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Escape To Create Brings Master Artists To Walton County

What does the Pulitzer Prize, London's West End, Moscow English Theatre, Cinema LaClef, Paris, African American Arts Alliance, Pitch Music Awards and Chicago Art Institute have in common with Walton County?

Following a tradition dating back to 1993, the seven distinguished artists honored by these cultural institutions will arrive in Seaside on January 4th to participate in **Escape To Create**, the multi-disciplinary non-profit artist residency that has gained national attention for its longstanding relationship with the town of Seaside and for its special commitment to educational outreach in Walton County.

The artists who were selected by a nation-wide panel of peers are Nicholas Collett and Gavin Robertson, awarded actors and playwrights from Britain; Chicagoan Sandra Jackson-Opoku, a distinguished writer of the African American Diaspora; internationally awarded art and experimental filmmaker Caitlin Horsmon and jazz composer and trombonist Ryan Heinlein of Kansas City, MO; Brooklyn, Pulitzer nominated NY playwright Adam Kraar, and Mendocino, CA artist Hart James. They will live and work in Seaside cottages donated for their month-long creative projects and in support of their contributions to the larger community through educational outreach and performance.

During their January stay, artists will contribute workshops, master classes and classroom visits in schools throughout the region. A series of programs and performances showcase their creative excellence at Seaside's REP Theatre in a unique array of awarded dramatic plays, music, art, literary and environmental readings to the area.

A second group of distinguished artists will arrive on February 1 bringing a new slate of public performances and contribution to schools. Additional information on Escape To Create and the 2016 artists is available at <http://www.escape2create.org/2016/>. Performance schedule is available at <http://lovetherep.com> .

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