

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie celebrated its 50th anniversary during the week of April 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie partnered with the Port St. Lucie Historical Society in publishing the city's first history book "Port St. Lucie at 50; A City for all People", producing a full length movie "City of Dreams" and producing a celebration week of community events; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of the celebration week was the premiere public screening of "City of Dreams," a docudrama movie featuring the unique and fascinating history of the life, times and people of Port St. Lucie; and

WHEREAS, the soundtrack of the movie, including the theme song "A City Within a Dream", was composed by Port St. Lucie resident and Historical Society member Mark Barnes; and

WHEREAS, Mark Barnes volunteered his time and talent to the city to compose the "City of Dreams" soundtrack, and in so doing exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism that is ever present in Port St. Lucie, enhancing our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Mark Barnes won the Composer of the Year/Soundtrack of the Year award for "City of Dreams" at the Los Angeles Music Awards in Hollywood, California on November 10, 2011, bringing favorable recognition to the city on national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, as elected representatives of the people of Port St. Lucie, wishes to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of Mark Barnes and the success of the "City of Dreams" soundtrack and docudrama.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor JoAnn Faiella, do hereby proclaim the City of Port St. Lucie's appreciation for the volunteer efforts and exceptional talent of "City of Dreams" soundtrack composer Mark Barnes, and ask that all residents be aware of his fine work and take pride that their city's historic docudrama soundtrack has been recognized at the prestigious Los Angeles Music Awards for 2011.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL
SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE,
FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED, THIS FIFTH DAY
OF DECEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN.

JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor

Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

COUNCIL ITEM
DATE**MaryAnn Verillo**

From: Bonnie Cruz
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 3:57 PM
To: Karen Phillips; Edward Cunningham; 'Richard McAfoos'; Linda Bartz
Cc: Yvette Cruz; Michelle Long; Margie Wilson; MaryAnn Verillo
Subject: Proclamation Presentation 12/5 7pm Mtg.

Please place on the 12/5 Council meeting a proclamation presentation to Mark Barnes for composing the "City of Dreams" CD soundtrack that is being considered at this year's Grammy Awards. Our office is requesting two originals to be prepared and the verbiage is being written as we speak.

Please see further information below regarding his accomplishments.

Port St. Lucie 'City of Dreams' composer, soundtrack wins at L.A. Music Awards

<http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2011/nov/14/port-st-lucie-city-of-dreams-composer-soundtrack/>

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By Kim Hughes

Monday, November 14, 2011

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Barnes called the recognition "a major honor" and said having the opportunity to work on a project connected with the city he calls home was particularly meaningful.

"I did have an attachment that made me feel really good about it," he said.

Barnes said Richard McAfoos, chairman of the Port St. Lucie Historical Society, wanted something "uplifting."

Although inspiration was initially slow to come, Barnes said, "All of a sudden, within a half an hour, the entire theme song was done."

Upon hearing a sample of what Barnes had created, McAfoos said, "I was almost stunned. It was so beautiful."

Although Barnes has worked in the music industry for many years, the "City of Dreams" theme song is the first he's composed that has lyrics and vocals.

Barnes said he was pleased when McAfoos told him he had asked Carol Connors, a well-known songwriter who co-wrote the "Gonna Fly Now" theme to "Rocky," to write the lyrics. Barnes said his immediate reaction was: "She's a classic and she wants to write lyrics to my song — oh yeah!"

McAfoos was thrilled the soundtrack had been singled out to win its category.

"I was ecstatic because this is national recognition," he said.

The soundtrack CD, the theme song and a music video featuring the theme song are up for consideration in this year's preliminary Grammy Award categories.

McAfoos said earning recognition at the L.A. Music Awards could provide a boost on the road to the Grammys, explaining "This network of people is so intertwined."

While thankful for the recognition, Barnes said that for him, creating music is "not about the awards. It's the journey and who you can share it with."

How to get "City of Dreams"

For more information on the docudrama or to get your copy of the "City of Dreams" movie soundtrack CD or docudrama DVD, visit the Port St. Lucie Historical Society website at www.pslhistory.org.



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