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Arts for Learning Connecticut Holds Auction to Benefit Underserved Students in State-Wide Cities and Towns

Hamden, CT (March 26, 2018)—"<u>Spring into the Arts</u>" is the theme of the 2018 auction to benefit Arts for Learning, Connecticut. The auction will be held on Thursday, May 3 from 6-9:00pm at The Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford, Connecticut.

Of the more than 150 professional visual and performing artists in the AFLCT roster, two will be recognized at the event for their outstanding contributions to arts in education. Tom Lee, Storyteller, will receive the 2018 Artist of the Year Award; Surcari receives the 2018 Performing Artist Award. For the first time in its almost 40 year history, AFLCT will present a Connecticut educator with a special award. David Maloney, Connecticut Association of Schools, will be recognized as the 2018 Arts in Education Advocate.

The "<u>Spring into the Arts</u>" benefit will feature numerous silent auction items including: *Disney World tickets and condo, Golf with Joe LaCava, A night on the town and stay at the Hartford Marriott, "Spud Truck," Guilford Arts Center class, Hartford Flavors Tasting, Justice of the Peacedonated wedding ceremony, Autographed books by world- renown Connecticut residents, gift certificates for massages, art supplies, summer picnic basket, fire pit and more.* The popular "Wall of Wine" will be offered. Attendees can even win a drawing for one of AFLCT's programs for their school or community venue.

Individual tickets are available for \$60.00, table of 10 for \$500.00. Ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner with open wine and beer bar. Performances by AFLCT artists will be offered throughout the evening.

"<u>Spring into the Arts</u>" will raise funds for Arts for Learning Connecticut's arts in education programming to underserved students in economically disadvantaged cities and towns around the State. AFLCT serves more than 260,000 school children annually throughout Connecticut.

To purchase tickets, place ads in the program, or to sponsor "<u>Spring into the Arts</u>," go to: www.aflct.org, or call. 203-230-8101.

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