

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-196-A**

5 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JACKSONVILLE AS THE  
6 HOST OF THE 2024 FLORIDA ARTISTS HALL OF FAME  
7 INDUCTION CEREMONY AND COMMENDING THE 2024  
8 INDUCTEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARTS AND  
9 CULTURE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS,** the Florida Artists Hall of Fame was established by  
12 the Florida Legislature in 1986 to recognize individuals, living or  
13 deceased, who have made significant contributions to the arts in  
14 Florida as performing or practicing artists in individual  
15 disciplines; and

16 **WHEREAS,** recipients of this honor represent the diverse  
17 artistic talents that shape Florida's cultural identity, whether they  
18 are native to the state or have chosen Florida as their home,  
19 demonstrating artistic excellence across various disciplines; and

20 **WHEREAS,** the State of Florida recognizes the role of artists  
21 and cultural benefactors in strengthening the state's artistic  
22 legacy, with their work contributing to Florida's national and  
23 international reputation as a strong and sustained leader in the  
24 development of cultural excellence; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the Florida Artists Hall of Fame Wall, located in the  
26 Rotunda of the Capitol building, serves as a permanent tribute to  
27 each year's inductees, featuring a framed image of honorees alongside  
28 a commemorative plaque. Inductees are also awarded a bronze sculpture,  
29 commissioned by the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, *La Florida*,  
30 created by St. Augustine based artist Enzo Torcoletti; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville is proud to have been selected as the

1 host city for the 2024 Florida Artists Hall of Fame Induction  
2 Ceremony, which took place on February 17, 2025, at the historic  
3 Florida Theatre, hosted by Florida Secretary of State and Jacksonville  
4 native, Cord Byrd, further establishing the city's role in promoting  
5 and celebrating the arts; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the 2024 inductees include Roger Bansemer, a  
7 distinguished artist from St. Augustine whose nationally televised  
8 series has inspired audiences and showcased artistic excellence;  
9 George Clinton, a Grammy Award winning, pioneering musician from  
10 Tallahassee whose contributions to funk music have shaped the genre  
11 and influenced generations; Xavier Cortada, a Miami based artist  
12 whose thought-provoking work engages communities and addresses  
13 pressing environmental and social issues; and Lynyrd Skynyrd,  
14 Jacksonville's own legendary band whose Southern rock anthems have  
15 left an enduring mark on music history; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the 2024 inductees have each made significant  
17 contributions to the arts, bringing national and global recognition  
18 to the state through their dedication, innovation and creative  
19 excellence; now therefore

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

21 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates the City of  
22 Jacksonville's role as the host for the 2024 Florida Artists Hall of  
23 Fame Induction Ceremony and commends the inductees – Roger Bansemer,  
24 George Clinton, Xavier Cortada, and Lynyrd Skynyrd – for their  
25 outstanding contributions to the arts and cultural heritage of  
26 Florida.

27 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
29 without the Mayor's signature.  
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1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Shannon MacGillis          

4 Office of General Counsel

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