

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Upcoming events

■ **Blood, Sweat & Tears** - Tickets for Edison College's sixth annual **Edison POPS @ Sunset** concert, featuring the legendary jazz/rock band **Blood, Sweat & Tears**, are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased through the Edison POPS Web site, www.edisonpops.com. Tables of 10 are \$400, and reserved seats are \$40. Tables and reserved seats can be purchased online until Oct. 20. General admission tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online up to the day of the event. The sixth annual Edison POPS @ Sunset concert is scheduled the evening of Saturday, Oct. 25 on the grounds of Edison College, 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. Additional information is available through the Edison POPS Web site or by calling (239) 489-9085.

■ **Lakeside Bash** - Country music sensation **Sugarland** will headline the second annual **"Sam Galloway Ford Lakeside Country Bash"** at Lakes Park on Nov. 8. The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation, Lee County Parks and Recreation and Gator Country 101.9 FM are planning the outdoor concert with international concert promoter AEG Live. Tickets for the concert are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the gate, with proceeds benefiting the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation. Tickets are on sale at all Ticketmaster retail outlets and www.ticketmaster.com, or avoid ticket surcharges by purchasing at Gator Country, Lakes Park or Estero Community Center. For updates and additional information on the upcoming concert, listen to Gator Country 101.9 or visit www.lakesparkenrichmentfoundation.com

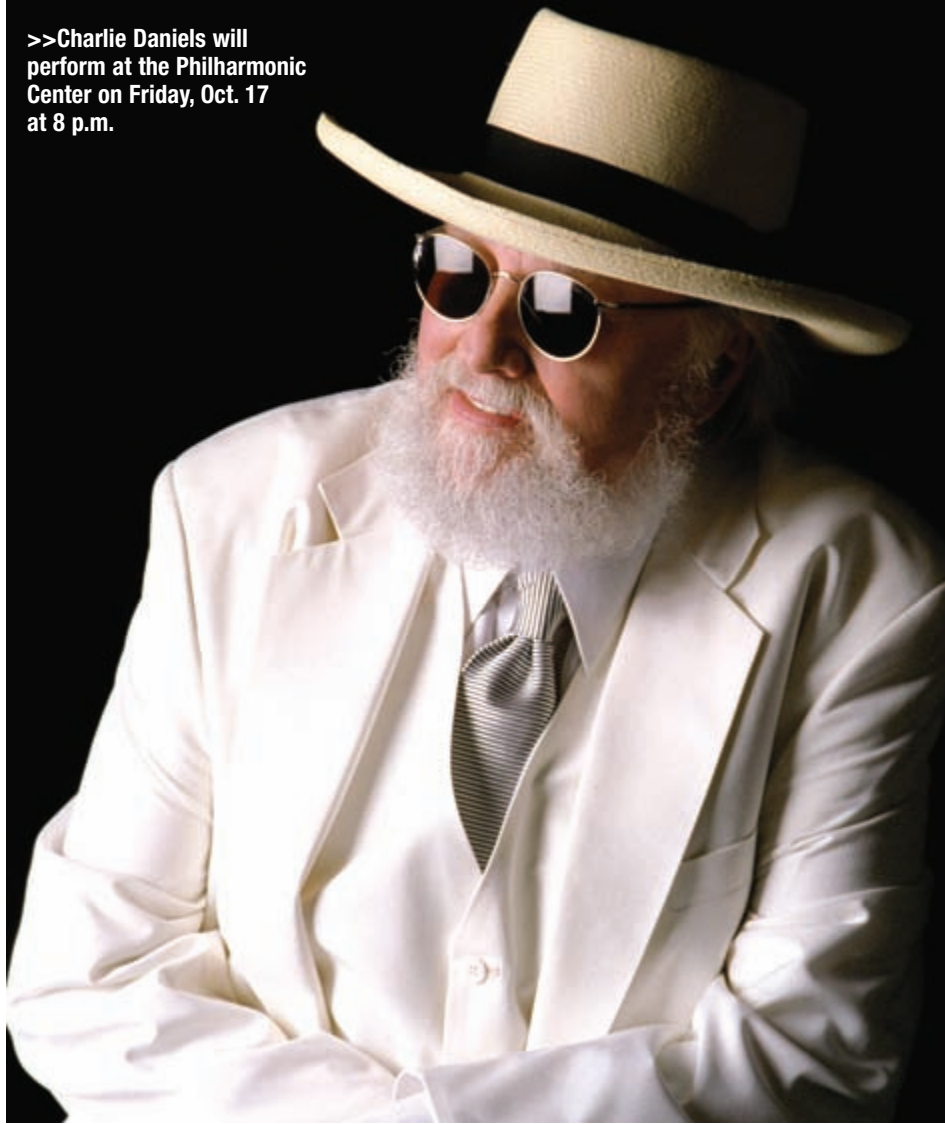
■ **Animal Magnetism** - Join **Arts for ACT Gallery**, located at 2265 First Street in the River District, Fort Myers from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3 for **"Animal Magnetism"** by **Ken Hoffman** from Peoria, Ill. Hoffman, professor emeritus of art from Bradley University, has had his paintings exhibited in Paris, Germany, Poland, Australia, Ireland, and Argentina. He is currently represented by Walter Wickiser Gallery and Amos Eno Gallery, both in New York City. For the past 15 years, the anthropomorphic subject matter of his animal portrait paintings has been the central focus of his work; he strives to convey animal-people expressions, revealing to the viewer how close humans are to animals.

