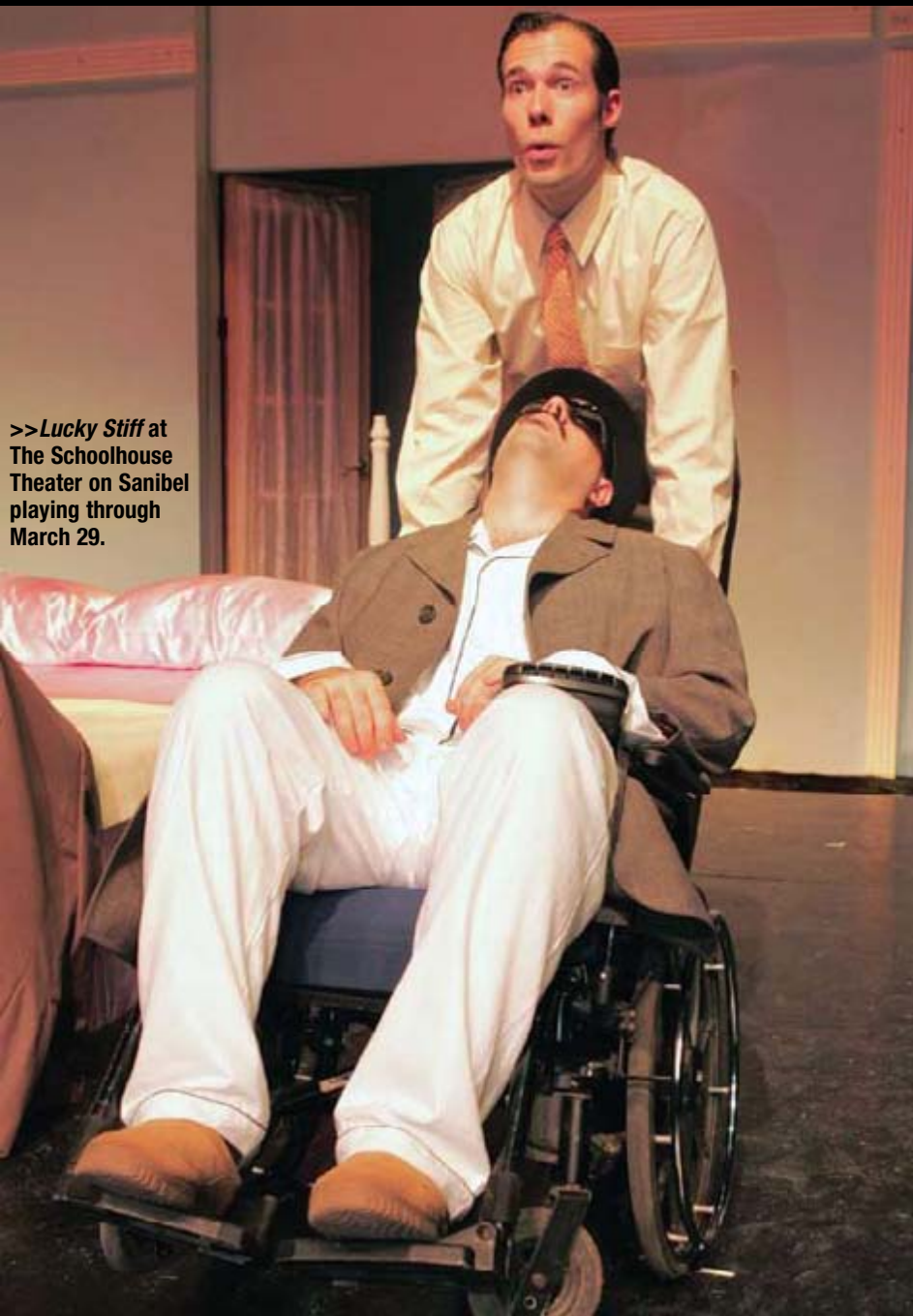


## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## This week's theatre



>>Lucky Stiff at The Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel playing through March 29.

■ **Forum** - "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" runs at the Historic Arcade Theatre 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](http://www.floridarep.org)

■ **Maternal Spirits** - Theatre Conspiracy, a Southwest Florida theatre company presents "Maternal Spirits." Under the direction of Artistic Director Bill Taylor, The comedy revolves around a newly divorced woman whose mother and stepmother have very different and spirited views about her future and love life. The show stars Betty Madonna, Pat Clopton, Annie Wagner and Jesse St. Louis. "Maternal Spirits" won first place in Theatre Conspiracy's tenth annual new play contest, The Palm Springs International Playwriting Festival and the Ashland (Oregon) New Plays Festival. The new theater is located at 2711 Park Windsor Dr #302, is just north of Southwest Florida Regional Hospital off Evans Ave. It is located in

the plaza just behind Sasse's Restaurant. "Maternal Spirits" runs through March 15 with performances Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and select Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 or \$10 for students with proper I.D. For tickets or more information Theatre Conspiracy can be reached at (239) 936-3239.

■ **Anything Goes** - Cole Porter's hit musical "Anything Goes" is on stage at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** through April 5. The fun-filled trip aboard the SS American is packed with Porter classics, lively tap dancing and a boatload of laughs. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$52. Group discounts are available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling (239) 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.

