

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theatre



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■ **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.

■ **Mr. Green** - "Visiting Mr. Green," the final offering in its gala 10th anniversary season, runs through May 18 at the **Florida Repertory Theatre**. Written by Jeff Baron, "Mr. Green" is a touching and heartwarming play about connecting and finding friendship in the most unexpected places. The production stars David S. Howard as Mr. Green, an actor remembered for his portrayal of Morrie Schwartz in Florida Rep's 2006 production of "Tuesdays with Morrie." Performances are Tues. - Sat. at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Wed., Sun. and selected Saturdays with a Twilight Performance at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 4. Subscriptions and single tickets are available through the box office 332-4488, or visit Florida Rep online at www.floridarep.org.

■ **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 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.

■ **Dance Lessons** - The delightful comedy, "Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks," runs at the **Sugden Community Theatre** in downtown Naples through May 17. Written by Richard Alfieri, the show tells the story of a lady of a certain age who has retired to the West Coast of Florida, and signs up for a course of dance lessons in her own home. When the dance instructor arrives for the first lesson, sparks and banter fly as two strong personalities clash. Critics have described the show as "entertaining, thoughtful, razor sharp, charming, funny and genuinely moving." The Naples Players production stars Diane Davis and David Goguen, and is directed by Jeff Hoover. The show is performed Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are available at The Naples Players Box Office, 701 5th Avenue South in downtown Naples, by telephone at (239) 263-7990 or online at www.naplesplayers.org

■ **Princess and the Pea** - **Broadway Palm Children's Theatre** presents "The Princess and the Pea," playing May 8, 9, 14, 16, 18, 23 and 24. "The Princess and the Pea" is the story of a handsome prince who is searching for a wife. Not being able to find out if the girls are really princesses, he gives up his search. One rainy night a girl comes to the prince's door claiming she is a princess and needs a place to sleep. To find out if she is truly a princess the prince places a tiny pea under 20 mattresses to see if she feels it, because no one but a real princess could be so sensitive. The chef's special buffet includes children's favorites like hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, chicken and more. Ticket prices for lunch and the show are only \$15 for all ages. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling (239) 278-4422, visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com, or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **42nd Street** - The ultimate Broadway musical comedy, "42nd Street" will go on stage at **Estero High School** on Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m., in the Estero High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students with an ID, and will be sold at the door. This landmark show, which is based on the classic 1933 movie musical of the same name, "42nd Street" is the story of a naive young actress named Peggy Sawyer (played by sophomore Anna Robbins) who arrives to audition for the new Julian Marsh (played by freshman Diego Rodriguez) extravaganza set to open on Broadway starring aging leading lady Dorothy Brock (played by senior Kelsey Thompson). A classic backstage story, "42nd

Street" is a delightful throwback that the entire family will enjoy. For more information contact Estero High School 947-9400 or the Drama Department at 273-7587.

This week's symphony

■ **From the New World** - The **Naples Philharmonic Orchestra** presents "From the New World," a special classical program under the baton of Music Director Jorge Mester. Performances take place Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, at 8 p.m. On the program: Dvorak's vibrant and dynamic "New World" Symphony, one of his most recognizable works; and two Tchaikovsky masterpieces: "Polonaise" from his great opera "Eugene Onegin," and the powerful "Piano Concerto No. 1," considered among the most popular piano concertos ever written. Joining the orchestra to perform it will be Joyce Yang. Tickets to 'From the New World' are \$48 for adults and \$20 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact Customer Service at (239) 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd. in Naples.

Saturday, May 10

■ **Art** - The **Naples Museum of Art** will host a free-admission **Family Day** on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A number of special events relating to the current exhibition "Pablo Picasso: Preoccupations and Passions" are planned. The exhibition closes on Sunday, May 18. Included will be interactive bilingual storytelling with Carrie Sue Ayvar, face painting and temporary tattoos with Cori Scheft, portrait sketches by artist Jason Weber, hands-on art activities, a fun-filled treasure hunt, juggling clowns and more. All activities are free. Docent-guided tours of the museum take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. through May. The Naples Museum of Art is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

■ **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, May 11



>>Catherine Truesdale conducts The SWF Symphony Children's Chorus in "Children of Hope" at 3 p.m.

■ **Children of Hope** - Celebrate Mother's Day with the **Southwest Florida Symphony Children's Chorus** as they perform "Children of Hope" at 3 p.m. at Cypress Lake United Methodist Church in Fort Myers. Director Catherine Truesdale will conduct this program that includes moving songs of hope. Single tickets are \$18 and may be purchased by calling the Symphony box office at 418-1500 or on line at www.swflso.org. Although tickets may be available at the door, it is strongly recommended they be purchased beforehand.

Monday, May 12

■ **Kat Epple** - **Florida Repertory Theatre** is holding a special to the season, a benefit concert given by **Kat Epple**, an Emmy Award-winning and Grammy nominated flautist and composer at 7 p.m. at the Historic Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers. Epple will be playing flutes from around the world, including Celtic, Native American, African, Suling and bass flute. She will be performing with special guest musicians and performers, including: Chuck Grinnell, keyboard, D.L. Turner, harp, Lawrence Voytek, alternative audio, Nathan Dyke, percussion and didjeridu, Miko Amore, bass and James Taylor, mandolin. The original music will include a variety of musical styles and moods. Tickets are \$20 and are available at www.floridarep.org/boxoffice or by calling (239) 332-4488. There will be an after-concert party at Space 39 Modern and Contemporary Gallery and Patio 33 Restaurant in the Patio de Leon in the Fort Myers River District.

■ **Youth Orchestra** - The **Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra**, led by conductor Michael Simpson, will honor its graduating seniors with the season finale at 7 p.m. at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall**. The orchestra will perform "Russian Easter Overture" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, "Danse Bacchanale" by Camille Saint-Saens and "Pops Hoedown" by Richard Hayman. The first place Concerto Competition winner, Katrina Allmendinger, will perform Mozart's Flute Concerto. The brass quintet, the woodwind quintet, the string quartet and "Sinfonietta," conducted by Nanette Grant, will also perform. Tickets for the concert are \$7 and may be purchased by calling the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the performance.