

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## THIS WEEK'S THEATRE

■ **Swing!**

The musical with a great big exclamation mark plays at **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** runs through June 9. The Tony nominated *Swing!* celebrates the music and dance phenomenon that swept the nation in the 30's and 40's. With the resurgence of dance shows, dance has again become one of the fastest growing trends across the country. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$50. Group discounts are available for parties of 20 or more. For tickets call the box office at 278-4422. Visit [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com) for information.

■ **Scapino**

A comic adaptation from Molière's classic plays at the **Florida Repertory Theatre** in downtown Fort Myers runs through June 9. Wily servants outsmart their masters while young lovers are kept apart by their parents. This irreverent adaptation of Molière's "Les Fourberies de Scapin" is performed by the Florida Rep ensemble. Show times are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.. For tickets, call the box office at 332-4488 or go to [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

■ **Midlife the Crisis Musical**

**The Off Broadway Palm Theatre** is showing "Midlife the Crisis Musical" through May 19. This amusing musical comedy pokes fun at the curiosities and inevitability of middle age. Shows are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.. Saturday 1:15 and 8. Sunday 1:15 and 7. For tickets call the box office at 278-4422. Visit [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com) for information.



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The cast of *Snow White* at the **Broadway Palm**.

■ **Snow White**

See *Snow White*, the Wicked Queen and the seven dwarfs in this delightful adaptation of one of the most beloved fairy tales of time at **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre**. The children's show runs through June 3. Weekday shows are on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (check the schedule at [www.broadwaypalm.com/childrensschedule.htm](http://www.broadwaypalm.com/childrensschedule.htm)) at 11:30 a.m. Weekend performances are at 1 p.m.. For tickets call the box office at 278-4422. Visit [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com) for information.

## THIS WEEK'S SYMPHONY

■ **Dvorak's Cello Concerto**

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, in their final classical concert of the season, presents Dvorak's Cello Concerto at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts** in Naples on Friday and Saturday, May 11-12 at 8 p.m.. This Concerto, conducted by Jorge Mesteer, is considered to be Dvorak's masterpiece. Integrating Slavic folk influences with technical brilliance, the concerto evokes profound feelings of spirituality, hope and nostalgia. Performing it will be Russian prodigy Alexandre Bouzlov, a musician who "has an amazing capacity to make the cello sing," raved *The New York Times*. Also featured will be Mussorgsky's epic *Pictures at an Exhibition*, a series of musical portraits full of sparkling harmonies and melodies. The program begins with Blas Galindo's delightful *Sones de Mariachi*, a spirited composition with a distinctively Mexican flair. For tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

## FRIDAY, MAY 11

■ **Art** - The work of **Sherry Rohl** has been selected by three different jurors for top honors in the Annual All-Florida Juried 2D-3D exhibition. Her work, "Sherry Rohl: A Solo Exhibit" is on display at the **Alliance for the Arts** through May 26. A reception is set for Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m. The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Blvd. just south of Colonial Blvd. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 3. Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for more information.

## SATURDAY, MAY 12

■ **Music** - The final **Jazz Alliance 2007** concert at the **Alliance for the Arts** will feature the **Ross-Levine Quartet** with guest vocalist Wendy Pederson on Saturday, May 12th. Saxophonist Billy Ross and pianist Mike Levine have been making music together for over 30 years. Both met while attending the University of Miami Music Program in the late 70's. It was there that the two formed a Jazz Fusion Group, which led to a national release album, featuring Pat Metheny. The album "That Summer Something" was on the Jazz on AOR charts for 6 weeks in the top 10.

Since then, the Ross-Levine Band has played a variety of engagements, from opening acts for Gato Barberi, Michael Franks and Dionne Warwick, to performing at Jazz on the Green in Sanibel. For tickets call (239) 939-ARTS or visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for more information.

■ **Car show** - Cruise to the River District for an exciting night filled with show cars, food and entertainment. The Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency and Beasley Broadcast Group will host the **Cruise-In and Block Party** car show from 5 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to view show cars on First and Hendry streets, enter cash drawings and enjoy a live broadcast by 96.1-WRXX. DJ Tom's Traveling Tunes will also provide entertainment. Proceeds from the drawings will support Relay for Life and other charities supported by Timeless, Traveling Treasures car club. Last year, the club raised \$16,000 for local charities. Many businesses in the River District are supporting the event by giving away door prizes and providing live entertainment. Participating businesses include the Cigar Bar, Delicious Things, Enjewel, French Connection, Hideaway Sports Bar, Morgan House and Wiseguys Subs & Stuff. For more information or to register, call Tony Allen at 229-8526 or Rick Vaske at 200-1081. Registration is free for car owners.

■ **Arts & Crafts - The South Fort Myers Art Festival and Craft Show** begins at 10 a.m. at the Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16730 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Admission is free. Enjoy great food, entertainment and some of the best arts and crafts in the area.

■ **Theater - A Cracker at the Ritz**, an original play about the foibles and absurdities of life in Southwest Florida is

performed by Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett at the **English Pub** on Fort Myers Beach. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 8. Tickets are \$30. For information call 765-9660 or go to [www.comptonandbennett.com](http://www.comptonandbennett.com).