■ **The Glass Menagerie** - The Tennessee Williams' classic opens the season for the **Florida Repertory Theatre** Oct. 3-12. This tale is one of the most beloved and moving stories of the 20th century, and is Florida Rep's World Classic Initiative for 2008 as well as Lee County Library's One Book One Community. Set in a humble St. Louis apartment, it is the story of fading Southern gentility in the wake of Depression-era realities. Tickets are on sale through the box office, (239) 332-4488. Visit Florida Rep online at www.floridarep.org

■ **The Producers** - **The Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts** theater department is performing the hit musical **"The Producers"** Nov. 20-22.

■ **Art show** - **The Naples Art Association** will present the **Non-Juried All Artist Members Show of Shows** exhibition from Oct. 24 to Nov. 9. All NAA artist members as of July 1, 2008, are eligible to submit one piece. Works will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis determined by when registrations are received. Applications are due by 4 pm on Friday, Sept. 26, and must be accompanied by a completed entry form and a check for \$35. Artwork receiving is Oct. 18 and 19.

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■ **Call for artists** - The new **daas Gallery** encourages all artists, local and international, to be part of this uniquely diminutive collection. A juried collective exhibition of small format pieces. Artists may submit their work by Friday, Nov. 14 for an opening on Friday, Dec. 5. Submission pieces can not to exceed 12 inches on any side. Each artist may submit up to two pieces. Veron Ennis, the curator of the Ferrari Gallery in Cape Coral, will jury this "tiny" collection. Entry forms are available at the gallery. The gallery is open from Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 - 3 p.m. Visit www.daasgallery.com for more information.

■ **Art Walk** - Eleven historic River District art galleries and venues have united to form **Art Walk**, a free downtown art celebration, on the first Friday of each month from 6 pm until 10 pm. beginning on Oct 3. Participating groups in the year-round event will include Art of the Olympians, Art League of Fort Myers, Arts for ACT Gallery and Boutique, Community Art Showcase in the Harborside Event Center, daas Gallery, Southwest Florida Museum of History, Howl Gallery, La Casa Del Arte Gallery, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Space 39 Gallery, and Union Street Artist Company. Along with the art galleries, restaurants and other businesses will support the monthly trek. Opening receptions will be held at many of the galleries, along with refreshments and music. Friday Night Live, the popular weekly concert series in the Patio de Leon, will provide a musical interlude between 5 and 8 p.m. as art patrons wander from one art stop to the next.

■ **Call for artists** - **The Alliance for the Arts** announced a call for artists for **"Too Hot to Handle: A Political Issues Show"** to be held Oct. 10-Nov. 15. The juried show is open to all artists in the categories of sculpture, painting (including oil, acrylic, collage, watercolor, and mixed media), photography, prints and drawings. Only original artwork will be accepted. An entry consists of one to three artworks. A non-refundable entry fee for members is \$25 for up to three entries or \$10 for one. For non-members,

the fee is \$35 for up to three entries or \$15 for one. Work must be dropped off by Oct. 6 for consideration. The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For a complete prospectus and entry form, please visit www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.

