

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Monday, Feb 25

■ **Chamber music** - The second performance of the **Chamber Music Society of Southwest Florida's** series features the **Afiara String Quartet**, a Canadian group based in San Francisco and finalists at the Banff International String Quartet competition. They will perform Shostakovich's String Quartet No. 7 in F# minor, Op. 108, Samuel Barber's Dover Beach, and a regional premiere of a John Zorn's Cat o' Nine Tails. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. Tickets are \$20. For information call 236-1654 or go to [www.chambersociety.org](http://www.chambersociety.org)

Wednesday, Feb 27

■ **Lecture - Woody Hanson**, grandson of the "White Medicine Man," W. Stanley Hanson, will hold a special talk back presentation on 6 p.m. at the **Alliance for the Arts**. The exhibit, "Florida's Seminole Indians: A Journey with the White Medicine Man" is on display through Feb. 29. W. Stanley Hanson, known as the "White Medicine Man" of the Seminole Indians, was born in 1883, in Key West. When still an infant in his mother's arms, he and his family moved to Fort Myers, then a primitive little village of only a few hundred inhabitants. Hanson's father, Dr. William Hanson, and his mother, Julia Allen Hanson, were descended from old and established lines of English ancestry. Dr. Hanson, a graduate of Edinburgh, was one of the first practicing physicians in this area. His patients included the elderly, Tom Edison and occasional Seminole Indians, with whom his son made acquaintance. Stanley's playmates included the children of the Seminole Indian patients and later he would accompany his father into the wilds of the Everglades to provide medical care to the Indians. As a young man he knew them all by name, knew their language, understood them and loved them.

■ **Lecture - "Tinkering with Eden, a Natural History of Exotics in America,"** by **Kim Todd** tells the stories of non-native species and how they arrived in the United States. Species covered range from pigeons, brought over by some of the earliest colonists, to starlings, imported by a man who wanted to bring all the birds mentioned in Shakespeare to Central Park. Ding Darling Refuge Reads will discuss the book at 10 a.m., in the refuge Education Center. Admission is free. For more information, or to become a friend of the refuge, call (239)472-1100 ext. 241 or visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org).

Ongoing events

■ **Art - BIG ARTS** of Sanibel presents the **Expressionism Invitational**, featuring three nationally and internationally acclaimed artists: Marcus Antonius Jansen, Joan Brechin Sonnenberg and Robert Cipriani now until March 1 in Phillips Gallery. Phillips Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

■ **Art - The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery** presents "New Century New Painting: Recent Acquisitions from the Martin Z. Margulies Collection." The exhibit runs through April 5. The work in this exhibition, produced since the turn of this century, speaks directly to some of the central issues painters are working with today. Imagery, gesture, form, abstraction, representation, pattern and materials are explored in this exhibit and reflect the broad range of ideas being developed by some of today's premier artists. On loan from the Martin Z. Margulies Collection in Miami Beach, the exhibit includes work by Claire Woods, Bram Bogart, Jonathan Meese, Tal R, Chris Ofili, Karin Davie, Ulf Puder, Oliver Dorfer and others. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For additional information call: 239-489-9313 or visit [www.bobRauschenberggallery.com](http://www.bobRauschenberggallery.com)

■ **Art** - A juried art show at the **Art League of Fort Myers** runs through Feb. 23. The Art League is located in the City of Palms parking garage building at 1451 Monroe Street, between Bay and First Street in the downtown River District. For information call 275-3970 or online at [www.artleagueoffortmyers.org](http://www.artleagueoffortmyers.org).

■ **History** - One of the greatest anthropological finds in history, "LUCY: The Story of Human Origins" spans 50 million years in scope, from the early primates to the dawn of humanity. This exhibition, at the SWFL Museum of History in downtown Fort Myers, represents a historical frame of reference for the human timeline which includes this comprehensive collection of exact replicas of skeletons, skulls, footprints, tools, and artifacts dramatically illustrates the story of the progression of humankind on Earth. As part of the exhibit, the museum store will feature anthropological items and gifts and the best-selling book by the man who discovered her; "Lucy: The Beginning of Humankind," by Donald Johanson and Maitland Edey. The exhibit runs through June 12. Call (239) 332-5955 or visit [www.cityftmyers.com/museum](http://www.cityftmyers.com/museum).

