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**TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR “pARTy OF THE YEAR ~ ART-A-RITAVILLE,”
A BENEFIT FOR THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *August 6, 2018* — The sound of steel drums echoing off the water, the splash of tropical color and vitality, and the sight of a vivid bayfront sunset will greet guests at this year’s “pARTy of the Year,” with the island theme of “Art-a-Ritaville.”

The annual event is a benefit for the nonprofit Art League of Ocean City, which operates the Ocean City Center for the Arts, and allows the Arts Center to remain free to the public and open daily year round. Funds raised also provide critical funding for the operations for the Arts Center and its youth and community outreach programs.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the bayfront home of Palmer and Sandy Gillis on Gillis Island in Ocean City. Tickets are \$125 and available by calling the Art League at 410-524-9433 or online at artleagueofoceancity.org/partyoftheyear.

“I support the Art League, because art touches all of our lives,” Sandy Gillis said. “That’s why we’re opening our home for the Art League party. Guests will feel transported to an elegant and fun evening in the islands.”

Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, island-themed food stations, open bar, and specialty cocktails. On the Edge will perform with live music and dancing, and interactive art surprises will be scattered throughout the party, including art being created on the spot. A \$100-per-chance raffle enters guests to win one of four island vacations, including a grand prize trip to the Bahamas.

“This truly is the ‘pARTy of the Year’ in Ocean City,” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. “When a group of artists with their creative imaginations throw a party, you never know what is going to happen, but you can be sure it will be a lot of fun. Guests can have a great time and know they are supporting a great cause.”

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or artleagueofoceancity.org.

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EDITORS: Party logo attached.

Thank you!

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Art-a-Ritaville
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