■ **Born in the USA** - **The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra** presents **Born in the USA**, the second of two programs in the new Classics Light! Series. This fun, casual, fast-paced concert will be led by Stuart Chafetz, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. This exciting program features some of the most beloved popular music of the 20th century, created by American composers, including Gershwin's "An American in Paris" and selections from "Porgy and Bess" Copland's "Dance Episodes from Rodeo" John Williams' "Olympic Fanfare" Leonard Bernstein's "Overture to West Side Story" and much more. Tickets to Born in the USA are \$42 for adults and \$21 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.

■ **Mozart's Requiem** - **The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra** will present **Mozart's Requiem**, the composer's final masterpiece, on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. James Cochran will conduct and the Philharmonic Center Chorale will join the orchestra for this special concert. Cloaked in mystery and legend, Mozart's Requiem was commissioned in 1791 by an anonymous emissary, but Mozart died just weeks later, leaving the Requiem to be completed by an assistant. Was Mozart writing his own funeral music? Did he see the emissary as a messenger from the next world? Tickets to Mozart's Requiem are \$47 for adults and \$22 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.

■ **American Brass** - **The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet** with Percussion will present American Brass Festival on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center. This lively chamber event, featuring a variety of American music, includes: Joe Green's spirited percussion piece "Xylophonia," from 1925, known for its virtuoso xylophone parts; Dave Brubeck's groundbreaking "Blue Rondo a la Turk," which mixes jazz, classical form and Turkish rhythms; W.C. Handy's classic "Beale Street Blues," a tribute to the Memphis street that gave birth to the blues; and contemporary composer Anthony Plog's "Four Sketches" for brass quintet. Tickets to American Brass Festival are \$32 for adults and \$15 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.

■ **Charlie Daniels** - Grammy Award-winner and pioneering country music star **Charlie Daniels** will perform at the **Philharmonic Center** on Friday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. Daniels is known for his fiery fiddle playing and his band's down-home fusion of hard-core country with hard-edged Southern rock - a unique sound influenced by gospel, blues and boogie-woogie. Tickets to The Charlie Daniels Band are \$56. 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.

■ **Classic Rock All-Stars** - The original stars of five legendary bands have formed a classic rock supergroup, the **Classic Rock All-Stars**, who will perform at the **Philharmonic Center** on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. Featuring: Peter Rivera, original lead singer of Rare Earth; Jerry Corbetta, founder and lead singer of Sugarloaf; Mike Pinera, founder and lead singer of Blues Image and later vocalist and guitarist with Iron Butterfly; and Dennis Noda, formerly of Cannibal and the Headhunters. Tickets to Classic Rock All-Stars 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.

■ **Bad Dates** - **"Bad Dates,"** the uproarious smash hit comedy that has left audiences in stitches across the country, opens at **Theatre Conspiracy** Friday, Oct. 10. Part "Sex in the City," part "Bridget Jones' Diary" and part "The Perils of Pauline," "Bad Dates" is all good fun. You'll be wiping away tears of laughter and sympathy as Texas transplant, single mother and shoe fanatic Haley Walker struggles to raise her daughter, run a popular restaurant and find her way back into the dating world in modern-day Manhattan. Witty, endearing and laugh-out-loud funny, "Bad Dates" takes a stream-of-consciousness look at modern-day relationships through one woman's search for the perfect date—and the perfect pair of shoes. The show runs through Saturday, Nov. 1. Theatre Conspiracy is located at 2711 Park Windsor Dr., suite 302, Fort Myers.

■ **The Goodbye Girl** - **Naples Players** present **"The Goodbye Girl"** opening Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the Sudden Community Theatre in Naples. With a theme of lowering one's defenses long enough to form a solid family, even if it isn't the one you pictured, this snappy musical introduces us to Paula, a skeptical dancer trying to make it in New York and finding herself with an unexpected and unwanted roommate. Simon's book is laugh-out-loud funny and Hamlisch's music is catchy. "The Goodbye Girl" is funny, charming, tuneful, and a perfect evening of musical comedy song, dance and dialogue." - BroadwayWorld.com The show runs through Saturday, Nov. 8.