■ **Art - Rising Stars Art Studio** in Cape Coral hosts an exhibit by Italian artist **Maria Pia Malerba** runs through Sunday Feb. 24. Maria Pia Malerba is an eclectic artist, expressing herself in different ways and shapes; in this show, she introduces her own hyperrealism. Regular Studio hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The Studio is located at 5781 Cape Harbour Dr., #105 in Cape Coral. Call 541-9992 for information.

■ **Call to artists** - The **Naples Art Association** at The von Liebig Art Center in Naples, Florida, invites artists residing in the State of Florida to submit up to three entries of current work (created after January 1, 2006) in any media for **ART ENCOUNTER 2008**. The fine art and contemporary craft exhibition will be installed in the art center's six galleries from May 10 to June 29. At least \$3,000 in cash awards will be presented to artists during the Members' Preview Reception and Awards Presentation on May 9. Works appearing in the exhibition as well as the award winners will be selected by guest juror Brian Dursum, director and chief curator of the Lowe Museum of Art at the University of Miami in Coral Gables. Online entries will be accepted at [juriedartservices.com](http://juriedartservices.com) until March 16 with a non-refundable online application fee of \$42 (\$30 for current NAA members), and late entries (extra \$20) will be accepted through March 30. NAA membership is not required. ART ENCOUNTER 2007 featured 68 works by 49 artists from 416 entries submitted by 155 artists. Entries came from as far away as Crystal River and Jupiter. For details, visit [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org) or call (239) 262-6517 x106.

Upcoming events

■ **Jackson Browne** - Jackson Browne's **Solo Acoustic Tour** comes to the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling (239) 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com). Groups of 20 or more, call (239) 489-3033, extension 3122.

■ **Art - Arts for ACT Gallery**, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers, will hold its artful evening opening artist's reception from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, March 7. The work of **Tracie, Doug and Oscar Thompson** will be featured. The Thompsons, father, son and daughter, each possess unique styles and subject matters, including a mixture of painting, photography and mixed media using found objects. Michael Pohlman will also be exhibiting his mixed media baseball art. Arts for ACT Gallery provides

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a quality, contemporary exhibition gallery featuring original art, limited edition prints, giclees, hand-crafted fine crafts, tee shirts, silver and glass bead jewelry, gourd art, raku, clay, and art cards. Highlighting the art of the current featured artist, the front gallery, reminiscent of galleries in SoHo, has high ceilings, distressed brick walls, and warm wooden floors. Come out to meet the gallery's featured artists, enjoy some local food and wine, and engage in lively artful discussions.

■ **Vocal groups - Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** brings its fourth annual concert series to a close with two classic four-part vocal groups from the 1950s and 60s: the internationally acclaimed **The Four Aces** on March 3 and **The "Original" Diamonds** on March 17. The Four Aces have produced some of the most beautiful renderings ever, including "Three Coins in a Fountain," "Sincerely," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Stranger in Paradise" and many more. Best known for the rock n' roll classic "Little Darlin'," The Diamonds will mix their hits with tributes to classic four-part vocal groups of the era - The Four Seasons, The Four Aces and the Four Lads, to name a few. They also honor some of the greatest solo artists in rock n' roll history. Tickets for both concerts are on sale now. Prices are \$50 for dinner and the show or \$30 for the show only and can be reserved by calling (239) 278-4422, online at [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com) or by stopping by the box office located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **Cabaret** - Welcome to the "Cabaret": says the Emcee. The is presented by The Naples Players' March 5 through April 5. Performances are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday nights, 2 p.m. Sundays, at the **Sugden Community Theatre in Naples**. For reservations, \$35 adults and \$10 students, call the Box Office: 263-7990.

■ **Art** - An exhibit of **William North** oil paintings completed in 2007 during the artist's term as "resident artist" at **Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**, Naples, will be held Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Paintings will include views of Wiggins Pass and the beach, with an emphasis on morning shadow patterns on the sand. North is a well-known impressionist artist with more than 60 years painting experience. The exhibit is a benefit sponsored by the park's volunteer Citizen Support Organization. It will be held in the Pavilion at Parking Area 5. Admission for non-members is \$5 per vehicle with up to 8 people, \$3 for a single driver and vehicle, \$1 for walkers and bicyclists. For Park information, phone 239-597-6196.

