

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theatre

■ **Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat plays at **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** through Aug. 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.

■ **Get Down Tonight**

Get Down Tonight is playing at the **Schoolhouse Theater** on Sanibel. 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.

■ **Grease**

KidzAct Youth Theatre presents **Grease**, at the **Sugden Community Theatre in Naples**. Grease, the romantic musical comedy turned pop-culture phenomenon. Dawn Lebrecht directs our favorite greasers, the Pink Ladies and the Burger Palace Boys, in this doo-wop classic. Tickets are \$5 and on sale at The Naples Players Box Office. The show begins Thursday, Aug. 2 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. For information call the Sugden at (239) 263-7990.

■ **Shakespeare**

The Theater Conspiracy new show "**The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)**" blends 191 of the Bard's works (37 plays and 154 sonnets) into two acts. They are to be blended into each other in a manner intended to provoke hilarity. The play is performed at the **Off Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** beginning Thursday, Aug. 2 through Aug. 18. Shows are Thursday through Saturday evenings and selected matinees. Tickets are \$19-\$39. The Off Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For information call 936-3239 or on the Web at www.theatreconspiracy.org

■ **Charlotte's Web**

Broadway Palm Children's Theatre presents **Charlotte's Web** through Aug. 4. Charlotte's Web is the loveable story about Wilbur, a fat little pig who is saved from the usual fate of fat little pigs, by his friends, Fern, a sensitive little girl and Charlotte, a crafty spider. This musical version is full of songs and colorful characters. Special evening performances will be on Thursday, July 26; Sunday, July 29 and Thursday, August 2. For the added evening performances dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the show kicks off at 7 p.m. Daytime performances begin with a buffet at noon and show time at 1 p.m. Charlotte's Web plays selected matinees through August 4 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The July and August dates are: July 26, 27, 29 and August 1, 3 and 4. Ticket prices for lunch and the show are \$15 for all ages. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com, or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Thursday, Aug. 2

■ **For the kids** - Thomas & Friends are making tracks to Fort Myers in their first live touring stage show in America - **Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage in "Thomas Saves the Day."** Produced by HIT Entertainment and ThemeStar, the all-new musical adventure opens at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** at 4 p.m. and 7. Tickets for Thomas & Friends are on sale at the box office, by calling 239-481-4849 or online at www.bbmnpah.com.

Friday, Aug. 3

■ **Music** - **Derek Trenholm**, a 24-year-old Berklee College of Music graduate and Boston native who now resides in Fort Myers will play happy hour at **Patio 33** from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30. Some of Trenholm's influences are: The Beatles, Nick Drake, Howie Day, Bleu, Guster, John Mayer, Iron and Wine, Dave Matthews, and more. Patio 33 is in the Patio De Leon, in the heart of the River District, between First and Hendry streets. For information call 33PATIO (337-2846) or visit www.patio33.com

Saturday, Aug. 4

■ **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.

■ **Concert** - **Gulf Coast Town Center** is offering a free **Summer Concert Series** every Saturday night from 8-10 p.m., now through Aug. 25 at the stage in Market Plaza located in front of Borders. Attendees of all ages will enjoy dance acts and musical entertainment that will include an array of entertainment from Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, and Country throughout the summer, offering fun for the entire family. For information call 267-0783 or on the Web at www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com

Sunday, Aug. 5

■ **Bluegrass** - Come and enjoy the fabulous unplugged Bluegrass performers at the **Basically Bluegrass Concert & Pick-In**. Scheduled to play are Telegraph Creek, the Sawgrass Drifters, and Thunder Mountain Railroad. Acoustic musicians are invited to bring their instruments and join in various jam sessions. This concert will take place indoors in an air-conditioned clubhouse Sunday, Aug. 5 at the **Lee County Civic Center**, 11831 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers. For information call (941) 626-5399 or on the Web at www.palmgrass.com

Ongoing events

■ **Art** - Preview the artworks from featured artists such as Romero Britto and Robert Rauschenberg at the **Arts for ACT 2007** at the **Bob Rauschenberg Gallery** at Edison College. More than 115 pieces of art, ranging from paintings, sculpture and jewelry, will be included in the Arts for ACT annual auction to benefit Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. The auction will be held Aug. 18 at the Coconut Point Hyatt in Bonita Springs. For more information call Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. at 939-2553 or email cgoode@actabuse.com

■ **Art** - Artist **Erma Jean Woodis** features Florida Beaches and Wildlife in her new show at the **Cape Coral Arts Studio**. The Arts Studio is located at 4533 Coronado Pkwy, Cape Coral. For information call 574-0802.

