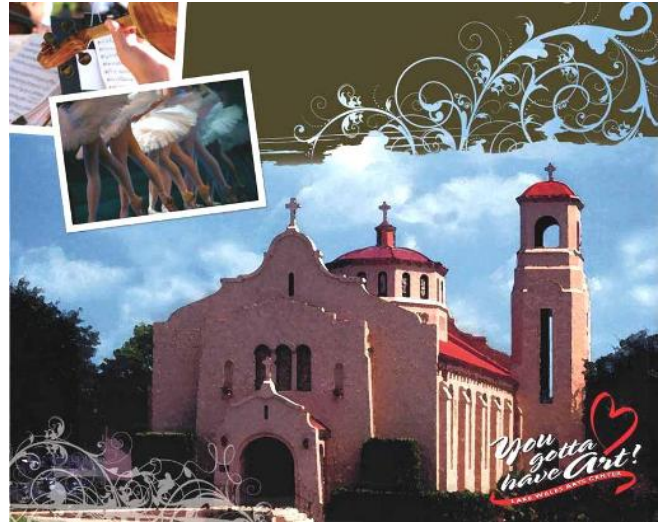


**Lake Wales Arts Center to Present
Free Evening of Art**

**with Artist Russell D'Alessio on
February 24 from 4-7 P.M.**



The Lake Wales Arts Center is pleased to present an early evening of art, wine, and cheese with artist Russell D'Alessio on Wednesday, February 24th from 4-7 pm. The event is free and open to the public. D'Alessio combines a variety of techniques to create a unique body of paintings, drawings, and graphics.

D'Alessio will be stopping at the Lake Wales Arts Center as he travels to Key West for his 11th winter. From Dedham, Maine, Russell D'Alessio has pursued a lifelong career in the arts and has showcased his work between Bar Harbor, Maine and Florida for the last two decades. His new works are both figurative and imaginative to create a unique world in a timeless place. His choice of subjects has been strongly influenced by his zest for life and his zany sense of humor brings out the occasional whimsy. His sensitivity for the human form allows him to create beautiful flowing figures.

In December 2009, D'Alessio published his first limited edition coffee table art book *Artlook*. In addition to many new works, several paintings and drawings that have been published in the book will also be showcased. For more information, please visit his website at www.russelldalessio.com.

The Lake Wales Arts Council, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, encourage and celebrate the arts for the enhancement of community life. The Arts Center is located at 1099 S.R. 60 East in Lake Wales. The Arts Center is open year round, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information, please call 863-676-8426, or visit the website www.lakewalesartscenter.org.