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Local Community Foundation Hosts A Celebration of the Arts: An Evening with Delfeayo Marsalis in Waconia on May 15th

The Community Foundation for Carver County is pleased to announce that Delfeayo Marsalis, a renowned New Orleans trombonist and jazz musician, will headline the Foundation's first-ever Celebration of the Arts. Marsalis and his band will perform on Friday, May 15th at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waconia. Doors open at 6:30pm and tickets are \$35 each. This is the kickoff event to create the Community Foundation's arts endowment fund appropriately called, *Celebration of the Arts Endowment*.

One of the goals of the event is to use music to bring people of all ages together to inspire connections and build community – which is the motivation behind a jazz clinic that Marsalis will host with local high school jazz bands from across Carver County on the afternoon of May 15th at Waconia High School. Marsalis plans to teach students a few songs and share his experiences in the music industry.

“It’s not very often that an opportunity arises for students to learn from someone of Marsalis’ caliber. This is the kind of unique and inspirational life experience that we can offer to our kids through the Community Foundation,” said Bob Roepke, Foundation Board Chair.

Area high school jazz bands have also been invited to provide entertainment leading up to the Delfeayo Marsalis concert.

Seating is limited to 400 guests. Doors open at 6:30pm and Marsalis is expected to take the stage at 8pm.

To order your tickets:

Online: www.carvercountyfoundation.org

Phone: (651) 209-6689.

“The *Celebration of the Arts Endowment* is an opportunity for Carver County residents to have a direct impact on local arts initiatives. The vision is to award grants and scholarships that are focused on creating and sustaining a thriving arts environment for generations,” said Mary Langworthy, Foundation Executive Director.

Event sponsors include: Southwest Newspapers (Media Sponsor); Sun Patriot Newspapers; Bremer Bank of Watertown and Bregman Printing.

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