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What a unique concept! While other organizations are foregoing the usual annual luncheons, CITIZENS INTERESTED IN ARTS, known locally as CIA, has it down pat! It is the most exciting luncheon ever created.

Where else can you not only enter a posh room (this year the Biltmore Hotel) with many heads of South Florida's most important arts organizations attending, be entertained by several of their professional performers, AND honor a CHAMPION OF THE ARTS?

CIA's 18TH Year and 8th annual Champion of the Arts Award Luncheon is Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 11:30am at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. Citizens Interested in Arts, founded by Gloria Muroff and the late Coleen Werner, gives yearly grants to deserving arts organizations in South Florida. This year we will be awarding over \$80,000 in grants.

Hollis Freimark, President of Citizens Interested in Arts announced that this year's Champion of The Arts Award will be given to Joseph Adler, the Producing Artistic Director of GableStage. Joseph Adler epitomizes a true champion of the arts as one of South Florida's biggest arts advocates. As a legendary, multitalented Director, Joseph is the recipient of 59 Carbonell Awards (10 of which are for Best Director), a Clio, Remy, George Abbott Award, Heart of the Arts, Truth Award, Silver Palm Award...just to name a few! In 2015 he was appointed to the Dean's Leadership Advisory Board at FIU School of Architecture and the Arts.

Don't be left out! This luncheon is the hottest ticket! Bring your friends!

For more information, sponsorships, and table contact Lenore Toby-Simmons, Chair, at 305-733-0061 or email her at lenoret18@aol.com. Denise Wolpert, Co-Chair of Champion of the Arts Award Luncheon, can be contacted for any other inquiries at deewolpert@yahoo.com. Reservations may be made with Jo-An Evans, Vice-President of Citizens Interested Arts, at snavebj@gmail.com

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