

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Ongoing events

■ **Art - "I Am in It: Contemporary Chinese Calligraphic Expressions"** is on display at **Florida Gulf Coast University** at the Arts Complex Gallery through Feb. 16. Guest curator Yiguo Zhang, Director of Nankai University's Art History Center, brings an exhibition of work by five contemporary Chinese artists who have broken from their classical training as calligraphers and applied the discipline to their personal creations. The artists will be conducting talks and demonstrations during the exhibition. For information go to artgallery.fgcu.edu or call (239) 590-7199.

■ **Clyde Butcher** - Visions of the Big Cypress National Preserve, The photographic art of **Clyde Butcher**, is on display at the **Museum of the Everglades** in Everglades City. Butcher has been a fine art photographer for over thirty years and has photographed many different areas of the country however he is known for his extensive photographic work on the Everglades ecosystem. The Museum of the Everglades is located in historic Everglades City, three miles south of US 41 and SR 29. Exact address is 105 West Broadway. For more information, please call 239-695-0008. In everglades museum

■ **Art** - A juried art show at the **Art League of Fort Myers** runs through Feb. 23. The Art League is located in the City of Palms parking garage building at 1451 Monroe Street, between Bay and First Street in the downtown River District. For information call 275-3970 or online at www.artleagueoffortmyers.org.

■ **Art - Rising Stars Art Studio in Cape Harbour** in Cape Coral is presenting award winning guest artist Pam Brodersen whose medium is Digital Imaging. The exhibition is "Island Impressions" and runs thru Feb. 11. Regular Studio hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

■ **Call for artists - Florida West Arts**, a Southwest Florida performing and visual arts organization, is looking for area "arts as healing" programs - as well as individual performing and visual artists - to participate in ARTS & HEALING to be held on March 29 at Coconut Point in Estero. ARTS & HEALING is presented by Coconut Point, in cooperation with Florida West Arts, and sponsored by the News-Press "Your Health Monthly" magazine. There is no entry fee for the event. For more information, and to apply to participate in ARTS & HEALING, contact Florida West Arts by e-mail at info@floridawestarts.com or call (239)784-0707.

■ **Call to artists - The Naples Art Association** at The von Liebig Art Center in Naples, Florida, invites artists residing in the State of Florida to submit up to three entries of current work (created after January 1, 2006) in any media for ART ENCOUNTER 2008. The fine art and contemporary craft exhibition will be installed in the art center's six galleries from May 10 to June 29. At least \$3,000 in cash awards will be presented to artists during the Members' Preview Reception and Awards Presentation on May 9. Works appearing in the exhibition as well as the award winners will be selected by guest juror Brian Dursum, director and chief curator of the Lowe Museum of Art at the University of Miami in Coral Gables. Online entries will be accepted at juriedartservices.com until March 16 with a non-refundable online application fee of \$42 (\$30 for current NAA members), and late entries (extra \$20) will be accepted through March 30. NAA membership is not required. ART ENCOUNTER 2007 featured 68 works by 49 artists from 416 entries submitted by 155 artists. Entries came from as far away as Crystal River and Jupiter. For details, visit naplesart.org or call (239) 262-6517 x106.

