



SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Producer Max Bialystock tries to con theatergoers in the stage version of Mel Brooks' hit movie 'The Producers.'

PRODUCERS

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"Everyone wins, the charity, the community and the theatre," Saxon said.

The following is a list of the eight charities involved and their performance:

- Lee Memorial Foundation -Tuesday, June 19
- United Way-Wednesday, June 20

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools-Thursday, June 21

Edison College Foundation-Friday, June 22

Boy Scouts -Saturday, June 23rd at 2 p.m.

Chico's Charities-Saturday, June 23rd at 8 p.m.

American Red Cross-Sunday, June 24th at 1p.m.

Alliance for the Arts-Sunday, June 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Box Office, by calling 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com. ■

ART NEWS

Summer camp at Florida Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre is holding a summer camp — Camp Florida Rep — for aspiring young actors.

In this theatre intensive summer day camp children in Kindergarten through 12th Grade attend two-week sessions where they sing, dance and design new musicals, under the guidance of theatre professionals. Camp Florida Rep is held at the historic Arcade Theatre.

Session 1 finishes Friday, June 15 with campers performing HONK JR., a musical about a family of ducks. It's a contemporary retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, "The Ugly Duck-

adaptation of Disney's Mulan. The Huns have invaded, and it is up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous dragon sidekick Mushu to save the Emperor. MULAN JR. is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and a fighting spirit perfect for campers regardless of age.

Campers will have a ball taking part in session 4, RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA held July 23 through Aug 3. Join Cinderella and her Fairy Godmother as pumpkins become coaches and rags transform into a gorgeous gown, in this beloved version of the classic fairytale written by theatre legends Rogers and Hammerstein. A royal ball thrown by the prince's parents, a sour stepfamily and a special slipper make for a magical musical. This show is great for boys and girls of all ages.

Get ready to rhyme during our fifth and final session; SUESSICAL JR., August 6-17. This great musical lovingly brings all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters to life, including Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and all of the Whos of Whoville! These classic, colorful tales are brought together by Jojo, a young boy and "thinker of strange and wonderful things." Campers of all age, shape and size will bring this to life right before your eyes!

The cost of enrollment for Camp Florida Rep is \$325 a session for Kindergarten through 6th grade. Children in grades 7 through 12 can register as a Star In Training, for a fee of \$275 a session. A late pick up after care program is available for an additional \$40 per session. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. For more information or to enroll call 239-332-4665 ext. 20. ■

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ling." This different duckling must strike out to learn how our differences make us special.

A farcical fairytale comes to life during the second session, June 18 through June 29, ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. If you thought you knew the story of "The Princess and The Pea," you are in for a big surprise. Did you know that Princess Winnifred swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless or that, it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night? Campers of all ages can join the fun and find out the truth in this royally hilarious musical classic.

Travel to the Far East in session 3, DISNEY'S MULAN JR. This session held July 9 through July 20 takes campers to the legendary, story-telling days of ancient China in this action-packed stage

Tull coming to BB Mann

British rock group Jethro Tull returns to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall for one performance Friday, December 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets on sale and are available at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com

Jethro Tull formed in February 1968 from the ashes of two unsuccessful blues/rock bands of the era. Ian Anderson brought his unique and innovative style of flute playing to a public raised on the guitar-based British bands who courted acceptance at London's famous Marquee Club. After their first tentative blues oriented album, titled "This Was", the group moved through successive records towards a more progressive sound, and with "Aqualung" in 1971 achieved their first real international

level of success. A few hit singles, notably "Living in the Past", livened up their early career although it was as an album band with songs of real substance that the group really took off, both on record and as a major live concert act.

So-called concept albums followed in the early 70's ('Thick as a Brick' and 'A Passion Play') with the attendant platinum No. 1 album chart sales.

With sales of about 60 million albums and more than 2500 concerts in 40 countries, the band continues to tour and record, typically performing 100 concerts per year. In early 2002, Jethro Tull completed their first DVD of live concert and performance material. Also released is the new associated live CD. Both are entitled, 'Living With the Past.' ■

==== If you go

- >>What: Camp Florida Rep
- >>Where: The Florida Repertory Theatre, located on Bay between Jackson and Hendry in the Historic Riverfront District, Fort Myers
- >>When: Now through Aug. 17
- >>Cost: \$275 to \$325 per two-week session
- >>Information: Call Florida Rep Education Director, Jamie Carmichael: (239) 332-4665 ext. 20. Online at www.floridarep.org