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Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival Poster Competition Winner Announced

(PENSACOLA, FLA – Sept. 12, 2018) Graphic Designer Michelle Corley is the winner of the 2018 Great Gulfcoast Art Festival poster competition winner. Her colorful, lively piece will be reproduced on limited edition posters, T-shirts and other GGAF promotional items that are a major source of support for the Festival.

Corley has worked for 23 years as a graphic designer and art director in the advertising world. An internship during her studies at a small Louisiana college opened the door to life at an ad agency and she's never looked back. Throughout her career she's worked in practically every facet of advertising design, from logo development to digital design and broadcast production. Winner of multiple industry awards, she currently works to use her powers for good as Art Director for Duncan McCall Advertising in Pensacola. She also serves on the board and handles design work for Choral Society of Pensacola.

While she's grateful her poster design was selected, Michelle's not quite comfortable being labeled an artist because at the end of the day she doesn't consider herself one. "I solve communication problems. Those talented people who allow the world to inspire them and then express that inspiration through their fingertips, a paintbrush, or the sharpened end of a pencil – they're the artists."

Born and raised in Louisiana, Michelle's called the Pensacola area home for 20 years.

GGAF is one of the best-regarded, most popular arts festivals in the United States. The three-day, juried art show draws more than 200 of the nation's best painters, potters, sculptors, jewelers, graphic artists, craftsmen and other artists. The Festival is ranked #36 in the nation by *Sunshine Artist Magazine* and the American Bus Association has named it one of the Top 100 Events in North America.

The GGAF is Nov. 2, 3 and 4, 2018 in Seville Square, Historic Downtown Pensacola. Admission is free. For more information about GGAF, visit www.ggaf.org. Get a high-resolution image of the poster and more GGAF photos at www.ggaf.org/media.

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