

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF FEB. 28-MARCH 5, 2008 A GUIDE TO THE GREATER FORT MYERS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



NAPLES MUSEUM OF ART

Tammra Sigler, *Red Tipped Yellow Roses on Wasabe Green*, 2007, oil and mixed media on paper

## Naples Museum of Art holds studio tour

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The 13th annual Artists' Studio Tour, presented by the Friends of Art at the Naples Museum of Art, will present a delicious feast of fine art – along with food and conversation – featuring the work of eight internationally recognized artists. The tour includes visits to the artists' homes and studios and will be held over two days – Sunday, March 2, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The artists who will be participating include:

Carmelo Blandino takes the most time-honored subjects of painting – landscapes, florals and the human figure – and makes them seem fresh and daring. His encaustic paintings are often large-scale and meditative, conveying the rich mysteries of nature.

Betsy Ross Koller's delightful paintings reflect her love of nature, animals and the simple, honest virtues of rural life. Influenced by Swiss primitive art, her colorful paintings give viewers both a step backward and forward.

SEE ART TOUR, C16 ►

### if you go

**>> What:** The 13th annual Artists' Studio Tour  
**When:** Sunday, March 2, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**>> Where:** Pick up tickets at the Phil box office and receive a tour map.  
**>> Cost:** Tickets are \$40 for Sunday (includes refreshments) and \$50 for Monday (includes lunch). A Patron's ticket is \$100 for either day with special recognition given to these contributors.  
**>> Information:** To purchase tickets visit [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org) or call 597-1900 or (800) 597-1900.

## refined masculinity

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**J**ock Soto is muscular grace in motion. He dances with a fluid certainty, his gestures and spins making tangible the joy of movement. As principal dancer of the New York City Ballet, Soto won accolades for his 24 years of performances. The *New York Times* declared, "Ballet is a man called Jock"

and photographer Gwendolen Cates spent four and a half years filming Soto, making a documentary of his life and his last years with the company. (The film, "Water Flowing Together," will run during the week of April 8 on the "Independent Lens" series on PBS.)

On Wednesday, March 5, Southwest Floridians will have the unique opportunity to see Soto dance on-stage as part of Bravo! Ballet, a fundraiser for Gulfshore Ballet, a Fort Myers dance school. The program includes 10 dancers from the

SEE SOTO, C4 ►

### if you go

**>> What:** Bravo! Ballet featuring stars from the New York City Ballet  
**>> When:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5  
**>> Where:** Cypress Lake Center for the Arts, 6750 Panther Lane, Fort Myers  
**>> Cost:** \$45 and \$65, with some \$35 seats available in the back. (A \$2 handling charge is added to all tickets.) Special patron tickets are \$150 and include special reserved seating and parking and a sunset supper with the dancers on March 4.  
**>> Information:** Call (239) 214-0446

