

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF JUNE 14-20, 2007

A GUIDE TO THE GREATER FORT MYERS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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Max Bialystock, a failing producer, and his cohort, Leo Bloom, plan to show the worst play on Broadway to get rich. It almost works.

BB Mann and The Producers team up for charity

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall and 'The Producers the new Mel Brooks musical' has offered eight local charities the opportunity to receive as much as \$20,000 from the sale of tickets purchased to any of the musical's eight performances; which are sponsored locally by Bank of America.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for the Mann Hall and the community," said Scott Saxon, general manager for the Hall, "one of my goals when I came to Fort Myers is to have the theatre more involved in the community; and by working with the producers of 'The Producers,' we have a way to do that."

The concept is simple — for every ticket purchased for a particular charity's performance, 25 percent of the ticket price will be given to that charity. All a person needs to do to support their favorite charity — and see Broadway's most award-winning musical — is call the box office, pick the performance and mention the password "DONATE;" or go online and purchase tickets using the same password.

SEE PRODUCERS, C5 ►

If you go

>> **What:** The Producers the new Mel Brooks musical

>> **When:** Tuesday, June 19 through Thursday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, June 22 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 23 at 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 24 at 1 and 6:30 p.m.

>> **Where:** The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 Edison Parkway, on the campus of Edison College, Fort Myers

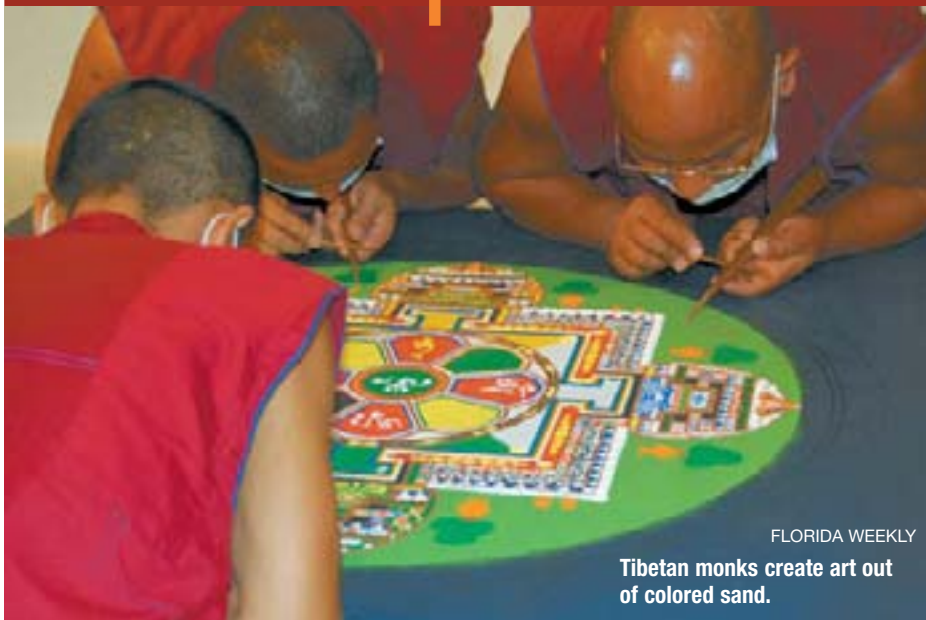
>> **Cost:** \$50 - \$85

>> **Information:** Call 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com

"Why are we making this sand mandala? For the Buddha of compassion. We need compassion, love and compassion, to make this world a better place to live."

—A monk from the Monastery

monks bless Naples



FLORIDA WEEKLY

Tibetan monks create art out of colored sand.

BY NANCY STETSON

Florida Weekly correspondent

he monks are late.

The monks are late and no one's exactly sure when they'll arrive.

It's like a math problem on an SAT test: if six Tibetan monks are traveling in three cars from Miami to Naples, how long will it take them?

If faced with this on a test, the answer is D: Not enough information given to determine the answer.

But because it's real life, and because it's Southwest Florida, the answer is always A: Who knows? Florida traffic is so unpredictable.

The monks are touring the U.S. to spread peace and compassion and to raise money for their monastery, the Gaden Ngari Khangten Monastery in India.

For four days, they'll make a sand mandala at the von Liebig Art Center in Naples, right in the center of the main gallery. Then, in a closing ceremony, they'll destroy the mandala, gather up the sand, and spill it into the Gulf.

The opening ceremony was supposed to take place

SEE MONKS, C4 ►

WEEK at-a-glance



Film

'Shrek the Third' a miss according to reviewer DNA Smith. C7 ►



Books

The horse is explained in a new book about equine knowledge. C11 ►

Cuisine

Char Gillhouse sizzles with fun food and far-out decor. C15 ►



Things to do

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat opens Thursday at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. C6 ►



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