

## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## Ongoing events

■ **Weekly Concerts** - The Fort Myers River District offers its free concert series, Friday Night Live, each Friday night between January and March from 5-8 p.m. in the Patio de Leon. The weekly concerts are sponsored by the Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency and promoted by Frank Greathouse of Real Guitars and Vintage Instruments. Upcoming performances include: Screamin' & Cryin' (as close as you're getting to a juke joint), Jan. 16; Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers (blues and R&B fun), Jan. 23; Joe Virga and Darkwater (originals and pop, great vocals), Jan. 30; Grits and Gravy (quirky R&B — dancing shoes required), Feb. 6; Heather Brooks and Friends (pop and originals), Feb. 13. Patio de Leon is located at 2236 First Street and can be accessed from First, Hendry and Main streets. Free parking is available at the Harborside Event Center. For more information, call 321-7100.

■ **Wild Things** - A captivating wildlife exhibit, "Where the Wild Things Really Are, II," by photographer Sallie Rich, is open at The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel through Feb. 28. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. seven days a week in The Duck Stamp Auditorium of The Visitor's Center at The Refuge on San-Cap Road. In addition, Ms. Rich will discuss her work with visitors on Feb. 2 from 2-4 p.m. in the Duck Stamp Auditorium.

■ **The Naples Art Association** at The von Liebig Art Center is having its 47th Founders Juried Awards Exhibition through Jan. 18 at the art center, 585 Park St. in Naples. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and older. The public may call 262-6517 or visit [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org) for more information.

■ **NASA Art** - "NASA Art: 50 Years of Exploration" is on display at the Art League of Bonita Springs through Jan. 24. The show is a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition. More than 200 NASA-commissioned artists experienced a behind-the-scenes look at the agency - the scientists, astronauts, and other personnel who shaped the missions and programs. This fascinating look at our nation's space program will appeal to all ages. For information, call 495-8989.

■ **Art at the Edison** - daas Gallery presents Arts at the Edison the fourth Thursday of every month, starting Jan. 29, from 6-9 p.m. Artists do live demos and display their works throughout the venue at The Edison Restaurant & Bar, 3583 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. For more information, go to [www.edisonfl.com](http://www.edisonfl.com).

■ **Man Made** - Florida Gulf Coast University Art Gallery invites the public its "Man Made" exhibition featuring the environmental art of Mary Ellen Croteau. The exhibition runs through Feb. 7, and is free and open to the public. For more information about this exhibition or upcoming events, contact interim gallery director Anica Sturdivant at 590-7199 or visit <http://artgallery.fgcu.edu>.

## Upcoming events

■ **Classical No. 3** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents Classical No. 3 Shostakovich, Ravel and Grieg, conducted by Jorge Meste, Thursday, Jan. 22-Saturday, Jan. 24. Three colorful works, The "Sixth Symphony" of Dmitri Shostakovich is a vibrant composition of many moods — from the introspective and intricate opening movement to the witty scherzo to the exhilarating finale. Ravel's evocative "Mother Goose Suite", a depic-

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>> **Wicked comes B. B. Mann March 7 -29. Tickets are on sale at [www.bbmnpah.com](http://www.bbmnpah.com).**

tion of five nursery rhymes, brings to life the poetry of childhood. Also featured will be Grieg's popular "Piano Concerto," which combines the simplicity of folk song with drama, lyricism and a fiery cadenza. Performing it with the orchestra will be Philharmonic Center favorite Jodie DeSalvo. 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](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Mark Nadler** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts hosts "Mark Nadler In a Nutshell" Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 24. Singer/dancer/pianist Mark Nadler presents a maniacally exuberant, wacky tour de force cabaret performance that has been the toast of New York City. 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](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **La Boheme** - Opera Naples features "La Boheme" Friday, Jan. 23, and Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Performing Arts Hall of Gulf Coast High School. To purchase tickets, call 1-800-771-1041 or go to <http://operanaples.tix.com>

■ **Glory of France** - The Southwest Florida Symphony performs "The Glory of France" Saturday, Jan. 24, and Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Conducted by Michael Hall, it features works by two of the most prolific and versatile French composers are celebrated in this concert featuring Poulenc's gorgeous Gloria with its ethereal soprano solo and chorus, and Saint-Saens' brilliantly orchestrated "Organ Symphony." For tickets, call 418-1500 or e-mail [tickets@swflso.org](mailto:tickets@swflso.org).

