

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theatre

■ **Cirque Dreams** - A magical jungle unfolds on the stage at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** with **"Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy."** The critically acclaimed theatrical sensation runs through Feb. 10. Because of ticket demand, an additional performance has been added on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Artistic Director Neil Goldberg and his Florida based Cirque Productions have created "Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy," an all new, world class, acrobatic, musical and imaginative adventure that is wowing audiences of all ages throughout the country. Tickets are on sale now and available at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com

■ **Guys and Dolls** - The musical fable of Nathan Detroit, **Guys and Dolls** runs through Feb. 16 at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater**. The consummate gambling man, Detroit operates "The World's Largest Floating Crap Game." Songs include "Luck Be a Lady," "I've Never Been in Love Before," "Sue Me" and "A Bushel and a Peck." This song and dance extravaganza is fantastic entertainment for all ages. It embraces the season with Broadway-style dancing, stunning costumes and the traditional holiday favorites you know and love. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com, or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **A Perfect Wedding** - Robin Hawdon's **"A Perfect Wedding"** is on stage at the **Sugden Community Theatre** in Naples through Feb. 9. It's a bedroom farce. It's a wedding-day fiasco. It's uninterrupted confusion, comedy and mistaken identity. The script is witty; utterly nonsensical and absolutely charming, and answers the question "Who love who?" For information and tickets go to www.naplesplayers.com or call (239) 263-7990.

■ **The Goat...or who is Sylvia?** - The Naples Players are on state with the award-winning Edward Albee comedy/drama, **"The Goat...or Who is Sylvia?"** through March 1 at the **Sugden Community Theatre in Naples**. Albee's play won the 2002 Tony Award as well as a Pulitzer Prize. Reviewers have called "The Goat..." funny, shocking, disturbing, sad and tragic. And also, very literate and entertaining." This avant-garde, cutting edge production is not for everyone. "The Goat..." takes a controversial look at how we treat those who are outside the norm. Anna Segreto will direct The Naples Players' production; the cast includes Charles Brown, Erin Laughlin, Brad Goetz and Mikhail Spector. "The Goat...or Who is Sylvia" will

be performed in the Tobby Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, from Feb. 6 through March 1. Tickets are \$20, and may be obtained at The Naples Players Box Office, 701 5th Avenue South in downtown Naples, by phone at (239) 434-7340, or online at www.naplesplayers.org

■ **Monky Business** - The musical comedy **"Monky Business"** is running at the **Off Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** through March 15. The show features some fun-loving monks who hold a fundraiser to save their monastery. The Monks have a divine plan with plenty of singing, dancing and vaudeville routines. For information and tickets call (239) 278-4422 or online at www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Miracle in Rwanda** - Making its world premiere with **TheatreZone** in Naples last season **"Miracle in Rwanda"** now returns after playing The Ohio Theatre in New York City and the Edinburgh Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Performances are Feb. 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 9 and 10 at 2 p.m. What would you do if you met the man who was responsible for the slaughter of your family? If you were Immaculee Ilibagiza you would choose to forgive him. Leslie Lewis Sword brings to life the true story of Immaculee Ilibagiza, a Messenger of Hope, in her one-woman show. Immaculee survived the 1994 Rwandan genocide-including the brutal murder of her own family emerging as an international voice for peace and forgiveness. TheatreZone is on The Community School of Naples campus, in the G&L Theater Building. It is located at 13275 Livingston Rd., Naples, just north of Pine Ridge Road and a short distance from exit 107 of Interstate Highway 75. For tickets or information call (239)449-2323 or online at www.theatrezone-florida.com.

This week's symphony

■ **The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra**, under the direction of conductor Jorge Mester, performs the works of Smetana, Canteloube and Mahler at 8 p.m. Feb. 7, 8 and 9 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10 at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts**. Soprano Shana Blake Hill will accompany the orchestra. Works include: Smetana's "Overture to the Bartered Bride," Canteloube's "Songs of the Auvergne" and Mahler's "Symphony No. 4." A Concert Prelude is one hour prior to each *Great Composers* performance by acclaimed music lecturer Phillip Gainsley. For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at www.thephil.org.