■ **Art** - The **Friends of the Cape Coral Library** announce a new exhibit which runs through September 13. 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 are **Kathy Logan** and **Paul David Adamick**. Logan is an art instructor at Cape Elementary School and is a nationally accredited teacher. Adamick, an art instruction at Caloosa Elementary, is proficient in art forms including clay, airbrush and wire sculpture. He combines airbrushed canvases and bent wire to create tropical on-land and below-the-sea scenes.

■ **Art** - The **Sim Gallery of Fine Arts** in Cape Coral will feature artists **Uri Berger**, **Matthew Davis** and **Ernesto Masis** beginning Thursday, July 26 through Thursday, Aug. 2. The gallery is located on the Promenade at the Marina of Cape Harbour and is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information call 541-1004 or on the Web at simgallery@comcast.net.

■ **Art** - Visitors and residents are welcome to see paintings by members of the **Sanibel-Captiva Art League** at the **Sanibel Public Library** and in **BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery**. In addition to tropical scenes and local wildlife there is a large variety of still life and other subjects in oil, acrylic, pastel, collage and watercolor. The different interpretations of large and small colorful artworks range from representational to expressionistic and abstract. Many of the artists have won awards in juried exhibitions. Both buildings are on Dunlop Road near City Hall. Call the library, 472-2483, or BIG ARTS, 395-0900, for hours.



Pat Kusicich
We're All the Same - Just Different
at the von Lieb Art Center

■ **Art** - **3 Women of Merit: 45th Founders Award Winners** features the work of Bettina Edwards, Pat Kusicich and Doris Ramos. The trio all won top awards in last fall's Founders show. They will exhibit new works in photography, paintings and contemporary quilts. At the **von Lieb Art Center**, Naples. For information call (239) 262-6517 or on the Web at www.naplesart.org.

■ **Art** - What fun! Exaggerated and fictional images that first appeared on postcards in the early 1900s. **Storytelling through the Mail** at the **Art League of Bonita Springs** features the masters of the "golden age" of the American postcard in the early twentieth century through to the present. Enjoy the humor and delight in the imagination of these marvelous little artworks. A great exhibition for all ages. It is open and free to the public through Sept. 22. The Center for the Arts is located at 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. For information call 239-495-8989 or on the Web at www.artcenterbonita.org

■ **Art** - See the high caliber artwork produced by Southwest Florida artists through Sept. 7 at **Regional Artists I** hosted by the **Art League of Bonita Springs**. Artworks range from sophisticated wooden vessels to oil, watercolor and pastel paintings and from photography to fused glass. This show has something for everyone. The Center for the Arts is located at 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. For information call 239-495-8989 or on the Web at www.artcenterbonita.org

Upcoming events

■ **Comedy** - Comedian **Kathy Griffin**, star of the Bravo series "My Life on the D-List," returns to the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Sunday, August 19 in an all new show. Tickets are on sale at the Box Office, by calling 481-4849 or online at www.bbmnpah.com. Griffin is a Chicago native who began building her resume with guest starring roles on such series as "Mad About You," "ER," and also appeared as the recurring character Sally Weaver, on "Seinfeld." A multi-faceted performer she is probably best known for her four-year stint on the NBC sitcom "Suddenly Susan" as Vickie Groener, Brooke Shields' acerbic colleague.

■ **Theater** - **The Children's Summer Program at The Schoolhouse Theater** will present a new play called "The Imagination Station," written by Schoolhouse favorite, Reid Kirchoff. The performance will be on Aug. 11 at noon at The Schoolhouse Theater; tickets are free and on a first come, first serve basis.

■ **Comedy** - Comedian **Ron White** will perform at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Thursday, Sept. 22. Tickets are available at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or online at www.bbmnpah.com. Groups of twenty or more, please call (239) 489-3033 extension 3122.

■ **Music** - American Idol's **Clay Aiken**, along with a 42-piece orchestra, will perform at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Thursday, August 16. Tickets are \$43 to \$73 and are on sale at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or online at www.bbmnpah.com. Groups of twenty or more, please call (239) 489-3033 extension 3122.