

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theatre

■ **Breaking Legs** - The worlds of the Mafia and the Theatre collide in an Italian restaurant with this expertly crafted comic masterpiece. "Breaking Legs" is on stage at the **Florida Repertory Theatre** through April 20. The meatballs hit the fan when a college professor turned playwright has his play produced by a Mafia don. Prepare yourselves for a madcap entrée of murder and menace with a heaping side of pasta and laughter. This is Theatre - Tony Soprano style! Performances are Tues. - Sat. at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Wed., Sun. and selected Saturdays. 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.

■ **Humble Boy** - "Humble Boy," a dramatic comedy by British playwright Charlotte Jones, runs at the **Sugden Community Theatre** in downtown Naples through April 19. Directed by Paul Graffy, "Humble Boy" tells the story of a widowed mother and her theoretical astrophysicist son. Performances run Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, and can be purchased at www.naplesplayers.org, by phone at (239) 263-7990 or at The Naples Players Box Office, 701 5th Avenue South in downtown Naples.

■ **Cabaret** - "Cabaret," the hit Broadway musical is on stage at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** through May 31. The love story of a young novelist and an eccentric singer captures the spirit of pre-war Germany. Willkommen! The words beckon you for some lively entertainment by the magnetic Emcee who welcomes you to Berlin. "Come to the Cabaret, old chum!" Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$52. Group discounts are available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets can be reserved by calling (239) 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com, or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **Lend Me a Tenor** - The **Off Broadway Palm Theatre** presents the award-winning comedy "Lend Me a Tenor," playing through May 3. This clever and wildly entertaining farce mixes mistaken identities, competing opera stars and a symphony of slamming doors. Lend Me a Tenor is set in 1934 at the Cleveland Grand Opera on its biggest night in history. World famous tenor, Tito Merelli, known to his fans as "Il Stupendo" is scheduled to sing the lead in *Otello*, produced as a gala fundraiser that is set to raise \$50,000 for the company. Before the star even leaves his hotel room, things begin to unravel. Tickets can be reserved by calling (239) 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com, or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **The Bible** - "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)" runs through May 10 at **Theatre Conspiracy's** new home located at 2711 Park Windsor Dr #302, in Fort Myers. In this fun and irreverent comedy, three actors perform the entire Bible, Old and New Testaments in less than two hours. From Eve to Exodus through the epistles, the apostles and the gospels via fig leaves and final judgement and exploring deep meaningful theological topics such as: Was Jesus a good carpenter? Did Adam and Eve have navels? Did Moses really look like Charlton Heston? Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with select Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 or \$10 for students with proper I.D. For tickets, complete directions or more information call (239) 936-3239.

■ **Blast** - "Blast!," winner of the 2001 Tony Award for "Best Special Theatrical Event" and the 2001 Emmy Award for "Best Choreography," is on stage at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** for eight performances Wednesday, April 16 through Sunday April 20. The show is comprised of 35 brass, percussion and visual performers brought together in a unique explosion of music and theatre. Born on athletic fields across the nation, "Blast!" is a novel art form evolved from the showmanship of outdoor pageantry. According to Bruce McCabe of the Boston Globe; "Blast! is an exuberant 15-number show that doesn't falter while bridging the categories of classical, blues, jazz, rock n roll, and techno-pop music. Blast! stands, blows, pounds, marches, and whirls with panache. It sent a full house into repeated bursts of cheering and applause." There's a special "Kids' Night on Broadway" performance on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. Kids (moms and dads, too) are invited to attend a special pre-show party with food and fun. Tickets for "Kid's Night on Broadway" are specially-priced: buy one regularly priced ticket and get a kid's ticket of equal value free. This special pricing is valid only for the Kids' Night performance on Wednesday, April 16. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or at www.bbmannpah.com.

This week's symphony

■ **Eternal Light** - Join the **Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus and Chamber Orchestra** for its program "Eternal Light" at 3 p.m. on April 20 at **Riverside Church**, 8660 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers. Charismatic Director of Choruses Joseph Caulkins will conduct this program that includes Rutter's beautiful Requiem - "Be Thou My Vision," Lauridsen's "O Nata Lux" from "Lux Aeterna," "In Remembrance" by Jeffrey Ames and Elgar's "Lux Aeterna" from *Enigma Variations*. The concert is sponsored by The Galloway Group and the Stained Glass Series is sponsored by Madeleine R. Taeni. The Symphony Chorus's second and newest CD will be released at the concert. The CD, "How Sweet the Sound: Songs of Faith and Inspiration" features the Symphony Chorus, Chamber Chorus and the Children's Chorus. They are \$15 each or a two-CD set, which includes the original "Sing Me to Heaven" recorded in 2005, is available for \$25. Single tickets are \$18 and may be purchased by calling the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 or at www.swflso.org. Although tickets may be available at the door, it is strongly recommended they be purchased beforehand.