Friday, Feb. 8

■ **Art - "Just Desserts"** a short **Art League of Fort Myers** exhibit opens with a reception featuring real desserts created by Pastry Chef Karen Schaffer from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit features small paintings and photos of desserts at the 1451 Monroe Street gallery. Tickets are on sale at the ALFM gallery for \$10 each. The paintings also on sale, will be a maximum size of 11x14, and will be priced under \$100 with many being in the \$50-\$75 range. Paintings will be available for one week. All paintings are originals and they are created by local artists.

Saturday, Feb. 9

■ **Michael Kimmelman** - The chief art critic for the New York Times, will be speaking at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts** at 10 a.m. Kimmelman is regarded by many as the most influential art critic writing today. For his Naples appearance, he will talk on his recent bestselling book *The*

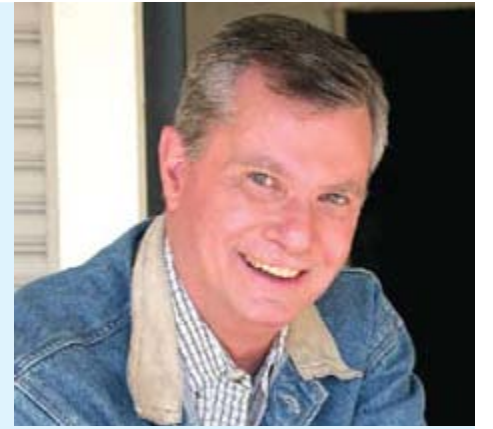


Accidental Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa, which explores the enigmatic status of great art and how to best approach it. Entertaining and highly accessible, Kimmelman's book inspires readers to see and think in new ways. It shows how great art can be anonymous or accidental — and can consume a life. For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at www.thephil.org.

■ **Ms. Courageous** - The children's play **Ms. Courageous**, presented by the Florida Repertory Theatre, is on stage at 11 a.m. at the **Brick Bar** in downtown Fort Myers. It's a collage of scenes from the lives of Elizabeth Blackwell and Marie Curie. Blackwell was the first woman in the United States to become a doctor with a medical degree, and Curie won two Nobel prizes for her work in physics and chemistry. Written by Joanna Halpert Kraus, *Ms. Courageous* explores the difficulties and challenges these two remarkable women faced and overcame. 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.

■ **Art - Maru Carreras**, brass and acrylic artist, and **Joanmarie and Emily Lermann of Radiant Renditions** crystal jewelry designs, are the **Harbour View Gallery's** visiting artists for the month of February. A reception to meet Maru, Joanmarie and Emily is at 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery located at 5479 Cape Harbour Drive, Unit 104 on the promenade at Cape Harbour Marina South. The work of the seven Harbour View Gallery member-owner artists will also be on display. Refreshments will be served. No reservation necessary. For more information call 540-5789.

■ **Art - Actor/artist Dwayne Hickman**, who is known to millions of fans as the star of the classic television series "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," will be making his first gallery appearance in Florida, bringing his One Man Art Exhibit to the "Olde Florida Gallerie" located in the **Bell Tower Shops** in Ft. Myers from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hickman's gallery exhibits have received an enthusiastic response from the public and the media.



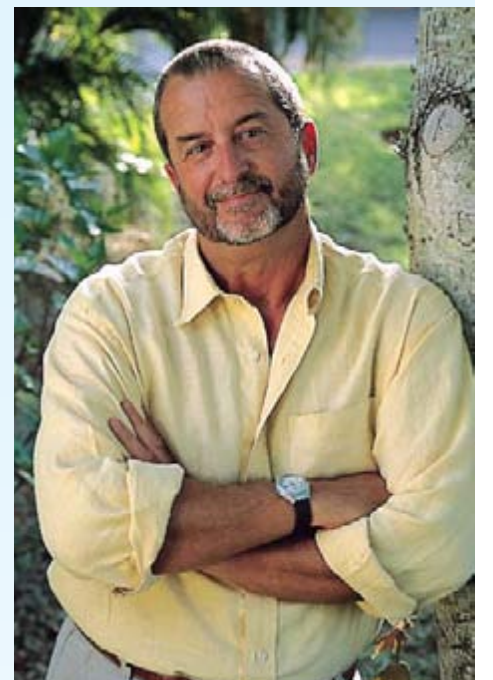
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Wednesday, Feb 13



