

## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## This week's theatre

■ **Grandmother** - "Funny, You Don't Look Like a Grandmother!" runs at the **Off Broadway Palm Theater** through Dec. 22. A humorous, yet heartwarming musical comedy that celebrates modern-day grandmothers in a whole new light. Throw away the granny glasses, shapeless black dresses and Red Cross shoes, and replace them with tennis dresses, skis and a condo in Florida. Tickets are on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com), or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **Holly Jolly Christmas** - **Holly Jolly Christmas** opens Nov. 22 and runs through Dec. 25 at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater**. This song and dance extravaganza is fantastic entertainment for all ages. It embraces the season with Broadway-style dancing, stunning costumes and the traditional holiday favorites you know and love. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com), or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **Forever Plaid** - **The Shoolhouse Theater** on Sanibel Island presents "**Forever Plaid**" through Dec. 1. The funny and charming musical about the classic 1950s male singing group that gets killed on the way to their first gig - only to be revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never was. The Schoolhouse Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way across from the Community Center on Sanibel Island. Call 472-6862 for information and tickets.

■ **Arsenic and Old Lace** - This classic comedy **Arsenic and Old Lace** takes a cheery look at an eccentric family who mix murder and mayhem to give a new meaning to the idea of "charity work." The Naples Players rendition of **Arsenic and Old Lace** runs through Dec. 15 at the **Sugden Community Theatre**. For information call the Sugden at (239) 263-7990.

## Friday, Nov. 23

■ **The Nutcracker** - The wondrous holiday classic "**The Nutcracker**" is back at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts**. The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and Miami City Ballet again join forces for this acclaimed production featuring dazzling sets and costumes, brilliant choreography and the famous Tchaikovsky score. Shows are Nov. 23 and 24 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 25 at noon and 8 p.m. Family Day at the Boutique is Friday, featuring a continental breakfast beginning at 10 a.m., Santa's arrival at noon, face painting, a balloon artist, jugglers, magicians, holiday arts and crafts and more. For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

## Saturday, Nov. 24



■ **BIG ARTS Fair** - More than 75 artists from all over the country will gather to sell their fine and diverse work in **BIG ARTS 28th Annual Art Fair** from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The new location is at the **City Hall Grounds** at 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Enjoy the entertainment and live music and partake in the vendor-provided



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■ **Art** - The Naples Art Association will host the **Naples Renaissance Fall Art Festival** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **10th Street South near the Naples Depot**. This is an invitational festival for 125 national, regional and local artists who will sell their original watercolors, paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, jewelry and more. As a kick-off to the holiday shopping season, this Thanksgiving weekend festival is a perfect opportunity to find a one-of-a-kind gift for someone special. Food vendors and entertainment will be provided. A suggested donation of \$2 benefits the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center. For information go to [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org) or call the von Liebig at (239) 262-6517.

■ **Art** - The **Arts for Act Gallery** in downtown Fort Myers will hold a closing reception for Artist Doug Heslep's exhibition "**Through the Cellular Eye**" from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. The gallery is located at 2265 First Street in the River District.

## Sunday, Nov. 25

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## Monday, Nov. 26

■ **Michael McDonald** - Five-time Grammy-Award-winner **Michael McDonald** plays at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts** at 8 p.m. Best-known for his husky, soulful, baritone voice, McDonald is one of the most distinctive and popular vocalists to emerge from the laid-back California pop/rock scene of the late '70s. Formerly of the Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan, McDonald has forged a successful solo career with hits solo career with hits spanning the pop, R&B and AC charts. Tickets are \$69. For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Concert** - **Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music** is holding a campus recital by soprano **Jeanie Darnell**, assistant professor of Music and head of vocal studies at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. Darnell will be accompanied by pianist Michael Baron, associate professor of music and head of piano studies at FGCU. Assisting Darnell are FGCU adjunct faculty William Larsen, flute; Rafael Padron, guitar; Kirsten Bendixen Mahoney; horn and guest tenor, Robert Beane, as well as the FGCU Chamber Singers conducted by founding director of the Bower School of Music Nancy Cobb-Lippens. Composers included on the program are Bach, Dowland, Dvorak, Fauré, Lehar, Pasatieri, Randall, Reger and Schubert.

## Tuesday, Nov. 27

■ **Wynonna** - **Wynonna** - **A Classic Christmas** plays at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts** at 8 p.m. Wynonna is taking her critically acclaimed holiday album, **A Classic Christmas**, on the road in her first-ever Christmas tour. Spreading holiday cheer across the country, Wynonna will combine her smooth vocals and tremendous live presence in an unforgettable performance that will warm the heart and inspire the spirit. Her soulful renditions of such traditional holiday classics as **White Christmas** and **Winter Wonderland** and her awe-inspiring version of **Ave Maria**, make this a special performance for the entire family. Tickets are \$76. For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

A RED HOT CONCERT &amp; PARTY

## THE SINATRA SONGBOOK

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