

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theatre

■ **Guys and Dolls** - The musical fable of Nathan Detroit, "**Guys and Dolls**" runs through Feb. 16 at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater**. The consummate gambling man, Detroit operates "The World's Largest Floating Crap Game". Songs include Luck Be a Lady, I've Never Been in Love Before, Sue Me and A Bushel and a Peck. 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, or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **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

■ **Moonlight and Magnolias** - **Stage 88 Community Theatre** presents "**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.

■ **The Goat...or who is Sylvia?** - The Naples Players are running the award-winning Edward Albee comedy/drama, "**The Goat...or Who is Sylvia?**" through at the **Sugden Community Theatre in Naples**. Albee's play won the 2002 Tony Award as well as a Pulitzer Prize. Reviewers have called "The Goat..." funny, shocking, disturbing, sad and tragic. And also, very literate and entertaining." This avant-guard, cutting edge production is not for everyone. "The Goat..." takes a controversial look at how we treat those who are outside the norm. Anna Segreto will direct The Naples Players' production; the cast includes Charles Brown, Erin Laughlin, Brad Goetz and Mikhail Spector. "The Goat...or Who is Sylvia" will be performed in the Tobye Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, through March 1. Tickets are \$20, and may be obtained at The Naples Players Box Office, 701 5th Avenue South in downtown Naples, by phone at (239) 434-7340, or online at www.naplesplayers.org

■ **Monky Business** - The musical comedy "**Monky Business**" is running at the **Off Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** through March 15. The show features some fun-loving monks who hold a fundraiser to save their monastery. The Monks have a divine plan with plenty of singing, dancing

and vaudeville routines. For information and tickets call (239) 278-4422 or online at www.broadwaypalm.com.

This week's symphony

■ **The Gulf Coast Symphony**, under the direction of Andrew Kurtz, presents **A Tribute to Irving Berlin Pops Concert** Sunday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Starring soprano Shira Lissek, jazz singer Maci Miller and tenor Don Hill, this concert will take a trip down memory lane as the Gulf Coast Symphony pays tribute to one of America's greatest songwriters of all time. 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. Single tickets are \$26, \$31, \$37 and \$51, with half-price tickets for children under 18. Tickets are available online at www.gulfcoastsymphony.org, by calling (239) 481-4849, or in person at the Barbara B. Mann Box Office one hour prior to the concert. For more information email: info@gulfcoastsymphony.org.

Thursday, Feb. 14

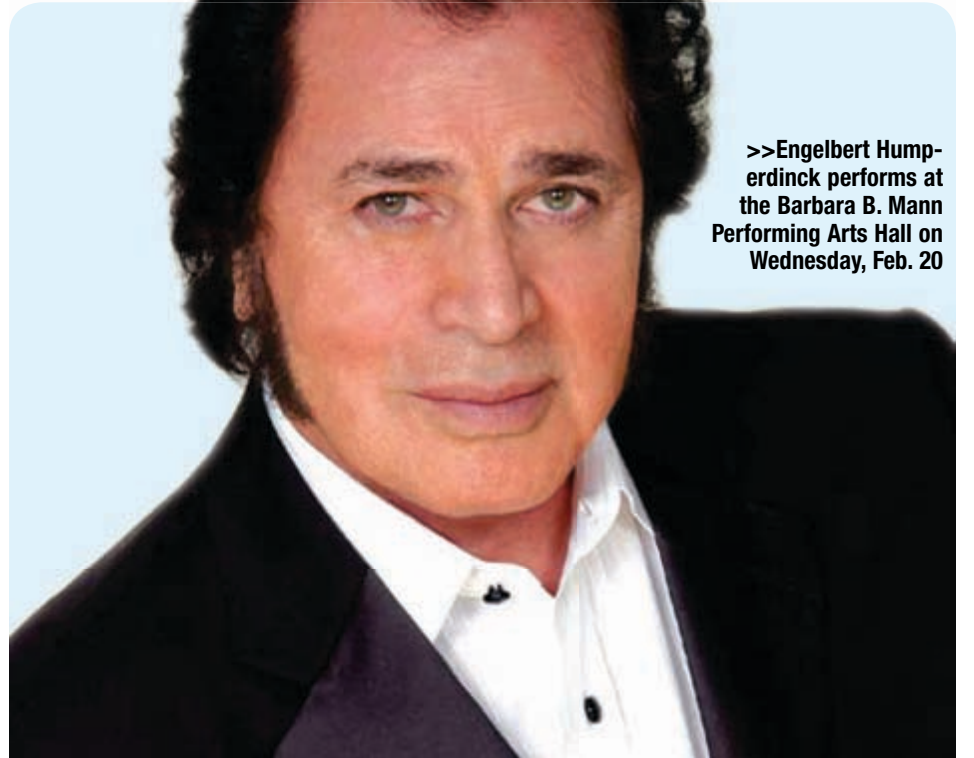
■ **Dance - Hubbard Street Dance Chicago** is renowned for its edgy, athletic and breathtaking choreography as well as its eclectic repertoire. The troupe performs at 8 p.m. at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts**. Incorporating diverse influences ranging from ballet to musical theater to rock 'n' roll, the company captivates, challenges and inspires audiences everywhere. For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at www.thephil.org.