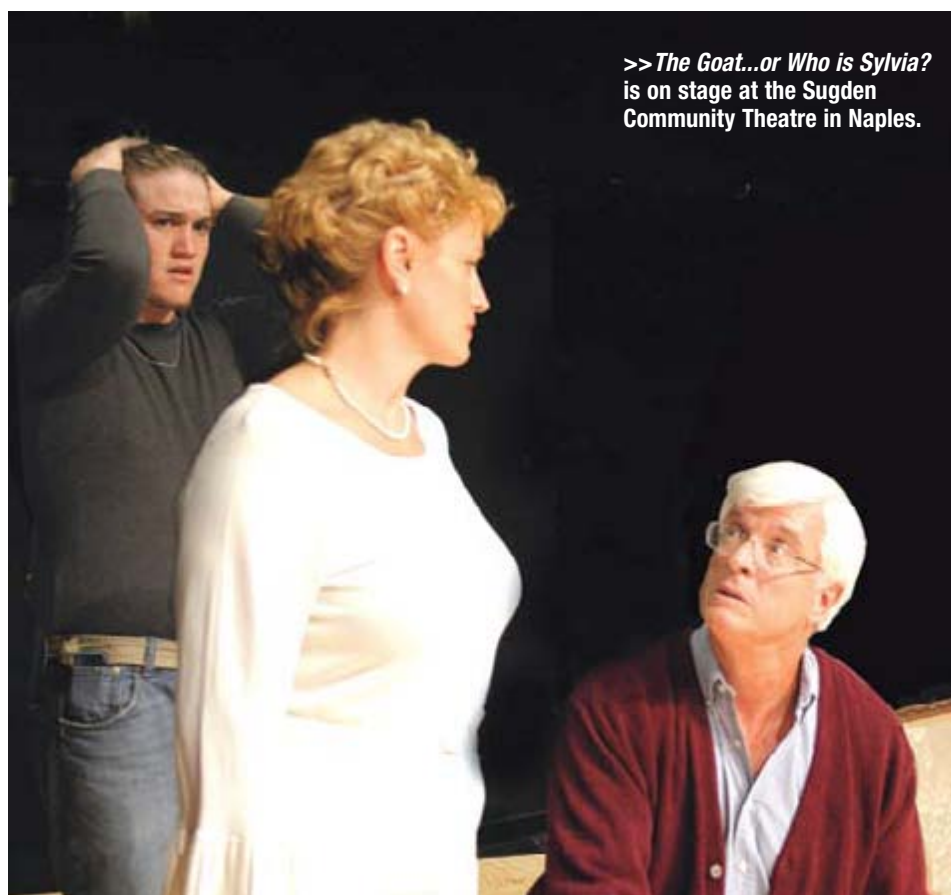
>>Trisha Yearwood

■ **Trisha Yearwood** - Country Music star Trisha Yearwood hits the stage at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** at 7:30 p.m. Talent, dreams and determination are an intoxicating little cocktail. It's a recipe that has served to propel a litesome Georgia blonde from local honky tonks to the world's most prestigious stages. Sitting in a Nashville studio listening to mixes of her Big Machine Records debut, "Heaven, Heartache and the Power of Love," it is obvious Yearwood is living the dream and loving every minute of it. With three Grammys, three Country Music Association honors, and 19 top ten singles to her credit, including such career-defining hits as "She's in Love With the Boy," "Perfect Love," and "How Do I Live," it might be tempting to rest on her considerable laurels, but that's not in Yearwood's nature. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com.



>>Bob Morris

■ **Bob Morris** - The Southwest Florida Museum of History's **"Night at the Museum: an Author's Evening"** features author **Bob Morris** from 7 to 9 p.m. The event includes light fare and refreshments, dessert by Mason's Bakery, a presentation by Morris and a meet-and-greet book signing. The cost is \$15. Morris, a former News-Press writer and world traveler, writes the Caribbean based mysteries series featuring Zack Chasteen, knockabout palm-tree farmer and haphazard hero.



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