

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theater

■ **Duet for One** - Theatre Conspiracy presents "Duet for One" in partnership with Lee Mental Health Center, Inc. at 8 p.m. Jan. 9-23 at 2711 Park Windsor Dr., #302, Fort Myers. Violinist Stephanie Abrahams is young, wealthy and attractive, and one of the greatest violinists in the world. Then one day, a strange feeling in her fingers prevents her from playing. The play unfolds as a series of sessions between Stephanie and her psychiatrist. The interplay of her attempts to avoid the reality of her pain and increasing disability, and the therapist's efforts to bring her to face them, deal with them, and accept them, provide both emotional fireworks and remarkable insight into the inner world of the artist. For information, call 936-3239 or go to theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **Dancing at Lughnasa** - Florida Repertory Theatre puts on "Dancing at Lughnasa," a Tony-winning Best Play by acclaimed Irish playwright Brian Friel, Jan. 9 through Sunday, Feb. 1. This extraordinary story is told through the memories of an illegitimate son as he weaves the tale of his mother and the four maiden aunts who raised him. Set in a small Irish Village in 1936 during the pagan festival of Lughnasa, this haunting play is filled with humor and hope, as a colorful cast of characters leaves a lasting legacy on the mind of an impressionable 7-year-old boy. Call 332-4488 or go to FloridaRep.org.

■ **Out of Order** - The Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel presents "Out of Order," written by Ray Cooney, Jan. 12-Feb. 7. Richard Wiley plans an illicit evening in a London hotel. The evening comes to an abrupt halt, however, when he and the lady involved find a dead body in their bedroom. Knowing that the scandal would ruin his marriage and career, he sets about trying to cover up the dead body... but nothing goes as planned. For reservations or subscription information, call the box office at 472-6862.

■ **Menopause** - "Menopause The Musical Out Loud: Breaking the Silence of Ovarian Cancer." will be presented by the Jeanie C. Linders Fund at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7. The musical is a spirited celebration of real women during an unsettling time in their lives called "The Change." A portion of the proceeds will benefit local and regional ovarian cancer chapters. For tickets, contact the box office at 800-440-7469 or 481-4849.

■ **Singin' in the Rain** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theater presents "Singin' in the Rain" through Feb. 14. "Singin' in the Rain" is set in the era of Movieland in the late '20s, when the arrival of talking pictures is striking terror in every silent film star. It tells the story of the wild and often wacky world of Hollywood where silent pictures are coming to an end. Don Lockwood, Kathy Seldon and Cosmo Brown take center stage in this all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza. You'll hear "Good Mornin',"

"Make 'Em Laugh," "Fit as a Fiddle" and the title song, "Singin' in the Rain." For reservations and show information, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, call 278-4422 or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Blvd.

■ **Rain** - Experience what Beatlemania was all about at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall Jan. 13-18 "Rain," a tribute to the Fab Four, features music and vocals performed totally live, covering the Fab Four from the earliest beginnings through the psychedelic late '60s and their long-haired hippie, hard-rocking rooftop days. "Rain" is a multi-media, multi-dimensional experience...a fusion of historical footage and hilarious television commercials from the 1960s lights up video screens and live cameras zoom in for close-ups. For tickets, contact the box office at 800-440-7469 or 481-4849.

This week's symphony

■ **Songbook** - The Southwest Florida Symphony presents "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Songbook" at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, and Saturday, Jan. 10. For tickets, call 418-1500 or e-mail tickets@swflso.org.

■ **Direct from Ireland** - The Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra performs at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the arts at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. The world-renowned Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra will be joined by five of Ireland's leading pops stars to present The Irish Spectacular, a rousing celebration of Celtic and Irish music. This dazzling concert will feature acclaimed soprano Mairead Buicke, traditional Celtic instruments and the full Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra, under the dynamic leadership of Derek Gleeson, in its first-ever Southwest Florida appearance. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **Pops No. 1** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Pops No. 1, A Century of Broadway II" at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts Jan. 7-11. Some of your favorite Broadway musicals will come to life in this sensational program featuring the greatest show tunes of the past hundred years. Grammy Award-winner Jeff Tyzik leads the orchestra. Also showcased will be tenor Doug LaBrecque, who thrilled audiences on Broadway as the Phantom of the Opera, and Christiane Noll, a brilliant vocalist known for her stunning performance in the original Broadway production of "Jekyll & Hyde." For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

Wednesday, JAN. 7

■ **Bluegrass** - The Norris Center welcomes Sierra Hull and Ron Block at 7 p.m. Sierra Hull is regarded as the future of bluegrass and is a 16-year old mandolin phenom-

enon. For the past 15 years, 13-time Grammy Award winner Ron Block has been the spiritual touchstone of Alison Krauss and Union Station, contributing sterling musicianship on banjo, guitar and vocals. The Norris Center is at 755 8th Ave. South, Naples. Tickets are \$18 and all ages are welcome. Call 213-3049.

■ **Turtle Island** - The Grammy Award-winning Turtle Island Quartet performs at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the arts at 6 and 8:30 p.m. The group has created bold new trends in chamber music for strings, fusing the classical quartet esthetic with contemporary American musical styles. In this dynamic new concert, the Turtle Island Quartet presents its interpretation of one of the most important jazz recordings ever, John Coltrane's "A Love Supreme," shedding new light on this classic album while exploring the wonderful ways that jazz and classical music converge. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

Thursday, Jan. 8

■ **Doo Wop** - Richard Nader's Doo Wop and Rock and Roll Tour IV plans at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. Starring The Drifters, featuring Charlie Thomas ("Save The Last Dance For Me"), Gene Chandler ("Duke of Earl"), Kenny Vance And The Planotones ("Looking For An Echo"), and Joey Dee and the Starlites ("Peppermint Twist"). Stroll down memory lane with a star-studded evening with the artists seen on the PBS specials. For tickets, contact the box office at 800-440-7469 or 481-4849.

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Friday, Jan. 9

■ **Bluegrass** - The Medicinal Strings Bluegrass Band performs at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Bluegrass-folk artists The Medicinal Strings are a five-member Minnesota-based

band whose mission is to inspire and share the arts with people who do not usually have a chance to experience them. In 2005, the group became a certified public charity and it has since played at hospitals, soup kitchens and homeless shelters in cities around the country. The group's vision is "to generate creative opportunities that allow the arts to positively transform the audience as well as the artist." For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **The Sauce Boss** - The Norris Center welcomes The Sauce Boss at 7:30 p.m. He sings the blues, he cooks the gumbo, he plays the guitar, he writes the tunes! He feeds the masses and he makes his very own hot sauce! That's why they call him The Sauce Boss. The center is at 755 8th Ave. South, Naples. For tickets, call 213-3049.

Saturday, Jan. 10

■ **Art Fest** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents the Bonita Springs National Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Promenade at Bonita Bay, U.S. 41 in Bonita Springs. A \$3 donation at entrance gates benefits the Art League of Bonita Springs. The first of two highly ranked outdoor festivals hosted by the Art League of Bonita Springs during 2009, the Bonita Springs National Art Festival welcomes thousands of visitors to view and purchase artwork from 208 artists. Participating artists come from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, South America, and Europe. Known for high quality artwork and a very pleasing venue, the festival continues to grow in popularity. For information, call 495-8989.

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■ **Lecture on masterpieces** - Thomas Hoving, former director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and bestselling author, will present an illustrated lecture, "The World's Greatest Masterpieces and Why," at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 10 a.m. The cost for the lecture is \$32. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.



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