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Florida Theatre Young Professionals Announce New Officers Dr. Ivan Porter is the New President for 2016-2017



Jacksonville, Fla.- First A.C.T., the young professionals organization of the nonprofit Florida Theatre in Downtown Jacksonville, have announced that Ivan Porter, a physician in the Division of Nephrology & Hypertension in the Department of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic Florida, is their new President for the 2016-2017 year. Ivan previously served as Vice President, and succeeds Roger Mitchell, Managing Partner of Centerstage Entertainment & Events, who completed his term of office as First A.C.T.'s first ever President on September 30.

Ivan Porter says, “After a year serving on the council as vice president I am extremely excited to serve as president of the group. Roger’s leadership was critical to our success in our inaugural year and his skills in his new position will continue to serve as the foundation to success of the group.”

The mission of First A.C.T. (which stands for active, creative and talented) is to provide professional networking opportunities and financial and social support for the nonprofit Florida Theatre.

The 2015-2016 year was First A.C.T.’s first year in existence. In addition to hosting several mixers for young professionals in the downtown area in conjunction with performances at the Florida Theatre, the group organized two very successful events. In December they raised enough food for 1,000 meals at a benefit screening of the movie “A Christmas Story, and in May they organized the young professionals groups of the downtown business and cultural communities for a young professionals evening on the opening night of the Jacksonville Jazz Festival.

About its plans for the coming year, Ivan Porter says, "I know there are other groups out there just like us, with a common interest in the arts and philanthropy. We hope to reach out to these future leaders of the community to increase knowledge of the Florida Theatre, and improve The Elbow neighborhood and Downtown Jacksonville."

The other members of the First A.C.T. Executive Council for 2016-2017 are: Vice President: Diana Johnson, Shareholder/Owner, Johnson and Lufrano, P.A.; Secretary: Fernando Dutra, Intellectual Property Attorney, Wilson Dutra; Events Chair: Roger Mitchell, Managing Partner, Centerstage Entertainment & Events; Volunteer Chair: Jason Caldow, Trial Attorney, Ames Law Group; Membership Chair: Mary Beth Waddill, Public Relations Specialist, Adecco Group North America; and Neal Brown, Member At Large, Service Delivery Manager, SecureSI.

The nonprofit Florida Theatre in downtown Jacksonville is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is one of the Top 100 most attended theatres in the country. More information, including First A.C.T. membership information, can be found on the Florida Theatre's office at 904-355-5661 or web site at www.floridatheatre.com.

Pictured Dr. Ivan Porter was elected new president of First A.C.T. the Florida Theatre's Young Professional Group.

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