

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theater

■ **Best Little Whorehouse - Broadway Palm Dinner Theater** presents "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," running through Nov. 15. A sizzlin' good time is coming when Miss Mona and her "ladies" from the heart of Texas entertain politicians, cowboys and even a college football team after their victory. When her legendary house of ill-repute is ordered to be closed down by the governor, Miss Mona and her girls take on the establishment in this rip-roaring, high-octane production! Includes the songs "Hard Candy Christmas" and "The Aggie Song." Performances are Wednesday through Sunday with selected matinees. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m. For reservations and show information, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, call 278-4422 or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Blvd.

■ **The Goodbye Girl - The Naples Players** opens its new season at the **Sugden Community Theatre** with Neil Simon's romantic comedy, "The Goodbye Girl." The show runs through Nov. 8. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Dallas Dunnagan directs and Meg Pryor choreographs. Music directors are Julie Shaffer and Aurora Wells. Scenic design is by Matt Flynn, and costume design is by Dot Auchmoody. Vergina Restaurant has partnered with the theater again for the season, offering "Dinner and a Show" for \$58, which includes a three-course dinner before a stroll across 5th Avenue for the show. Tickets to the show only are \$35 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and younger. For information and tickets, stop by The Naples Players box office at 701 5th Avenue South, call (239) 263-7990 or go to www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Forbidden Broadway - "Forbidden Broadway"** is on stage at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater - Off Broadway**, through Dec. 20. "Forbidden Broadway" is the hysterical musical comedy that pokes fun at Broadway productions. For reservations and show information, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, call 278-4422 or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Blvd.

■ **Born Yesterday** - "Born Yesterday," by Garson Kanin, runs at the **Florida Repertory Theatre** through Nov. 16. A perfect play for the heated election season, this play is a classic love story set in the midst of 1940's Washington politics. When Harry Brock, an uncouth and corrupt tycoon, brings his showgirl mistress, Billie, to Washington, her innocence and naivety threaten to undermine his shady business deals. When Harry hires someone to teach Billie the ropes, he gets more than he bargained for. Tickets are on sale through the box office, 332-4488. Visit Florida Rep online at www.floridarep.org

■ **We Love a Piano** - The toe-tapping musical revue, "We Love a Piano," is playing at The Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel. "We Love a Piano" features classic hits by Irving Berlin. "I Got the Sun in the Morning," "Steppin' Out With My Baby" and "Cheek to Cheek" are just a few of the many musical numbers in this light-hearted journey. The show runs through Nov. 8. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children and students. Call the box office at 472-6862 for tickets or visit www.TheSchoolhouseTheater.com. The Schoolhouse Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

■ **Women of Lockerbie - "The Women of Lockerbie"** is playing at the **Toby Studio at Sugden Community Theatre**. The Naples Players' poetic drama by Deborah Brevoort runs through Nov. 22. The Sugden Community Theatre is located at 701 5th Avenue South in downtown Naples. Shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students 18 and younger. For information and tickets, call The Naples Players Box Office at (239) 263-7990 or online at www.naplesplayers.org

■ **Cinderella** - The Creative Theater Workshop will present, "Cinderella" at **Alliance** beginning Nov. 7. "Cinderella" Nov. 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15 at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. This children's production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical brings adventure, romance, and a miraculous kingdom to the stage. As the timeless fairy tale unfolds, a pumpkin turns into a golden coach, mice turn into horses, a dove becomes a footman, and a famously shabby maid sees her wildest dreams come true. Even if you know the ending, this quintessential classic will still have you asking, "Will the slipper fit?" Tickets are \$8 for children 12 and under/seniors and \$12 for adults when purchased online and \$10/\$15 at the door. Visit www.CreativeTheaterWorkshop.com for tickets and show information or call 738-3525.

This week's symphony

■ **Romantic Ideal** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's Classical Series opens with "The Romantic Ideal," under the baton of Music Director Jorge

Mester. The concerts take place at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6-8 at 8 p.m. The Conductor's Prelude begins one hour before each concert. Included in the program will be Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique", a dramatic, dreamlike work about a young man's unrequited love. Among the most original compositions of the 19th century, this mesmerizing symphony covers a vast emotional landscape, from passion to despair. Opening the program will be a charming and witty reworking of Boccherini's "The Night Retreat" from Madrid, reminiscent of Ravel's Bolero. Tickets are \$64 for adults and \$25 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.

Thursday, Nov. 6

■ **Navy jazz** - The Navy's premier jazz ensemble, the **Commodores**, presents the finest in America's truly original music at 7 p.m. at the Cambier Park bandshell. A specialty unit of the United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C., the group features 18 of the Navy's top jazz and big band musicians. Under the leadership of Senior Chief Musician Philip M. Burlin, the Commodores combine the best of Jazz and popular music.

■ **Luis Miguel** - Known by many as "El Sol de México," Luis Miguel is indisputably one of the most popular singers in Latin America and best known for his smooth vocals and romantic ballads. He plays the Germain Arena at 8 p.m. Mr. Miguel, who only sings in Spanish, has won five Grammys, four Latin Grammys, and sold more than 90 million albums to date worldwide. Tickets are \$95, \$75 and \$55 and are available at Ticketmaster.

Friday, Nov. 7

■ **Art Walk** - Eleven historic River District art galleries and venues have united to form **Art Walk**, a free downtown art celebration from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. 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.

■ **Arts for ACT** - Join **Arts for ACT Gallery**, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers, from 7 to 10 p.m. for the November "Meet the Artists" opening reception, featuring artists Darryl Pottorf, Renee Rey and the Core Artists from Howl Gallery.

■ **Union Street** - Union Street Artist Gallery opens at 6 p.m. at 2363 Union St. in downtown Fort Myers. The gallery is housed in a building that was built in 1922 and used as storage for the trains that ran to Fort Myers. In the 1970s, the building was used as a place for artists to teach, work and display their pieces. Now, Union Street Artist Gallery is bringing it back to life, restoring the structure and showcasing the contents left behind. For information, call 699-1655.

■ **Rising Stars - Rising Stars Art Studio, Inc.** in Cape Coral has a new exhibit. "Dragonflies," created by metal sculptor Steven Swenor, are symbols of harmony, good fortune and serendipity. The opening reception is from 6 to 8 p.m. The show runs through Nov. 30. The Studio is located at 5781 Cape Harbour Dr., #105 in Cape Coral. Call 541-9992 for information.

Saturday, Nov. 8

■ **Lakeside Bash** - Country music sensation **Sugarland** headlines the second annual **Sam Galloway Ford Lakeside Country Bash** at Lakes Park at 3:30 p.m. Gates open at 3 p.m. Joining Sugarland are Kellie Pickler and Ashton Shepherd. 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

■ **The next Jackson Pollock** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents "Finding the Next Jackson Pollock" from 5 to 8 p.m. The evening event lets patrons enjoy a variety of delicious food presentations; dance to soothing Latin rhythms; create an artwork in the "Jackson Pollock" painting studio; and create and fire their own unique raku vessel on the outdoor stage. Proceeds from this fun and entertaining event will benefit the children and outreach programming.



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