

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theatre

■ **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.

■ **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 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.

■ **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.

This week's symphony

■ **Bernstein & Brahms** - The **Gulf Coast Symphony**, Southwest Florida's community orchestra, presents another of its acclaimed Classical Access Concerts on Sunday, May 18 at the Anderson Theater on the campus of Bishop Verot High School. The program, "Bernstein & Brahms," pairs Leonard Bernstein's Symphony No. 1 "Jeremiah" with the first symphony of Johannes Brahms and features mezzo-soprano Janelle McCoy. The Anderson Theater is located at 5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers. Single tickets are \$10-20, children under 18 are free. Tickets are available online at www.gulfcoastsymphony.org, by calling (239) 481-4849, or in person at the Anderson Hall box office one hour prior to the concert.

■ **Pops** - The **Naples Philharmonic Orchestra** presents "Patriotic Pops," a stirring musical tribute to the United States of America, at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts**, Thursday through Saturday, May 15-17 at 8 p.m. Maestro Jeff Tyzik will lead the orchestra in this rousing concert, featuring some of the most beloved and inspiring music ever written about the United States. The concert, titled "America - The Land We Love," will include Sousa's "The Liberty Bell," "Semper Fidelis," an inspiring Armed Forces Salute recognizing all branches of the military, and much more. Veterans of the military branches will be invited to participate. Tickets are \$46 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.

Friday, May 16

■ **Art** - "First Look" is a visual art exhibit at the **Alliance for the Arts** featuring Senior Projects of Florida Gulf Coast University visual art students. An opening reception, free to the public, runs from 5 - 7 p.m. Also in attendance at the opening will be the new C.E.O. of the Alliance, Gary Conley. The artwork created by FGCU visual arts students will be featured in the exhibit at the Alliance and were chosen by the Exhibition Committee from the Alliance. "First Look" will be on display at the Alliance for the Arts through June 6. The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard. Visit www.artinlee.org for further information.

Saturday, May 17

■ **Art** - The opening reception for "Reflexive," featuring the works of **Pavol Roskovensky**, will be held from 6-10 p.m. at **Space 39 Modern & Contemporary gallery**. The artist explores a more naturalistic method of painting, creating images that are meticulously detailed and provide an almost spiritual transcendence. He explores the idea that true nature can not be rendered on a picture plane by a human hand. "Reflexive" will be on display until June 15. Space 39 Modern & Contemporary is located at 39 Patio de Leon, Fort Myers. For more information, call (239) 690-0004 or visit www.spacethirtynine.com.

■ **Soaps** - The best of daytime television soap stars return to **Marco Island** for the 10th **SWFL Soapfest** to raise money for charity. On May 17 and 18, actors from All My Children, As The World Turns, General Hospital, and Guiding Light will mingle with Southwest Florida residents and visitors for a weekend of non-stop cruises, parties, and fun. For additional ticket information email soapfest@vsm.net. Tickets can be purchased online at www.soapfest.com or call the office at 239-394-4559 to make arrangements. Ticket sales are final and non-refundable.

■ **ART** - **Art of the Olympians** will be featured in the **Bob Rauschenberg Gallery/Edison College** from May 17-June 19. There will be a special preview event featuring the Art of the Olympians collection to be showcased at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games at The Prince Jun Palace. Olympic Gold Medalists, Bob Beamon and Pat McCormick, among other Olympians will be present at this special preview exhibition, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery is located on the campus of Edison College. For additional information call: 239-489-9313 or visit the Web site, www.bobRauschenberggallery.com

Sunday, May 18

■ **Youth concert** - Musicians from the **Philharmonic Youth Orchestra** play side by side with professional musicians from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and by themselves, in the Major/Minor Concerts at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts**. The final Major/Minor Concert of the season, conducted by Andrew Lane, is set for 7 p.m. Hear the area's most accomplished young musicians. Tickets are just \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Tuesday, May 20

■ **Chamber** - The **Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's Chamber Ensemble** will present "Piano Quintets," at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts** at 8 p.m. On the program: a staple of chamber music repertoire, Schumann's lyrical and stormy "Piano Quintet." This work established Schumann's reputation as a composer and remains a favorite of audiences worldwide. Also featured will be Haydn's lovely "Divertimento in F" for winds and Franck's chamber masterpiece, "Piano Quintet." Tickets are \$29 for adults and \$13 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.



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