson, Art Fort Lauderdale and Choose954 co-founders Andrew Martineau and Evan Snow, Broward Cultural Council Chair Jodi Jeffreys-Tanner and WLRN.

For those interested in a family-friendly weekend outing, the 30th Anniversary Season Preview Community Reception takes place on Saturday, October 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. at ArtServe. Tickets are $20 each and include pizza, arts activities for kids and a one-of-a-kind performance; admission is free for children 12 and under.

Tickets to the VIP and Community Receptions are available at link: https://artserve.org/season-preview.

Admission to the ongoing visual art exhibition is free and does not include performances. ArtServe gallery hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit artserve.org for details.

About ArtServe

For 30 years ArtServe has been the cultural core of Broward County’s burgeoning arts ecosystem. As one of the nation’s original six arts incubators, ArtServe functions as a socially responsible creative laboratory, connecting artists, business leaders, educators and cultural groups in their efforts to experiment with innovative models in arts education, entrepreneurship and presentation that advance diversity, inclusion and community prosperity. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, ArtServe also provides critical services, education and opportunities for creatives of all backgrounds to successfully enter and sustain their place in South Florida’s arts services industry, positively impacting our community both culturally and economically.

ArtServe is a four-time finalist of the 2-1-1 Non-Profit of the Year Awards and has been recognized as the Best Non-Profit of the Year for Arts. Additional recognitions include the Salute to Business and Innovation Award for Arts/Culture from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, three consecutive Brazilian International Press Awards, the Doyle Award for Non-Profit Excellence and the 2014 Nonprofit Academy Award for Best Non-Profit Arts Organization. ArtServe programs are supported in part by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council, the State of Florida, the Department of State and the Division of Cultural Affairs.

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