

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board Individual Arts, Business Arts and Jennie Kest Lifetime Arts Awards recognize those individuals and businesses that have made significant contributions to the advancement of the arts in our community; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Saccocci, David Arrighi and the Thornebrook Gallery and Vicki J. Sabatella have each made a significant impact in our community through important, influential and lasting contributions to the arts and culture, through a body of work over a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Saccocci has made a truly outstanding contribution to the City of Gainesville, its quality of life and its branding as an emerging cultural destination by his efforts with the Shakerag Culture Center, Inc. as the collaborating producer of the Jewel Box Concerts at the Thomas Center. This concert series evolved from a series of quarterly concerts Mr. Saccocci had been presenting at the Thomas Center in recent years after relocating his shows from Melrose. In programming the Jewel Box Concerts, Mr. Saccocci has brought Grammy-nominated and Grammy-winning artists, giants of jazz, bluegrass and opera and instrumentalists of great renown to entertain and uplift our community; and

WHEREAS, David Arrighi has spent over 30 years promoting artists in Gainesville and making their continued creative existence possible by selling their work at the Thornebrook Gallery. Mr. Arrighi has prioritized North Florida artists and shown their work with respect and insightful presentation, and his sales have greatly helped hundreds of artists, who can therefore continue to work and produce based in the Gainesville area. Mr. Arrighi's insightful repartee is a reason people linger in his gallery and gain greater access to the art and the intentions of the artists represented, who are fortunate to have a venue like the Thornebrook Gallery to present their work. Gainesville residents in turn, are fortunate to have such a gallery in our midst; and

WHEREAS, Vicki J. Sabatella's long time commitment to the well-being of children in our community is evidenced in both her volunteer and professional endeavors. Her 17+ year-relationship with the Gainesville Youth Chorus, has led her from volunteer to Executive Director, and she has been greatly instrumental in stewarding the organization's restructuring, financial stability and success on stages both local and international. In addition to her managerial role with the Gainesville Youth Chorus, she has encouraged and supported countless adults and children, arranging scholarships for membership and international tours, meals for families with terminally ill members, supporting others in their community and educational endeavors and mentoring children far beyond their years in Gainesville Youth Chorus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2016 as

## *Vicki J. Sabatella, Joseph Saccocci and David Arrighi and the Thornebrook Gallery Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing Joseph Saccocci, David Arrighi and the Thornebrook Gallery and Vicki J. Sabatella and expressing our appreciation for their overall dedication to the arts in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, A.D., 2016.



*Ed B. Braddy*  
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Mayor