■ **Pianist** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents Pnina Becher "In a Scarlatti Soiree: An Evening of Music

and Wine" Sunday, Jan. 25. It will be a delightful evening of all Scarlatti music, presented as music was experienced in Scarlatti's day - sitting in courts around draped tables, sipping wine. The complimentary wine tastings will be related to the pieces played - creating a memorable evening for all the senses! 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](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Wynton Marsalis** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts features Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis Sunday, Jan. 25. One of the most important and exciting jazz performers of our time, trumpet player Wynton Marsalis has won nine Grammy Awards and a Pulitzer Prize (the first time it was awarded to a jazz artist). He'll perform with the renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, made up of 15 of the finest jazz soloists and ensemble players today. Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra is featured in many aspects of Jazz at Lincoln Center programming and performs in concerts and educational events around the world. 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](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Bob Woodward** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts hosts Bob Woodward Monday, Jan. 26. Called the most famous investigative reporter in America by *The New York Times*, Mr. Woodward has won nearly every major American journalism award, including the Pulitzer Prize. Woodward first gained national attention when he teamed with Carl Bernstein to report on the Watergate scandal. 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](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Momix** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts hosts "Momix: The Best of Momix" Tuesday, Jan. 27. For 25 years, Momix has been celebrated for its unique ability to conjure up an enchanted world of surrealistic images, using props, light, shadow, humor and the human body. This internationally acclaimed company of dancers-illusionists, under the direction of Moses Templeton, presents a fascinating fusion of contemporary dance, amazing acrobatics and spectacular optical illusion. 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](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Elvis Tribute** - Chris MacDonald's "Memories of Elvis" plays at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Mr. MacDonald lovingly brings back the magic of the King of Rock -N- Roll with his tribute. This experienced and energetic entertainer has the honor of being the only tribute artist contracted by Elvis Presley Enterprises for the annual Elvis Week (August) and Birthday Week (January) festivities at Graceland's Heartbreak Hotel for seven consecutive years. For tickets, contact the box office at 800-440-7469 or 481-4849.

■ **Naples Players** - Adult workshops begin Jan. 19 and continue through the winter with the Naples Players at Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South, Naples. For information, call 434-7340, ext. 10, or go to [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Three Exhibitions** - Florida West hosts Three Exhibitions through Jan. 28. Exhibition I is the first exhibition in a series of three, featuring paintings, collage, photography, pottery sculptures and more. Participating artists are competing for a series of awards. The second exhibition features oil paintings by Regis Bobitski. The third exhibition is a group show featuring the Florida West Arts "Gallery Artists." For information, e-mail [info@floridawestarts.com](mailto:info@floridawestarts.com), call 948-4427 or go to [www.floridawestarts.com](http://www.floridawestarts.com). The Florida West Arts Showcase at the International Design Center in Estero has moved to Suite 182. The much larger gallery and performance space is now open.

■ **KidzAct** - KidzAct classes continue through the winter at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South, Naples. Call 434-7340, ext. 10 or 39, or visit [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Critic's Choice** - The Philharmonic Center's Lifelong Learning arts education program presents "Tree of Smoke" by Denis Johnson on Jan. 24; "Mister Pip" by Lloyd Jones on Feb. 28; "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson on March 28; and "Fieldwork" by Mischa Berlinski on April 18. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900.

■ **Latin Dance Party** - Champion dancer Alec Lazo, familiar to Philharmonic Center audiences for his performances with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, including Fiesta at the Philharmonic - will lead a new series, Latin Dance Party, as part of the Phil's Lifelong Learning arts education classes. This hot class is for upbeat, progressive singles and couples of all ages. Classes will be held in the Daniels Pavilion on Mondays at 7 p.m., on the following dates: Jan. 26 and March 9. Tickets for all three classes are \$96 or tickets can be purchased for a single class date for \$32. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900.