

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This week's theatre

■ The Producers

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 Tuesday, June 19 and running through Sunday, June 24. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 6:30 Sunday. 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 481-4849 or at www.bbmannpah.com.

■ Feelin' Groovy

The **Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel** presents the music revue **Feelin' Groovy**. It's the first of the Theater's summer shows. **Feelin' Groovy** features popular songs from each year of the 1960s. The cast features the powerhouse vocals of Victor Legarreta, Bobby Logue, Samantha Rotella, Tammy Truitt & Yurief Rodriguez. Performances are now Wednesday and Thursdays at 7 p.m. through Aug. 1. Special summer ticket prices of \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 16 and under. For information and tickets, call the Box Office at 239-472-6862 or online at www.theschoolhousetheater.com.

■ Get Down Tonight

Get Down Tonight opens at the **Schoolhouse Theater** on Sanibel on Saturday, June 16. Performances are Tuesdays and Saturdays. The cast has familiar faces Victor Legarreta, Bobby Logue, and Samantha Rotella. You've seen her on the island in the past, but it'll be Tammy Truitt's first time at the new location of The Schoolhouse Theater. Yurief Rodriguez will also be joining the cast. During the summer, the Box Office is only open the day of performances - from 2 to 7 p.m. All shows begin at 7 p.m. with ticket prices of \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. The summer seasons ends on August 25th. For tickets and information, call The Schoolhouse Theater Box Office at 472-6862 or at www.theschoolhousetheater.com.

■ Technicolor Dreamcoat

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat plays at **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** beginning Thursday, June 14 through August 18. The age-old Biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to life on stage as a colorful musical for all ages. Andrew Lloyd Webber teams up with collaborator Tim Rice to tell this compelling story from the Old Testament. The story, told through a kaleidoscope of song and dance, is set in the desert of the Middle East many centuries ago. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$50. During the summer, children 18 and under are just \$18 for dinner and the show. For tickets call the box office at 278-4422. Visit www.broadwaypalm.com for information.

■ The Bald Soprano

The Bald Soprano, the first play by famed absurdist playwright Eugene Ionesco, begins at the **Florida Gulf Coast University Arts Complex Theater Lab** on Thursday, June 14 and runs through Sunday, June 17. Stemming from his own attempts to learn English from a book, Ionesco reveals the many idioms expressed in modern society and the amusement that he drew from such expression in this uproarious play. General admission is \$10 and student admission is free with ID. Admission for non FGCU students with student ID is \$5, and FGCU faculty and staff with ID is \$5. Seating is limited. For information call 590-7268.

This week's symphony

■ Sarasota Music Festival

For more than 40 years the **Sarasota Music Festival** has showcased the talents of internationally renowned faculty artists and the best music students from around the world. Together, they present the finest in chamber music through performances, lectures, masterclasses and rehearsals. The Festival's six concerts run through June 23 at selected locations in Sarasota. On Thursday, June 14, at Holley Hall, is the chamber music fiesta with selections from Spain and Argentina, and Beethoven's Piano Sonata performed by Claude Frank students. On Friday, June 15, at the Church of the Palms, Robert Levin, Joseph Silverstein and Clive Greensmith are featured artists on Schubert's Piano Trio No. 2. On Saturday, June 16, world-renowned faculty artists perform Beethoven, Nielsen and Dvorák at the Church of the Palms. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Main floor seats are available online at www.fwcs.org; Balcony seats are available by phoning the box office at 941-953-3434.

Saturday, June 16

■ **Music** - North Florida jazz vocalist Cathy DeWitt performs with South Florida pianist Kathleen Olive at the **Moon, June, Spoon Tunes: a Jazz Concert** at 7:30 p.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 5800 Golden Gate Blvd. Naples. For information call (239) 643-1418.

■ **Musical** - **A Cracker at the Ritz**, an original play about the foibles and absurdities of life in Southwest Florida is performed by local players Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett at the **English Pub**, Linwood Avenue, Naples. The all-original satire features songs such as "Red Tide In The Sunset," "Barron Collier High," and "A Ton-and-a-half Of Cadillac Steel." Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8. Tickets are \$25. For information call (239) 774-2408 or go to www.comptonandbennett.com.