Friday, Feb. 15

■ **Chamber music** - Renowned pianist Philippe Entremont joins the **Israel Chamber Orchestra** for this very special concert at 8 p.m. at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts**. Entremont will perform Schumann's beloved Piano Concerto in A Minor and will also conduct the orchestra in Music Director Gil Shohat's Concertino for Piano and Debussy's Four Preludes, with Shohat soloing. Also on the program: Mendelssohn's joyous "*Italian*" Symphony No. 4. Since 1965, the Israel Chamber Orchestra has been a musical ambassador, presenting important Israeli music around the world to audiences of all ages. For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at www.thephil.org.

■ **Art - Rising Stars Art Studio** in Cape Coral hosts an exhibit by Italian artist **Maria Pia Malerba** beginning Friday, Feb. 15 and running through Sunday Feb. 24. A meet the artist reception runs from 6-8 p.m. at the Cape Harbour gallery. Maria Pia Malerba is an ecliptic artist, expressing herself in different ways and shapes; in this show, she introduces her own hyperrealism. Regular Studio hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The Studio is located at 5781 Cape Harbour Dr., #105 in Cape Coral. Call 541-9992 for information.

■ **Art - Sim Gallery of Fine Arts** presents SIM'ply In Love from 6 to 9 p.m. Embrace the love'ly beauty found in the works of Doug Heslep, Mark Loren Designs, Chad Moriarty, Ann Harrison-May and Claudia O'Brien. These artists capture the essence of love in their watercolors, photography, lightation images and one of kind jewelry and hand blown glass sculpture and they will be present to talk about their work. The gallery is located at 5785 Cape Harbour Drive, Ste. 104, Cape Coral, the phone number is 541-1004 for additional information.



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Saturday, Feb. 16

■ **Edison Grand Parade** - See the country's largest nighttime parade in downtown Fort Myers beginning at 7 p.m. This is the 70th year for the parade that features two hours of floats, marching bands, special guests and fun. The parade begins in downtown Fort Myers and travels south down Cleveland Avenue to Edison Stadium in Fort Myers High School. Visit www.edisonfestival.org or call 334-2999 for information.

■ **Stadium and Fireworks show** - The best seat in town for viewing the Grand Parade and while waiting enjoy national entertainment, a Southwest Airlines Ticket Giveaway and the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre Fireworks is the stadium at Fort Myers High School. Gates open at 4 p.m.. Tickets are \$15 for adults, children 10 and under \$5. Visit www.edisonfestival.org or call 334-2999 for information.

■ **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 sculptures. 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.

■ **Theater** - Tony Award-winning Broadway performer and Emmy Award-winning star **Mandy Patinkin** takes time off from his hit TV series *Criminal Minds* to perform his acclaimed In Concert show at 8 p.m. at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts**. Patinkin's unique, heartfelt interpretations of popular standards, from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Cole Porter to Stephen Sondheim, have mesmerized audiences across the country. The New York Times wrote, Patinkin's "astonishing gifts as a singer and actor have found ideal outlets." For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at www.thephil.org.

■ **Arts & Crafts Fair - The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary** holds the **25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair** at the **Sanibel Community House** at 2173 Periwinkle Way, on Feb. 16-17. This two-day art fair has become an island tradition, and continues to be one of Southwest Florida's finest outdoor celebrations of the arts. Over 100 artists and craftspeople will be displaying their work. Artists are selected from hundreds applying to be part of this long-running event at which they display their sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, and fine arts paintings. There will be food, refreshments, and entertainment. For

more information on the Sanibel Island Arts & Crafts Fair, call (239) 810-9333 or (239) 634-4295.

■ **Art - BIG ARTS** of Sanibel presents the **Expressionism Invitational**, featuring three nationally and internationally acclaimed artists: Marcus Antonius Jansen, Joan Brechin Sonnenberg and Robert Cipriani now until March 1 in Phillips Gallery. An artists' reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

Tuesday, Feb 19

■ **Lecture - Kathryn Fuller**, former president and CEO of World Wildlife Fund-US, will speak on conservation issues at 8 p.m. at **BIG ARTS**. Fuller, extensively knowledgeable and broadly experienced, represents a new type of conservationist. She has worked in public policy, wildlife trade monitoring, and has held several positions in the U.S. Department of Justice. Tickets are \$20. For further information on any of these events or exhibits, information about upcoming events at BIG ARTS, to purchase tickets, sign up for workshops, or become a member, call (239)395-0900, email info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

Wednesday, Feb 20

■ **Engelbert Humperdinck** - In a career spanning 35 years, **Engelbert Humperdinck** 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.

■ **Vivien Leigh** - Shortly after "Gone with the Wind" was published in Britain, an obscure English actress named Vivien Leigh decided she would play Scarlett O'Hara. Two years later, she landed the role. The ambitious young woman's rapid ascent to stardom, and the on-screen victories and off-screen tempests that characterized her life will be recounted in the one woman play "**Vivien Leigh: The Last Press Conference**," at 8 p.m. at **BIG ARTS**, 900 For further information about this event and upcoming events, to purchase tickets, sign up for workshops, or become a member, call (239) 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org