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THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS RECOGNIZES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

*Fort Lauderdale resident Thomas Holt named Education Volunteer of the Year
at annual luncheon for volunteers for one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States*

FORT LAUDERDALE – As the school year draws to a close, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts honored its volunteers who donate their time to one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, which serves more than 150,000 students annually.

Fort Lauderdale resident Thomas Holt was named Education Volunteer of the Year in appreciation of his exemplary merit and volunteering for the Broward Center. “Thomas works wonderfully with children and his heart and soul is really dedicated to Student Enrichment through the Arts (SEAS),” said Broward Center SEAS Director George Longobardi. “He is always willing to do what is necessary to help the program succeed.”

Many of the programs are presented in partnership with Broward County Public Schools. Among those attending the luncheon to thank the volunteers were School Board members Laurie Rich Levinson, Chief School Performance and Accountability Officer Dr. Valerie Wanza, Director of Elementary Education Dr. Nicole Mancini and Director of Activities and Sports Shawn Cerra.

In another collaboration with Broward County Public Schools, students from the culinary arts department of McFatter Technical College prepared and served the food for the 110 volunteers and guests who attended the luncheon held in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom at the Broward Center. Eleven year old student Arianna Pereira, who attends classes at the Rose Miniaci Education Center, performed for the guests.

Volunteering for the Broward Center’s programs for school children is perfect for retired educators and parents who want to remain involved in shaping students’ lives. For more information about becoming a volunteer, contact the volunteer office at 954.468.2684 or e-mail volunteer@browardcenter.org.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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One of America’s premier performing arts venues, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, showcasing a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events.

Guest experiences at the Broward Center include the all-inclusive LATAM AIRLINES CLUB LEVEL, spectacular riverfront views for special events in the Huizenga Pavilion, waterfront dining at Marti's New River Bistro and innovative classes and workshops for all ages at the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center. With one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, the Broward Center serves more than 150,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.