■ **Theater** - For the kids, **Thomas Edison: The Fire of Genius** at the **Florida Repertory Theatre** in downtown Fort Myers at 11 a.m. Written by celebrated children's playwright, Kathryn Schultz Miller. Thomas Alva Edison was a brilliant inventor who led a fascinating life. The genius himself takes the audience on this inspirational personal journey from a childhood full of troubles to his move to Fort Myers. Audiences will surely enjoy this energetic and exciting look at the man behind the magic.

This is a world premiere production! Thomas Edison: the Fire of Genius was commissioned exclusively for Florida Repertory Theatre. This production is most appropriate for students in third grade and up. Tickets are \$12. Call the box office at 332-4488 or go to [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

## SUNDAY, MAY 13

■ **Music** - Musicians from the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra play side by side with professional musicians from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and by themselves, in these delightful concert events at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts** in Naples at 7 p.m. Selections from Mozart, Stravinsky and Copland will be featured. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Music - All That Jazz...for Mom** Performed by the **Southwest Florida Symphony** at 4 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Fort Myers. It's a delightful Children's Chorus tribute to Mom features Bob Chilcott's "Jazz Mass", a video slide show of childhood pictures and songs that celebrate the love we feel for Moms everywhere. For information call 418-1500 or online at [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

■ **Tea - The Edison & Ford Winter Estates** is serving tea in the beautifully restored Edison Caretaker's House Wednesdays in May at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Several of Mrs. Edison's favorite tea time recipes will be served including Mina's Ginger Snaps and Old Fashioned Cornflake Cookies as well as hot and cold fruit tea, scones with local jams and honey, a variety of delectable tea sandwiches and edible orchids. Tea and garden enthusiasts will enjoy the current "Celebrating Orchids" exhibit. Estates Horticulturist, Debbie Hughes will present tips on orchid care. Garden hats and dress are encouraged. Reservations are required. To register call 334-7419. The cost is \$25 for Estates members and groups; \$30 for non members. The Estates are open daily from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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Dvorak's Cello Concerto this week at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts**

## ON GOING EVENTS

■ **Art** - The Friends of the Cape Coral Library have a new exhibit which runs through June 15. **The Gallery**, located at the Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, off Mohawk Boulevard, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Lois Johnston, Patty Sole and Angela Aradia** are the featured artists.

■ **Dance** - Cast members from the musical *Swing!* will offer free swing dance lessons in the lobby of **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** immediately after each Friday evening show. The *Swing!* dance lessons will start at approximately 9:45 p.m. each Friday. *Swing!* celebrates the music of the swing era of jazz with a mix of dance numbers; some comic, some romantic and some sexy. For show tickets call the box office at 278-4422. Visit [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com) for information.

■ **Art** - The **Art League of Bonita Springs** hosts **Student Showcase 2007** from Friday, May 11 through May 17. It will make you smile and possibly stop you in your tracks. Art by area high school students is often whimsical and always unique and thought provoking. At the Center for the Arts on Old 41 Road in Bonita Springs. Call (239) 495-8989 for information or on the Web at [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

■ **Music** - Rock Legend **Peter Frampton** will perform at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Saturday, June 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Mann box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or at [www.bbmnpah.com](http://www.bbmnpah.com).

■ **Musical** - Everything you've heard is true. "Mel Brooks has put the comedy back into musical comedy." **The Producers** is the funniest, most fearlessly irreverent thing ever seen on stage!" (USA Today) The biggest Tony Award winner in Broadway history returns to the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** beginning June 19 for four days. Direction and choreography by five-time Tony Award winner Susan Stroman (*Crazy for You*, *Contact*, *The Music Man*). The previous engagement in Fort Myers was a sell-out. Tickets are available at the Mann box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or at [www.bbmnpah.com](http://www.bbmnpah.com).

■ **Art - Asia Fest** is a cultural celebration with martial arts, traditional dances, vendors, Asian cuisine, and more. At the **Alliance for the Arts** on Saturday, May 19 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information call 404-5836 or email [Chang500@aol.com](mailto:Chang500@aol.com)

■ **Music** - The **2007 Nashville Star Tour** is coming to the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Saturday, July 28. The 2007 Nashville Star Tour features Angela Hacker, David St. Romain, Zac Taylor and Joshua Stevens from the hit USA Network's Nashville Star TV talent search that captivated the nation. The 2007 Nashville Star Tour recreates the energy and feel of the hit TV series; utilizing an interactive video package of highlights, and lowlights, of each Artist's tenure on the show, thereby acting as a "virtual host" of the show. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmnpah.com](http://www.bbmnpah.com)

■ **Theater** - *Rounding Third*, a play about two Little League coaches, with quite disparate styles and philosophies on child rearing, argue their way to the championship game. At the **Florida Repertory Theatre** in downtown Fort Myers beginning May 25. The audience is the stand-in for the team, so the coaches speak directly to us about competition, character, punctuality and the importance of wearing the right equipment. This big new comedy is about Pee Wee baseball and the childish adults who complicate it. For tickets, call the box office at 332-4488 or go to [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).