■ **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](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

■ **Cabaret** - Welcome to the "Cabaret" says the Emcee. The musical is presented by The Naples Players' through April 5. Performances are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday nights, 2 p.m. Sundays, at the **Sugden Community Theatre in Naples**. For reservations, \$35 adults and \$10 students, call the Box Office: 263-7990.

■ **Lucky stiff** - Don't miss "Lucky Stiff" at **The Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel** playing through March 29. Come see why something funny's going on. For tickets and information, contact the box office at 239-472-6862.

## Friday, March 14

■ **Art** - An Artist reception to benefit the **American Cancer Society** will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 14 at the office of **Wayne Burr, MD, Concierge Internal Medicine**, 9407 Cypress Lake Drive, Suite C, Fort Myers, in Cypress Lake Commons.

Proceeds benefit research efforts of the American Cancer Society and aid local cancer patients and their families. In addition to funds raised through the sale of original works of art, donations for the American Cancer Society will be accepted. View works and meet artists Jo Ann Lizio, aviation/flight themed mixed media; Ralph Bigletti, metal sculptor; Jo-Ann Golenia, fabric artist; Elsa Morales, watercolor on silk painting; Leoma Lovegrove, painter; and Debra Stone, painting and mixed media. For more information contact the office of Wayne M. Burr, MD, at (239) 333-3748.

■ **Art** - An Artist reception to for the new exhibit, **13 Sculptors**, at the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** begins at 7 p.m. The exhibit features the work of FGCU students. As part of their curriculum they are taught how to design, install, and market an Art Show of their work. The exhibit runs through March 18.

■ **Orchids** - **An Oasis of Orchids** is the theme at the **Naples Orchid Society's 35th annual orchid show and sale**. This year's show will be March 14-16 in McSpadden Hall at the **Naples United Church of Christ**, 5200 Crayton Road, Naples. The church is on the corner of Crayton Road and Seagate Drive, close to the Waterside Shops. Hours are Friday from 3 to 6:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 and children under 12 are free.

■ **Blue Men** - The **Blue Man Group** "How to be a MegaStar 2.1" rock concert national tour plays at **Germain Arena** in Estero at 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, March 15

■ **ZAP!** - A play by Eric Coble is presented in partnership with LCEC by the **Florida Repertory Theatre** at 11 a.m. at the **Brick Bar** in downtown Fort Myers. "ZAP!" is a world premiere play commissioned specially by Florida Rep. This fun and inventive play educates children of all ages about the many wonders of electricity, and teaches us all how to Get Smart, Get Safe and Get Saving. Tickets to Lunchbox Theatre are \$12, and admission includes the performance, a boxed lunch provided by McAllister's Deli, and an interactive workshop with the cast. For tickets and more information, contact Florida Rep's box office at 239-332-4488. Please do not call the Brick Bar for ticket information. lunch provided by McAllister's Deli and an interactive workshop with the actors. Tickets are available through the Florida Rep's box office at 332-4488. Please do not call the Brick Bar for ticket information.

■ **Fiddle** - National Fiddle Competition winner **Bethany Dick** presents a fiddling master class and workshop from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the **Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center**. A competitive fiddler throughout her youth, she won several major titles including a National Championship in 2001. Her first album, "The Beat of My Heart" released in 1998, went to No. 2 on the bluegrass gospel charts. In 2000, Dick moved to Nashville, Tenn., and released her second album, the critically acclaimed "This Beautiful Life." Dick will work with participants in a master class setting, and will present individual and group fiddling instruction to all participating students. Students must have had at least two years of violin instruction to participate. The class participation fee is \$10 per non-member and free for all SBDAC members. All audience members are invited to watch free of charge.

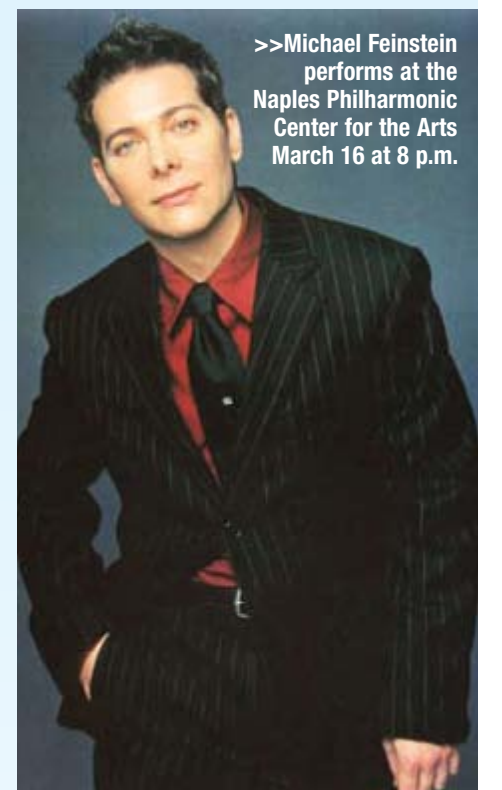
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## Sunday, March 16



■ **Movin' Out** - **Movin' Out** is on stage at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** at 2 p.m. Five-time Grammy winner Billy Joel and legendary director/choreographer Twyla Tharp have joined forces to create the spectacular new musical Time Magazine calls "The #1 show of the year!" The New York Times calls the show "a shimmering portrait of an American generation. These tornado driven dancers and rock musicians propel the audience into delirious ovations." **Movin' Out** brings 24 Billy Joel classics to electrifying new life as it tells the story of five life-long friends over two turbulent decades. It all adds up to one unforgettable Broadway musical. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).



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