

ART NEWS

Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra Names Manager



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The Southwest Florida Symphony has named Todd Betz as the Symphony Youth Orchestra Manager. Betz has performed with the Symphony Orchestra for 16 seasons and served as Principal percussionists for eight seasons. He has coached the Youth Orchestra percussionists and has taught at Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida Southern College.

The Youth Orchestra is an auditioned group comprised of the best young musicians in a three county area. An important outreach activity of the Symphony, it provides quality symphonic training and performance experience for young musicians. They are coached by Symphony musicians, rehearse weekly and perform during many Symphony events and in their own series. ■

Art exhibit at Sanibel Library

A large variety of oil, acrylic, pastel and digital paintings by members of Sanibel-Captiva Art League are currently on view at Sanibel Public Library. The library staff welcomes residents and tourists to use the services and facilities and to view the artwork, the shell displays, large fish tank and other rotating seasonal collections on display. Along with reference materials, CDs, DVDs, books, magazines, computers with internet access, etc. the library strives to offer unique enrichment to the community and visitors.

Sanibel resident and Art League Vice President, Peter Zell, is exhibiting his luminous plein air landscapes and representational still life compositions that contain strong abstract design elements. The thickly applied colors make his paintings reminiscent of the rich look of old-world masters.

For library hours call 472-2483. For more information about Art League membership, upcoming meetings and Thursday Paint-out locations write: P.O. Box 1192, Sanibel FL 33957 or call 395-4518. ■

Cape gallery showcases high school students

The Friends of the Cape Coral Library announce a new exhibit, which runs Sept. 16 through Oct 30 at the Gallery, located at 921 SW 39th Terrace, off Mohawk Boulevard. The gallery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured artists are Cape Coral High School Seniors and Judy Van Inwegen.

The Gallery will showcase the Memory Project, multi-cultural visual works of art prepared by Cape Coral High School Seniors. The Memory Project grants orphaned children the joy of receiving a portrait of themselves, painted by high school art students. The purpose of this project is twofold: to give these children their own keepsake and promote youth outreach.

In addition, Judy Van Inwegen, a talented local glass artist will exhibit a variety of pieces in fused and stained glass. Ms. Van Inwegen has displayed her exceptional work at shows throughout Southwest Florida.

Friends of the Cape Coral Library are community members and volunteers who support the activities of the library. Annual membership is \$10 for individuals, \$50 for Civic Benefactor and \$100 for Corporate Benefactor. Meetings are held the third Saturday of January, March, May, July, September and November. For more information call the Friends Hotline at 239-477-5100 or go to www.capefriends.org. ■

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