

# SYMPHONY

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of Broadway today including Rent, Mamma Mia, Hairspray and more. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his professional conducting debut, Kunzel is a regular conductor with orchestras around the globe.

Everybody's favorite holiday tradition - A Very Merry Pops - takes place December 22 and 23. "An eclectic mix of traditional favorites and new pieces keep this holiday tradition exciting and fun," explains Joseph Caulkins, Associate Conductor. "It is never stale or predictable and I think the audience enjoys that as much as the musicians do!"

The son of legendary 'King of Mambo' Tito Puente, Puente Jr., brings to the stage



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Joseph Caulkins, Associate Conductor

the eclectic, Latin-influenced sounds of his famous father March 7 and 8. "There was magic in the music my father made. It made people happy," Puente Jr. says. "My goal is to keep it alive ... and expose it to a whole new generation." Appearing across the country, Puente Jr. crosses cultural and generational lines producing a high-voltage performance that leaves audiences raving for more.

The Pops Series concerts are held at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. Subscriber series and single tickets are on sale now. To order tickets, call the Symphony Box Office Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 418-1500. ■



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Vocalist Tommy O — A Very Merry Pops

## Pop Series

### The Sinatra Songbook

Friday, Nov. 30/Saturday Dec. 1, 8 pm  
Special guest vocalist Jefferey Berger

Conducted by Erich Kunzel  
Mann Hall, Tickets are \$15 - \$50,  
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Also: Opening Pops Weekend  
A Red Hot Pops: Cocktail Party &  
Fundraiser  
Dec. 1, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Judd Pavilion,  
Mann Hall, \$50

### A Very Merry Pops

Saturday, Dec. 22, 8 pm/Sunday, Dec.  
23, 7 pm  
Special Guest vocalist Tommy O

Conducted by Joseph Caulkins,  
Associate Conductor  
Mann Hall, Tickets are \$15 - \$50

### Broadway Today

Fri., Jan. 18 and Sat., Jan. 19, 8 pm  
Special guests Kirsten Bracken, Mark  
Willett and Steve Mazurek  
Conducted by Erich Kunzel  
Mann Hall, Tickets are \$15 - \$50

### Tito Puente, Jr. - Mambo Nights

Fri., March 7 and Sat., March 8, 8 pm  
Conducted by Michael Hall, Music  
Director  
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