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THE GRAND KIDS FESTIVAL HOSTS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE GRAND KIDS FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, MAY 1ST

GALVESTON ISLAND, TEXAS (30 March 2021.) The 25th Anniversary Celebration of The Grand Kids Festival will take center stage in Galveston’s historic downtown Cultural Arts District on Saturday, May 1, from 10am- 5pm. Produced by The Grand 1894 Opera House, the Festival will take place between 20th and 23rd streets.

Designed as an avenue to introduce children and their families to the arts, visitors can look forward to exciting entertainment, a variety of fun, family-friendly activities and live performances – with new entertainment and activities to include *Chalk It Up Island Style!* – a street art competition; *Roaring Entertainment RC Cars*, a *Mobile Dairy Classroom*, and *Take A Photo with Lightning McQueen and Mater From “Cars.”* And, that’s just the beginning of all there will be for families and their children to see, do, and enjoy at this year’s Festival. Additional fun activities to look forward to throughout the 3-block Festival area include pony rides, a petting zoo, a variety of unique, hands-on activities, story-tellers, very special professional entertainment, and student performances on stage.

Noted Festival Director, Sarah Piel, “We continue to work with the City of Galveston and Galveston County officials to ensure that our event complies with all current guidelines for hosting a public event. We take the safety of our Festival patrons, volunteers and staff very seriously, and will continue to monitor the pandemic and be flexible with any contingency plans.” Last year’s Festival was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Founding Festival Sponsors include Mary Ainslie, The Gladys B. Foundation in honor of Robert Richard Thornton, Lawyer; the Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund, Bank of America, and The Galveston Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston. 2021 Sponsors (to date) include Kathrine G. McGovern, Alice Taylor Gray Foundation, Bush & Associates, CenterPoint Energy, Galv Park, Merri S. Edwards, The Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees, Ippolito Charitable Foundation of Galveston, Kroger, Rotary Club of Galveston’s Galveston Rotary Foundation,

Inc., Texas Commission on the Arts, UTMB Health, Rudy & Paco Restaurant & Bar, The Kids Directory, Houston Family Magazine, GoGo Squeez, Whataburger, and Yaga's Children's Fund, as well as many friends of the Festival and in-kind donors.

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