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High School for the Arts announces the Honorary Chair for its 2016 *Gala of Dreams*

BETHLEHEM, PA (March 14, 2016)----The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts (Charter Arts) is proud to announce the honorary chair for its 13th annual *Gala of Dreams* dinner and auction, to be held on Saturday, June 4 from 6pm-11pm at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Tony Iannelli, CEO and President of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, will serve as honorary chair for this special event, which benefits the Charter Arts Foundation and the young men and women who attend one of the most respected high schools for the arts in the nation. Iannelli is also host of *Business Matters*, the region's premier local business television show, which airs on Channel 69 WFMZ-TV on Monday nights at 7:30pm.

"My recent experience performing with the high school for the arts made it clear to me not only that they serve a broad footprint, as the chamber does, but they provide a home for students with a unique artistic focus," says Iannelli.

The *2016 Gala of Dreams* has developed a following as one of the Lehigh Valley's most anticipated social events. This year's celebration will include an exciting evening of special performances, dinner, dancing, a silent and live auction, and more! Tickets for the *Gala of Dreams* are \$150 per person and are available for purchase online at www.CharterArts.org.

Any individual or business who would like to donate an auction item to the event, can contact Debra Storm at 610-868-2971 ext. 3154.

ABOUT THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (Charter Arts):

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts is an audition-based, tuition-free, public charter school that provides a comprehensive curriculum for high school students, grades 9-12, who have a passion for the arts. Students major in one of seven artistic areas: dance, theater, vocal music, instrumental music, literary arts, figure skating or visual art.

The Charter Arts regional model enables students from a wide geographic area to maximize their special talents in the arts, while building a strong, developmental foundation for post-secondary education and the work force. The school offers a full complement of core courses at the College

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Preparatory (CP), Honors, and Advanced Placement (AP) levels. The course catalog consists of more than 150 courses ranging from traditional core courses to pre-professional courses in the arts.

Charter Arts' rigorous curriculum fosters both academic and artistic excellence. The school's impressive PA School Performance Profile (SPP) Academic Score, AP and Keystone exam statistics, student SAT scores, prestigious artistic accolades, and graduation rate are a testament to the outstanding education Charter Arts provides.

For more information about Charter Arts, visit the school's website at www.CharterArts.org or call [610-868-2971](tel:610-868-2971). Charter Arts is located at 321 East 3rd Street, Bethlehem PA 18015.

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