



Jane Franklin Dance Hosts *Charlotte Hollister Annual Gala*

What: *Charlotte Hollister Annual Gala* at the Arlington Arts Center

Featuring: Jane Franklin Dance

When: Sunday, May 21, 2016 at 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: Arlington Arts Center
3550 Wilson Blvd
Arlington, VA 22201
Directions to the Arlington Arts Center at
<https://arlingtonartscenter.org/about/planyourvisit>

Details: ***About Charlotte Hollister Annual Gala***
Join your creative peers for a classy, arts-filled evening at Arlington Arts Center in support of Jane Franklin Dance, a local nonprofit whose 2017-18 Season includes both cutting-edge collaborations and wide-ranging community outreach. Your discounted tickets earn you access to the event's outdoor performance with live music by Mark Sylvester and vocal performance by Ashley Benes, wine tasting, light supper, interactive arts activities, and silent auction with items from dozens of local restaurants and retailers: Port City Brewing Company, Signature Theatre, Arena Stage, Potomac Riverboat Company, and many others. The Charlotte Hollister Annual Gala, which honors the memory of JFD's former Board president, will take place Sunday, May 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tickets: Includes Admission, performance, light supper, silent auction, and wine tasting.
❖ \$100 (VIP: Program acknowledgement, extra minutes at silent auction)
❖ \$80 (at door)
❖ \$60 (until May 1st)
❖ \$40 (group and student discount)

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About Charlotte Hollister

Charlotte Hollister founded JES Arts Consulting in 2006 to combine her practical expertise in management with her passion for the arts. She worked with arts organizations in the metro area including Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company and Jane Franklin Dance as the President of the Board of Directors. She served as a management consultant with the Dutch company Octagon BV while living in the Netherlands. There she provided strategy, process and planning consulting to international organizations, both public and private. Prior to her residence abroad, she worked as a program, project and department manager leading software development teams for the government contractor, Bolt Beranek and Newman Inc. While in the Netherlands Charlotte volunteered at ACCESS, the Administrative Committee to Coordinate English-speaking Services, serving expatriates in the country and served as a Board Member of WIN, Women's International Network, an organization for professional women who have lived and worked outside their country of origin. Charlotte Hollister served on the volunteer Board of Directors of Jane Franklin Dance for nearly a decade. She was humble, generous, and gracious, and her passion and love for the arts was immeasurable.

About Jane Franklin Dance

Jane Franklin Dance crosses disciplines in partnership with music, media, visual artists and community participants. A vibrant part of the Washington DC/Northern Virginia cultural community, Jane Franklin Dance has been presented at multiple venues and festivals and internationally in Mexico. A recipient of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region Creative Communities Award, Jane has developed innovative and collaborative projects combining dancers with the round wall skateboarding community, with a life size kinetic sculpture, with the architecture of a specific site, with dogs & owners, and with interactive live video and sound for numerous public art projects. Jane Franklin is a recipient of the American Association of University Women Elizabeth Campbell Award for the Advancement of the Arts in Arlington, and Jane Franklin Dance has been recognized by Virginia's Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. The company tours for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Paul Mellon Arts in Education Program and the Virginia Commission's Tour Directory.

About Ashley Benes

A classically trained soprano, she has earned a bachelor's degree in vocal performance from the University of Kansas, a master's degree in vocal performance from the Eastman School of Music, and a master's degree in opera performance from the University of Kansas. She is also working toward completion of a Master's in arts management from George Mason University. Ashley has a significant vocal repertoire, a few of the institutions she has contributed her talents to have been the KU Opera, Lawrence Opera Works, and the Kansas Summer Theatre. Ashley lives in Arlington and joined the JFD Board in 2016.

About Mark Sylvester

Mark Sylvester is a composer and multi-instrumentalist. Mark Sylvester can be seen and heard in many diverse musical settings throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area, but he is primarily recognized for his solo acoustic guitar playing and his recent compositions for banjo in small classical chamber ensemble settings. His genre-crossing compositional style for both guitar and banjo can be heard on his two solo CDs: *New Music for Banjo* (2009), which was awarded the 2009 WAMMIE Award for Classical Recording; and *American Gypsy* (2003), a collection of 15 original pieces for solo guitar.