Ongoing events

■ **Art** - The Friends of the Cape Coral Library have a new exhibit beginning Saturday, June 16 and running through July 30. **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. Featured artists include: **Janet Mach Dutton, Greg Ehmann, Arlene Glazier, Pat Johnson, Lois Johnston, Lucy Palatiere, Rose Sapecky, Dena Shepherd, Casey Siewierski, Patty Sole, Carmen Sprague, Karen Weeks and Linda Wildman.**

■ **Art** - The **21st Annual 2D-3D All Florida Juried Exhibition** runs through July 28 at the **Alliance for the Arts** galleries. Nearly 250 individual works of art were submitted, and only 42 were selected for the exhibit by Juror Darby Bannard, a Professor of Art at the University of Miami. Bannard is internationally recognized for his abstract paintings, and he has had 75 one-man shows, including several retrospectives, and hundreds of group shows in a long career. His work is in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art and most other major museums here and abroad. 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 3. Visit www.artinlee.org for more information.

■ **Art** - The **Art League of Bonita Springs** will host **Fine Arts/Fine Crafts: Then & Now** and **The Princeton Art of Science Exhibition** shows through June 29 at the Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. The opening reception is from 6-8 p.m. The Fine Arts/Fine Crafts: Then & Now celebrates the artists of our area in this regional competition. The Princeton Art of Science Exhibition is a celebration of the aesthetics of research; the ways in which science and engineering inform art and vice versa. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays, Noon-5 p.m. All Art League exhibitions are free to the public. For information call 495-8989 or online at www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Art** - Guest Artists Invitational at the **Cape Coral Arts Studio**. This special exhibition features area professional artists who have shared their time and talents giving demos and workshops for the children during the Arts Studio's art camps from through June 29. The Arts Studio is located at 4533 Coronado Pkwy, Cape Coral. For information call 574-0802.

■ **Art** - **The 9th International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition** will be one of the most popular exhibits for the young and young-at-heart alike, at the **Bob Rauschenberg Gallery** on the Lee County Campus of Edison College. Dozens of small sculptures from around the world show how artists have handled the challenges of space and scale dictated by the size of an ordinary shoebox. The display runs through June 30. An invitation-only exhibition, this triennial has attracted a large number of well-known artists from Hawaii, the U.S. mainland, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, Norway, The Netherlands, South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam. The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery is located on the Lee County Campus, in the Humanities Hall (Building L), next to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. For additional information or to schedule a group visit, call 489-9313, Monday through Friday. The Gallery's open: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed Sunday and holidays.