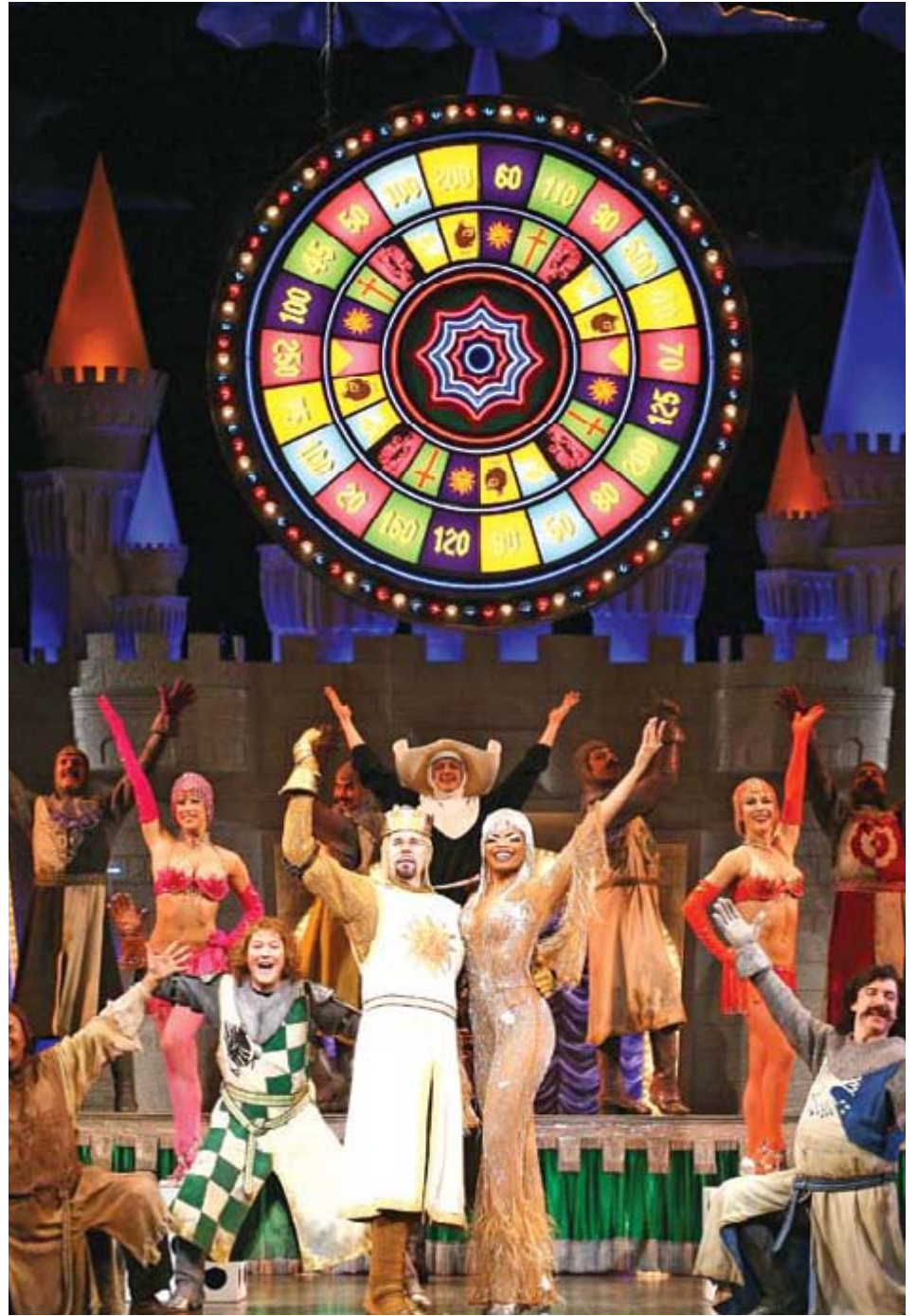
Upcoming events

■ **Symphony - The Gulf Coast Symphony**, under the direction of Andrew Kurtz, presents A Tribute to Irving Berlin Pops Concert Sunday, Feb. 17 at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall**. An American composer and lyricist, Berlin was one of the most prodigious and famous American songwriters in history. He was one of the few Tin Pan Alley/Broadway songwriters who wrote both lyrics and music for his songs. Although he never learned to read music beyond a rudimentary level, he composed over 3,000 songs, many of which ("God Bless America", "White Christmas", "Alexander's Ragtime Band", "There's No Business Like Show Business") left an indelible mark on American music and culture. In addition to his individual songs, he also composed 17 film scores and 21 Broadway scores. Tickets are available at the Barbara B. Mann Box Office or by calling (239) 481-4849.

■ **Forum - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** opens at the Historic **Arcade Theatre** on Friday, Feb. 15 and runs through March 16. The zany streets of Ancient Rome come alive in this musical farce, which features some of Stephen Sondheim's most memorable songs

including "Comedy Tonight" and "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid." With its unforgettable characters and witty book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum has been delighting audiences for more than forty years. Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo is directing the production and leading another expert team of designers including set designer Richard Crowell (Rainmaker, To Kill a Mockingbird) and Stones in His Pockets' Graham Kindred is back again this season to design the lighting. Florida Rep resident costume designer, Roberta Malcolm will oversee the costumes that were worn on Broadway in the 1996 revival starring Nathan Lane and Whoopi Goldberg. Florida Repertory Theatre is located on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry in the Historic Arcade Theatre in the Fort Myers River District. Subscriptions and single tickets are available through the Box Office (239.332.4488), or visit Florida Rep online at www.floridarep.org

■ **Art** - An exclusive exhibition by artist legend **Peter Max** will be on display at the **Peter Max Gallery**, 370 12th Ave. South, Naples Feb. 16 and 17. The show includes exquisite paintings, lithographs and sculp-



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tures. With paintings on exhibition in hundreds of museums and galleries worldwide, Peter Max and his vibrant colors have become part of the fabric of contemporary culture. Max has been successively called a Pop Icon, Neo Fauvist, Abstract Expressionist and the United State's "Painter Laureate." For more information about Peter Max, visit www.petermax.com.

■ **Spamalot - Monty Python's SPAMALOT**, winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical will hit the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** at beginning Tuesday, Feb. 26 for six night. Monty Python's SPAMALOT is the outrageous new musical comedy lovingly ripped off from the film classic "Monty Python and The Holy Grail." Directed by Tony Award-winner Mike Nichols, with a book by Eric Idle and John Du Prez, SPAMALOT tells the tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail. Flying cows, killer rabbits, taunting Frenchmen and show-stopping musical numbers are just a few of the reasons audiences everywhere are eating up SPAMALOT. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Jackson Browne - Jackson Browne's Solo Acoustic Tour** comes to the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by

calling (239) 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com. Groups of 20 or more, call (239) 489-3033, extension 3122.

■ **Moonlight and Magnolias** - Stage 88 Community Theatre present "Moonlight and Magnolias" at the **Bonita Springs Community Hall** beginning Feb. 14. The comedy by Ron Hutchinson takes place in Hollywood in 1939. Legendary producer David O. Selznick has shut down production of his new epic, Gone with the Wind, a film adaptation of Margaret Mitchell's novel. The screenplay, you see, just doesn't work. So what's an all-powerful movie mogul to do? Tickets are \$20 at the door. For reservations call (239) 513-8600 or visit www.Stage88.com for more information.

■ **Engelbert Humperdinck** - In a career spanning 35 years, Engelbert has generated sales in excess of 130 million records, as well as four Grammys, a Golden Globe and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He comes to the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. His music has transcended time and his honeyed, mellow voice still continues to reach out to people of all ages...which no doubt is the essence to his long-lasting success. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com. Groups of 20 or more, call (239) 489-3033, extension 3122.

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