

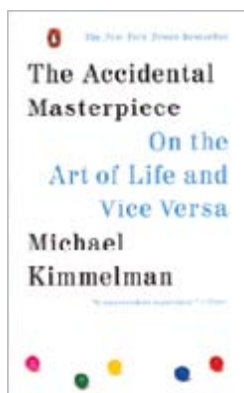
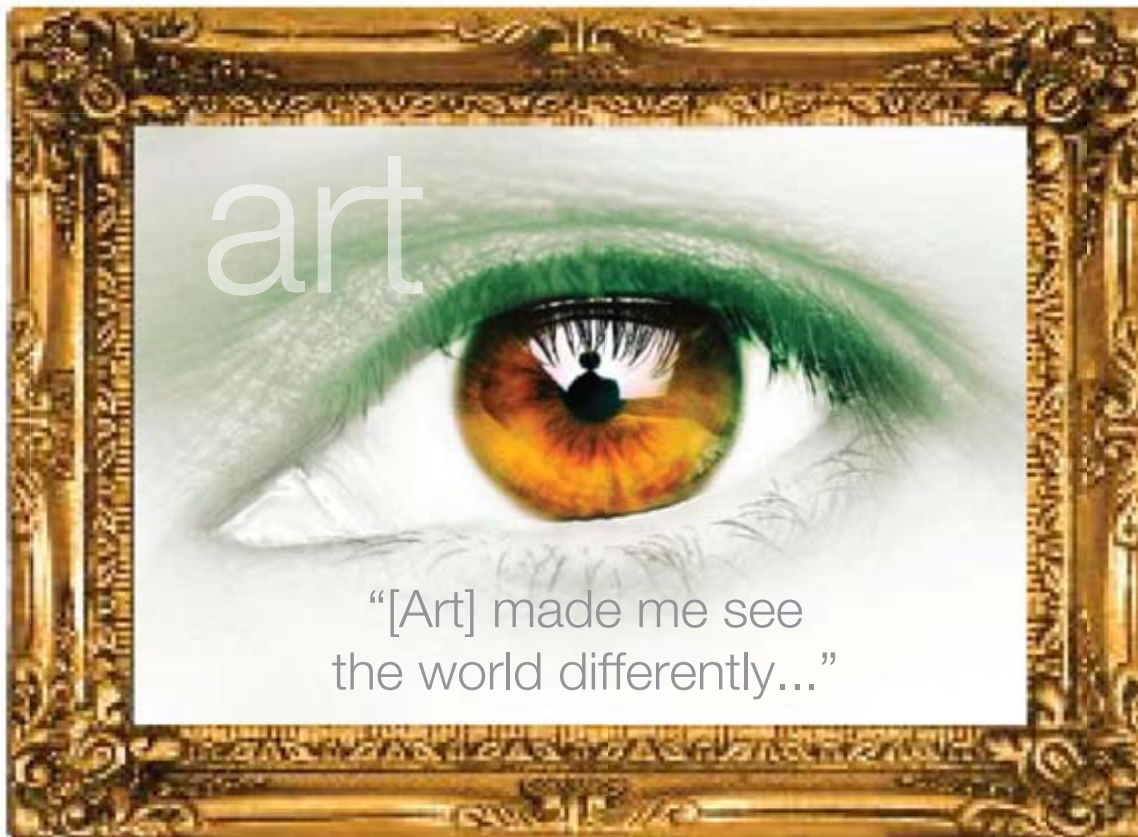
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7-13, 2008 A GUIDE TO THE GREATER FORT MYERS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

kimmelman eyes wide open: The Art of Life ...and the Life of Art



Michael Kimmelman, chief art critic of the New York Times and author of *The Accidental Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa*.



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art's not fluff. It's not a decorative afterthought or an extra you toss on, like sprinkles.

And, as the T-shirt says, art's not something pretty you buy to match your sofa. Art is a necessity. It's a muscular, organic, living, breathing, complex, life-changing thing that, at its best, makes us think and feel, causes us to question and cultivates growth.

Art has the ability to make us deeper human beings. Michael Kimmelman, chief art critic for the New York Times, believes this, and it resounds in every sentence he wrote in his book "The Accidental Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa," a New York Times best-seller. Kimmelman lectures about the book at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

"I really wanted to write a book that spoke to my deeper feelings about art, which is, art had changed my life in various ways," he says from his home in Berlin, Germany. "It made me see the world differently, and

SEE KIMMELMAN, C4 ▶

if you go

>> **What:** Michael Kimmelman, chief art critic of the New York Times, talks about his book, "The Accidental Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa"
>> **When:** 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9
>> **Where:** The Philharmonic Center for the Arts, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples
>> **Cost:** \$32
>> **Information:** Call (239) 597-1900 or go to www.thephil.org

Trisha Yearwood live at the Barbara B. Mann

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Trisha Yearwood's latest album tells you exactly what it's about with its very first line.

"Heaven, heartache and the power of love," she declares — just like a preacher stating the theme of Sunday morning's sermon.

Yearwood's people must have thought so too, because the video for the album's first single, "Heaven, Heartache and the Power of Love" (also, coincidentally, the name of



if you go

>> **What:** Trisha Yearwood
>> **When:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13
>> **Where:** The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 8099 College Parkway
>> **Cost:** \$73.50, \$57.50, \$51.50, \$43.50
>> **Information:** Call 481-4849

the album), places Yearwood in a tiny country church, "preaching" about love with her lyrics.

SEE TRISHA, C8 ▶

WEEK at-a-glance



Where to go...what to do
"The Goat...or who is Sylvia?" is playing at the Sugden Community Theatre. **C6&7** ▶



Dobie's in town
Actor/artist Dwayne Hickman, who played Dobie Gillis on TV, brings his one-man art show to the Bell Tower. **C15** ▶



Shelby Lynn
Country music vocalist's tribute to the British soul singer Dusty Springfield. **C3** ▶



Chef Martin
Local Chef Martin Murphy is leaving Southwest Florida for the Great White North. **C23** ▶