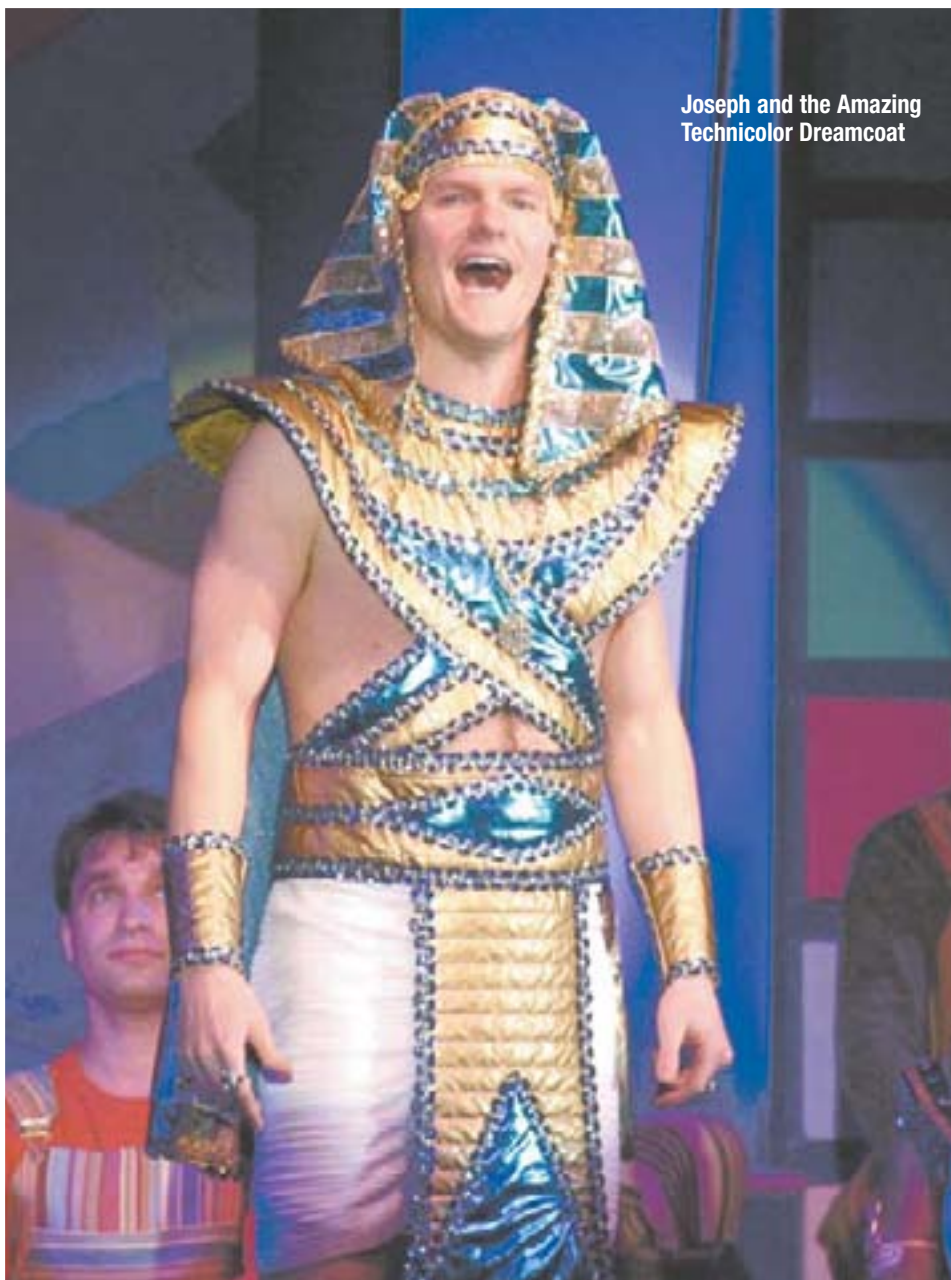
Upcoming events

■ **Music** - Country music star **Aaron Tippin** will be at **Ricochet** in Fort Myers on Saturday, June 23. Tippin had a number one hit in 2000 with "Kiss This", co-written with his wife Thea Corontzo. In the wake of 9/11, his patriotic anthem, "Where the Stars and Stripes and Eagle Fly", peaked at number two. For information call 277-5700.

■ **For the kids** - The success of **Dora the Explorer Live!** has prompted Nickelodeon to develop a new show that will feature Dora's cousin, Diego. The live-action stage show, called **Go, Diego, Go Live! The Great Jaguar Rescue** will star Diego, Dora, and Diego's, sister, Alicia at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Tuesday and Wednesday, June 26 and 27. The show will involve audience participation, with viewers helping Diego and his crew rescue Baby Jaguar's growl from the Bobo Brothers. Director Gip Hoppe, has worked with Nickelodeon on other tours such as **Dora the Explorer Live!** and **Blue's Birthday Party**. Tickets are available at the Mann box office, by calling 481-4849 or at www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Music** - The John Entwistle Foundation has created a fundraising concert featuring Brian Johnson, Cliff Williams, Mark Farner, and Joe Lynn Turner called **Classic Rock Cares** for one night only at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Saturday, June 30 at 8 p.m.. The show uses a single backing band comprised of world class musicians led by drummer Steve Luongo of The John Entwistle Band. This allows some of rock's premier voices to walk on stage and sing only their biggest hits. Joe Lynn Turner sings the best of Deep Purple and Rainbow. Mark Farner takes the stage to sing and play guitar as he launches into his biggest Grand Funk Railroad hits. The final set features Brian Johnson, Cliff Williams, Steve Luongo and Mark Hitt who perform chart busting AC/DC hits along with their own new material. Tickets are available at the Mann box office, by calling 481-4849 or at www.bbmannpah.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. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com.



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