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Members of the press are invited to cover this event. Please contact Kate Frantz to register.

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"Arlington's Got Talent" Brings Live Entertainment October 29

Arlington, VA - Leadership Arlington presents its third annual "Arlington's Got Talent" event on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 with a networking social at 6:30pm and talent show at 7:30pm. The event will be held at Clarendon Ballroom (3185 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201).

If you are looking for a night of entertainment, "Arlington's Got Talent" will give you just that while supporting a great cause. For an affordable price, this event features talent from all over the DC Metropolitan area as acts battle for the title of first place winner, receiving a \$500 cash prize. This year's talent includes Aastha Paneru, Alyssa Gurley, Bau Bau!, Cerrome Russell, Euphonism, Nik Martin, Teague and Travis Tucker.

Proceeds benefit the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program scholarship fund. "Leadership Arlington was a fabulous opportunity for both personal and professional development and served as a turning point in my leadership and service in the DC area, but it's an opportunity I nearly missed out on," said Nicole Varma, scholarship recipient and graduate of the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program Class of 2012. "Had it not been for the scholarship fund, I would not have been able to afford or go through the program - the program that really changed and focused my involvement locally. I am thankful and forever indebted to those who contributed to make the scholarship program a reality." This event raises money to benefit the Young Professionals Program scholarship fund, making it possible to support other young professionals in the area whom, similar to Varma, would otherwise be unable to afford this opportunity.

This talent show brings in a unique judge - the general public. Prior to the event, guests are encouraged to "like" talent submissions posted on the "Arlington's Got Talent" <u>Facebook page</u>, influencing who will be selected as a part of the show. Additionally, the audience is once again a part of the judging as the Fan Favorite is determined through <u>donations</u> prior to the event and during performances.

"Arlington's Got Talent" will keep you entertained and involved like no other event of its kind! Judges feature Susan Anderson of the Arlington County Treasurer's Office, Michael Foster of MTFA Architecture Inc., Greg Hamilton of Arlington Magazine and Matt Shank of Marymount University. Scott McCaffrey of the Sun Gazette will be the emcee for the evening.

To register for this event, please visit the Leadership Arlington website at www.leadershiparlington.org. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 on the day of the event. Heavy hor d'oeuvres provided. Cash bar available.

Questions may be directed to talent@leadershiparlington.org.

Thank you to event sponsors Arlington Street People's Assistance Network, Inc., Volunteers of America, Animal Welfare League and Homeward Trails Animal Rescue.

About Leadership Arlington

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