

# Arts Center of Coastal Carolina

Entertainment and Education For All Ages

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On Hilton Head Island, the miles of white-sand beach, array of water sports, world-class golf and tennis, incomparable dining options and diverse shopping experiences usually receive top billing.

However, the Lowcountry is also home to a vibrant and well-established arts community.

Since 1996, the award-winning Arts Center of Coastal Carolina has showcased the talents of local, regional, national and international artists in a 45,000-square-foot venue located at the entrance of Shelter Cove Harbour.

From producing blockbuster Broadway musicals, comedies and dramas and presenting renowned performers, musicians and touring acts to hosting art exhibits, workshops and community outreach events, the Arts Center provides a diverse selection of entertainment and educational opportunities for all ages throughout the year.

This spring, the fun begins with Youth ArtsFest on March 2. "We turn the stage over to young singers, dancers and musicians," notes Andrea Gannon, vice president of marketing at the Arts Center. Along with variety show-style performances featuring local students and community groups, this free celebration of National Youth Arts month features mini art workshops and a youth art exhibition.

Emphasizing hands-on learning,



other spring workshops for children and adults include regularly scheduled ArtStart classes for preschoolers; "Van Gogh's Starry Starry Night" using an innovative paint marbling process to create Cyprus trees and a French village on March 26; the "Gyotaku Tote Bags" printmaking workshop on April 15; and "Claude Monet's Water Lily Pond" on May 7.

Providing the perfect prelude for April's RBC Heritage golf tournament, "Golf: The Musical" swings into the Arts Center for a weeklong run, March 25-30. This hilarious four-person revue "celebrates the fun, frustration and elation of this popular sport, those who play it, and those who don't."

"Lovingly ripped off" from the classic film, "Monty Python and The Holy Grail," the Southeast Regional Theatre Premier of "Monty Python's Spamalot" debuts at the Arts Center, May 1-26. Longtime local favorite Casey Colgan returns to direct this outrageous, interactive, Tony Award-winning musical featuring King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table,

flying cows, killer rabbits and taunting Frenchmen.

In addition to a lineup of spectacular performances and special events, Arts Center patrons can now also indulge in the culinary arts with a VIP Dinner and a Show package courtesy of Hugo's Seafood & Steakhouse.

Guests receive star treatment in the form of a reserved table at this popular Island restaurant, as well as a special, three-course themed menu. So the meal isn't rushed, will call tickets will be held at the front door of the theater.

Over the summer, one of Broadway's most popular musicals, "Chicago," will be center stage at the Arts Center, June 19-July 28, followed by the Bee Gees Tribute Band "Stayin' Alive" from August 7-9.

With its 359-seat main stage theater, expansive art gallery run by the Hilton Head Art League, special events and educational opportunities, the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina provides "proof that life on our legendary white sand shores is so much more than a day at the beach."

For show tickets, workshop registration and event information, contact the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina at (843) 842-2787 or visit [artshhi.com](http://artshhi.com). Restaurant reservations for the VIP Dinner and a Show promotion must be made by calling Hugo's directly at (843) 785-4846. **T**