Thursday, April 17

■ **Concert** - Well-known local actress **Carrie Lund Cacioppo** will perform with duo pianists **Kirk Whipple and Marilyn Morales and the Unconservatory Festival Orchestra** at the final concert of the season for **Shell Point Retirement Community's sixth annual Fine and Performing Arts Concert Series**. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and tickets are still available. Lund Cacioppo, who is well-known for her dramatic work with the Florida Repertory Theatre will be reciting the poetry of Ogden Nash to compliment the performance of Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*, which is one of the selections by Whipple and Morales. In addition to this popular work, their program will also include Bach's *Concerto in C Major for Two Pianos and Strings*. Kirk Whipple and Marilyn Morales have performed at venues throughout the United States, Europe, Costa Rica, Spain, and throughout the Caribbean. Tickets for this concert are \$25. To purchase tickets or receive additional information about this concert or payment information, please call (239) 454-2067 or visit www.shellpoint.org.

Friday, April 18

■ **Art** - **Rising Stars Art Studio** will present "A Tropical Journey" from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the **Promenade at Cape Harbour**, located at 5781 Cape Harbour Drive. The event will feature sculpture by David Lanier, paintings by Uschi Lanier, Maria Pia Malerba and Sarah Penna, digital imagery by Pam Brodersen, fused glass and glass jewelry by Lois Johnston and frescos by Cindylee Alexander and student photographer Jennifer Castle. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (239) 541-9992.

■ **Zummo** - Acclaimed guitarist, producer, writer and performer **Vinnie Zummo** makes his Naples debut this at 6 and 8:30 p.m. in Daniels Pavilion at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts**. The shows are part of the Cabaret at the Phil series. The former guitarist for Joe Jackson, Zummo is celebrated for his amazing grasp of many different styles of guitar playing. He has been a featured soloist in movies and on television, where he appeared on Saturday Night Live, The Tonight Show and The Late Show with David Letterman. Cabaret at the Phil presents big-name entertainment in an intimate, club-like setting. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres are available for purchase and may be enjoyed during the show. Tickets for the Vinnie Zummo Trio are \$39. For more information or to order tickets, call (239) 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.thephil.org.

■ **Art** - **Leroy Nichols**, a celebrated oil painter from Sarasota and **William Turner**, an award-winning watercolorist from Bradenton, will present their landscape masterpieces at the **Sim Gallery of Fine Art** in Cape Coral. An Artist Reception will be held on April 18, 6 to 9 p.m. Both artists graduated from Ringling Art School in the 1950's and didn't meet again until 2008, when they agreed to show work at Sim Gallery. It is located at 5785 Cape Harbour Drive, Ste. 104. Call 541-1004 for additional information.

Saturday, April 19

■ **Mischief Makers** - The Mischief Makers - The children's play "The Mischief Makers," presented by the Florida Repertory Theatre, is on stage at 11 a.m. at the Brick Bar in downtown Fort Myers. A lesson in world mythology and folklore, "The Mischief Makers" shows audiences what happens when three of the world's most famous and mischievous characters find themselves mysteriously thrown together on the same totem pole. 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.

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Sunday, April 20



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■ **Vicki Lawrence** - Emmy Award-winning comedienne **Vicki Lawrence** presents "Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two-Woman Show," at the **Philharmonic Center** in Naples at 8 p.m. Lawrence is one of the most beloved television personalities of her generation, best-known for her endearing character "Mama," first on "The Carol Burnett Show" and then on "Mama's Family." A multi-talented entertainer, Lawrence is also an accomplished singer, who earned a gold record for her hit "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia." This acclaimed new show mixes stand-up comedy, storytelling, music and a special guest performance by Thelma Harper, a.k.a. Mama. Tickets are \$48. For more information or to order tickets, call (239) 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.thephil.org.

Monday, April 21

■ **Pascal Rioult Dance** - The **Pascal Rioult Dance Theatre**, known for its daring and imaginative explorations of classical scores, is coming to Naples for one performance at 8 p.m. at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts**. The Pascal Rioult Dance Theatre is a unique force in dance that adheres to the tradition of modern dance yet pushes the bounds of the contemporary. Rioult creates new work that brings a fresh perspective to timeless themes. In Naples, the troupe will perform "The Ravel Project," an evening of dance set to the lush scores of Maurice Ravel, featuring the classic Bolero. Tickets for the Pascal Rioult Dance Theatre are \$49. For more information or to order tickets, call (239) 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.thephil.org.

Tuesday, April 22

■ **Off-Broadway** - The off-Broadway smash hit "**Bermuda Avenue Triangle**," written by and starring Renée Taylor and Joe Bologna, comes to the **Philharmonic Center** in Naples at 8 p.m. "Bermuda Avenue Triangle" is the tale of two widows (Renée Taylor from TV's "The Nanny" and Lainie Kazan from "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"), set up in a Las Vegas retirement condo by their daughters, who think life has passed them by - until they both meet and fall in love with the same charming swindler (Joe Bologna from Big Daddy). Tickets for "Bermuda Avenue Triangle" are \$56. For more information or to order tickets, call (239) 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.thephil.org.