

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theatre

■ **Wizard of Oz** - The classic movie musical **"The Wizard of Oz"** comes to the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater** stage through July 26. The Wizard of Oz, based on the book by Frank L. Baum and the world famous 1939 film, chronicles the adventures of Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion and... Toto, too. You'll hear the songs from the score you know and love such as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "We're Off to See the Wizard" and "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$52. There is a summer special for children 18 and under, tickets are just \$18 for dinner and the show. 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, or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **Schoolhouse Theatre** - **The Schoolhouse Theater** presents **"Caught in the Net,"** the sequel to Sanibel's favorite comedy, "Run for Your Wife." "Run for Your Wife" is Ray Cooney's biggest hit and the longest running comedy to have played in London's West End. In this superb, hysterically funny British farce, London cabbie John Smith lives a happy life with his wife Mary. He also lives a happy life with his wife Barbara. Since neither Mary nor Barbara knows the existence of the other, John's cleverly scheduled life is free of incident... UNTIL...a trip to the hospital sends John Smith into the most hilarious mix-up of a lifetime. "Caught in the Net" takes place 18 years later, and modern technology is about to lead John Smith's two families into a head-on collision. His son Gavin (with his mum Barbara) and daughter Vicki (with her mum Mary) are discussing having met in an Internet chat room. They are amazed that they both have fathers named John Leonard Smith who are London taxi drivers, and since romance has blossomed, they are determined to meet in person...and chaos ensues...Come see "Run for Your Wife" on Mondays and Wednesdays and "Caught in the Net" on Tuesdays and Saturdays - all shows are at 7 pm. And don't forget about our special toll relief coupon! Bring us your toll receipt and we'll give you a \$5 coupon off the purchase of your next adult priced ticket. That's both shows for the price of one toll! For more information and tickets for the show, please call the Box Office at: 239-472-6862 or check out our website: www.theschoolhousetheater.com.

>>"The Secret Garden" is on stage at the Sugden Community Theatre through Aug. 2.



■ **Secret Garden** - For its Naples summer musical extravaganza, The Naples Players bring to the stage **"The Secret Garden,"** a production based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The book and lyrics for "The Secret Garden" were written by Marsha Norman; the music is by Lucy Simon. **The Naples Players'** production includes a cast of more than 30 and a full orchestra. Tickets for "The Secret Garden" are on sale at The Naples Players Box Office. Also on sale is a return of the summer dinner/show package offered by The Naples Players and Vergina Restaurant. The show runs Wednesday through Saturday evenings until the last performance on August 2, the dinner/show package costs \$48 for an adult. After enjoying a three course dinner at Vergina, the ticket holder then watches a performance of "The Secret Garden." On Sundays, dinner follows the matinee. Individual tickets for The Secret Garden cost \$30 per adult and \$10 for children under 18. The show opens June 27 (opening night is sold out) and runs through August 2. For reservations for the dinner/show package or for individual tickets to any performance, visit The Naples Players Box Office at 701 5th Avenue South in downtown Naples. The office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets also may be purchased by phone at (239) 263-7990 or at www.naplesplayers.org

Friday, July 4

■ **Independence Day** - Check out Florida Weekly's guide to activities on our nation's birthday on page A-17.

Upcoming events

■ **Backyardigans** - A national touring production of **"The Backyardigans Live! Tale of the Mighty Knights"** will stop at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on July 15 and 16 for two performances. Tickets are now on sale. Since its debut on Nickelodeon's preschool weekday lineup, "The Backyardigans" has become the No. 2-rated preschool show on all of commercial TV among the target audience of preschoolers. The shows will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$32.50, \$27.50 and \$17.50. For more information, call (239) 481-4849 or visit www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Fab Four - The Fab Four**, known for their uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of Beatles' songs, return to the **Philharmonic Center** by popular demand on Saturday, July 19 at 8 p.m. This incredible stage show includes three costume changes representing each era of the Beatles' career. Hear record-perfect live performances of such classics as Can't Buy Me Love, Yesterday, A Day In The Life, Penny Lane, Here Comes The Sun, Hey Jude and many more. Tickets to The Fab Four are \$35. 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.

■ **Sara Evans** - Country superstar **Sara Evans** comes to the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Friday, September 19. The award-winning country singer dominates country radio airwaves, was celebrated as one of People magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People", and attracted a new legion of fans with her spirited turn on "Dancing with the Stars." Evans has earned numerous number-one hits, two of which she co-wrote, including "Born to Fly," "No Place That Far," "Suds In The Bucket" and "A Real Fine Place to Start," which spent two weeks at the top of the country charts. Of the five albums Evans has released, her sophomore set, "No Place That Far," has been certified gold; 2001's "Born to Fly" is double-platinum and 2003's "Restless" and 2005's "Real Fine Place" are both platinum. Evans recently released "Sara Evans - Greatest Hits" - a 14-song collection featuring 10 of her signature songs as well as four inspired new songs. Tickets go on sale Friday, June 20 at 10 a.m. at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com. For groups of 20 or more, call Lois at (239) 489-3033, extension 3122.

■ **Lisa Williams** - **"Lisa Williams: Life Among the Dead"** comes to the **Mann** on Wednesday, September 24. As an Internationally acclaimed, Medium and Clairvoyant, Williams has an amazing ability to communicate with loved ones and friends who have passed on to the 'other side'. Born in England, she was discovered by Merv Griffin and has her own hit show 'Lisa Williams, Life Among the Dead', which is going into its second season on Lifetime TV. In additions to appearing on Good Morning America, Oprah and The Jimmy Kimmel Show, Williams has just completed her first book published by Simon and Schuster. Although many of her readings are in front of large audiences, she also does personal readings and is a trained Reiki and Crystal Healer. Through her large audience readings, Williams works with loved ones and spirit guides of the audience to help resolve past issues, inform them of situations that they may find themselves in and give closure and healing. Tickets go on sale Friday, June 20 at 10 a.m. at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com. For groups of 20 or more, call Lois at (239) 489-3033, extension 3122.

■ **Chris Isaak** - Performer **Chris Isaak** comes to the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Friday, September 9. In the course of Isaak's career, he has released nine extraordinary albums, twelve singles (such as "Wicked Games", "Baby Did A Bad Thing" and "Blue Hotel"), been nominated for two Grammy awards, acted in several motion pictures and starred in his own critically acclaimed TV series. His legendary shows with his longtime band Silvertone have entertained tens of thousands of people for over two decades. On Sept. 9, Isaak, with Special Guest Lisa Loeb, comes to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Tickets go on sale Friday, June 27 at 10 a.m. at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com. For more information, visit www.chrisisaak.com and www.lisaloeb.com. Tickets are \$39.50 to 75.



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