■ **Anne Murray** - Anne Murray's signature voice has graced the airwaves on recordings since 1968. She will perform at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. A consummate entertainer, her quick wit and easy sense of humor find their place on stage alongside a string of hits such as "Could I Have This Dance", "Danny's Song" and of course, "You Needed Me". With over 50 million career album sales, the legendary singer continues to sell out concert halls throughout North America. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).

■ **Johnny Mathis** - Johnny Mathis is one of a mere handful of performers today who truly deserves the "living legend" status. He will perform at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Sunday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Since his initial impact on the music scene in the mid-1950's, he has maintained a consistently high level of performance both on recordings and on stage. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).

■ **Art - Space 39** in downtown Fort Myers will hold an opening reception for "Women's Work: Feminist Art from a Man's Perspective" on Saturday, March 22 from 6-10 p.m. The issues of the Feminist Art movement are re-examined and re-interpreted from the point of view of a single dad. Artist **Jeffrey Scott Lewis** uses acrylic paint and canvas to create collages that are inspired by the Quilts

of Gees Bend. Using color, line and texture, the artist questions traditional gender-based roles and responsibilities. The abstract works are given titles that suggest the issues a stay at home mom faces in raising children, keeping a home and maintaining relationships.

■ **Film** - The annual **Jewish Film Festival of Southwest Florida** will be offering more films on more screens than ever before. The festival, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties, kicks off on Sunday, March 9, with an exciting double feature - "Sallah Shabati" and "The Impossible Spy" - at the Regal Bell Tower Cinemas beginning at 2 p.m. It continues on Wednesday, March 12, with "The Rape of Europa," which airs at 7 p.m. at the Regal Bell Tower Cinemas. The next film, "Three Mothers," is being offered in two locations - at Regal Bell Tower Cinemas on Tuesday, March 18, beginning at 7 p.m.; and at the Regal Town Center 16 in Port Charlotte on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. The annual festival concludes with "Aviva My Love" at the Regal Bell Tower Cinemas in Fort Myers on Tuesday, March 25, beginning at 7 p.m. Synopses of all film are below. Series tickets for all five movies are being offered at \$36 per person. Tickets for individual films are \$8 per person, with a special \$12 per person price for the March 9 double feature. Tickets are available by contacting the Federation at (239) 481-4449. They will also be available for an hour prior to show time at each of the scheduled screenings.

■ **Art - Ursula Cappelletti, Bettina Edwards, Martha Graham and Angelika Kade** are featured in the latest **BIG ARTS** exhibit opening March 5 and running through March 31 in Founders Gallery. An artists' reception will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 7 at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call (239) 395-0900, email [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org) or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

■ **Art - The 32nd Sanibel-Captiva Art League Juried Exhibit** attracts artists from Charlotte County to Naples and is open to the 4,000 members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida. **BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery** will host the exhibit from March 6 - 31, at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Realistic and abstract work in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, charcoal, ink and printmaking will be showcased. An artists' reception and awards presentation will be held from 5:30 - 7 p.m. on Friday, March 7. The Sanibel-Captiva Art League Juried Exhibit is sponsored by Lily & Co. Jewelry. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call (239) 395-0900, email [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org) or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

■ **Art - The 13th annual Artists' Studio Tour**, presented by the **Friends of Art at the Naples Museum of Art**, will present a delicious feast of fine art - along with food and conversation - featuring the work of eight internationally recognized artists. The tour includes visits to the artists' homes and studios and will be held over two days - Sunday, March 2, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$40 for Sunday (includes refreshments) and \$50 for Monday (includes lunch). A Patron's ticket is \$100 for either day with special recognition given to these contributors. Carpooling is encouraged - as are comfortable walking shoes. To purchase tickets, visit [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org) or call 597-1900 or (800) 597-1900.

■ **Smooth soul - The Temptations and The Four Tops** perform at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Monday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. The Temptations stand in the forefront of American music - as current today as they were when they formed in the early sixties. The Four Tops have been amazing audiences with their infectious blend of pure vocal power and sweet harmonies since 1954. With hit after hit, starting with "Baby I Need Your Loving," and including "Standing in the Shadows of Love," they maintain their vocal magic and continue to play to sell-out audiences all over the world. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).