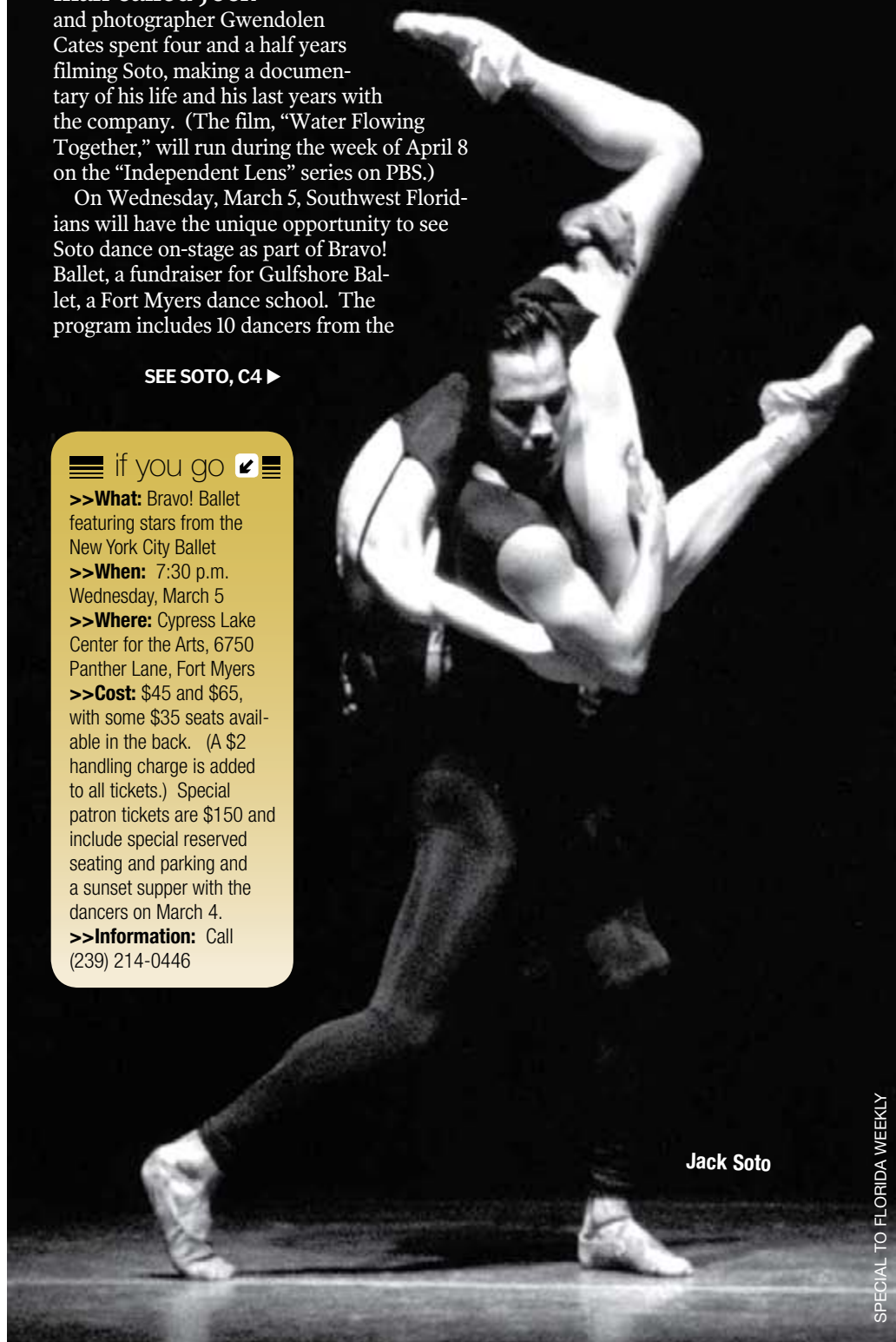


Jock Soto comes

out of retirement to

dance for the

Gulfshore Ballet



Jack Soto

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## WEEK at-a-glance



### Moonlight and Magnolias

The Stage 88 production is five days, three guys and one famous screenplay. **C8** ►



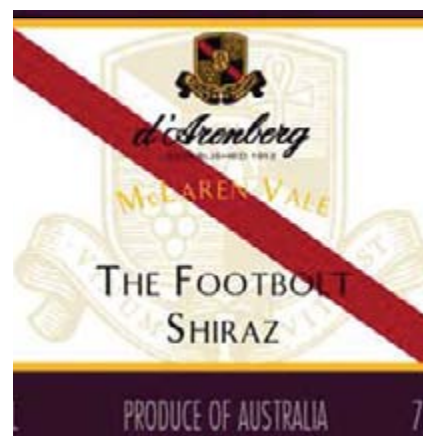
### Smokey

Singer-songwriter Smokey Robinson's at the Phil in Naples on Monday. Check out the other events in the area. **C6&7** ►



### Great music

Naples Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Thursday as part of Shell Point's Fine and Performing Arts Concert Series **C19** ►



### Value vino

How to find low cost and big flavor in tough times. **C26** ►