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**AVI HOFFMAN PERFORMS “TOO JEWISH?” AND “TOO JEWISH, TOO!”
AT THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER**

AVENTURA – Award-winning performer Avi Hoffman will infuse the new Aventura Arts & Cultural Center with the laughter, music and comedy routines that entertained generations of audiences in theatrical venues ranging from Yiddish Vaudeville houses to Catskills retreats to Carnegie Hall.

In a repertory presentation of performances of the shows Hoffman has made famous through national PBS specials, *Too Jewish?* and *Too Jewish, Too!* will be presented at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 18.

The New York Post declared, “You don’t have to be Jewish to love *Too Jewish?*” The highly acclaimed Off-Broadway hit *Too Jewish?* features Hoffman recounting the humor, music and warmth of his family’s immigrant background and the culture in which he was raised.

Too Jewish, Too! recreates and rediscovers the wonderful music and comedy of the biggest Jewish stars of the 40's, 50's and 60's such as Henny Youngman, Milton Berle, The Marx Brothers, Rodney Dangerfield, Mel Brooks and Woody Allen as well as headliners at the great hotels and resorts of the period including the likes of the great Mickey Katz, Myron Cohen, Allan Sherman and Joe E. Lewis.

For his performances in these audience favorites, Hoffman received the prestigious Los Angeles Ovation Award as Best Actor in a Musical, *NY Magazine's* Performer of the Year Award and was nominated for both the NY Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards. A child of Holocaust survivors, Hoffman was born in New York and was taught at an early age to appreciate the beauty and depth of the Jewish culture, literature, music and tradition. At age 10, he was featured in his first professional production at the Yiddish Folksbiene Theater on East Broadway. His career has included hundreds of productions in regional and South Florida theater as well as in film and television.

The shows are a presentation of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 324-seat waterfront complex that will host performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura.

Too Jewish? will be performed Friday, July 9 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, July 10 at 2 p.m.; Friday, July 16 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, July 17 at 2 p.m.. *Too Jewish Too!* will be performed Saturday, July 10 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m.; Saturday, July 17 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, July 18 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for individual shows are \$30. Tickets purchased for both productions are \$25 each. Tickets and group discounts are available by calling (954) 462-0222 or select a seat on-line at www.aventuracenter.org.

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Calendar Brief:

Award-winning performer Avi Hoffman presents *Too Jewish?* and *Too Jewish, Too!* in repertory at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center **Friday, July 9 – Sunday, July 19**. The musical celebrations feature the humor and warmth of Jewish culture and recreates and rediscovers the music and comedy of the biggest Jewish stars of the 40's, 50's and 60's. *Too Jewish?* will be performed Friday, July 9 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, July 10 at 2 p.m.; Friday, July 16 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, July 17 at 2 p.m. *Too Jewish Too!* will be performed Saturday, July 10 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m.; Saturday, July 17 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, July 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets for individual shows are \$30. Tickets purchased for both productions are \$25 each. Tickets and group discounts are available by calling (954) 462-0222 or select a seat on-line at www.aventuracenter.org. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura.

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**AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES
2010-2011 FAMILY FUN AND SMART STAGE MATINEE SEASON**

AVENTURA – Award-winning educational children’s programming will be available for the Aventura community when the Broward Center for the Performing Arts debuts its Family Fun Series and Smart Stage Matinee Series at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center this fall for the 2010-2011 season.

The Family Fun Series offers the ultimate theatergoing experience including pre- and post-show activities paired with performances based on classic children’s literature which introduces young audiences to the arts while strengthening reading skills. The weekend performances feature pre-show arts and crafts with Young At Art Museum, complimentary face painting, and a post-show snack provided by Whole Foods Market and Blue Bell Ice Cream. The Family Fun productions at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center include **Junie B. Jones** (Oct. 9), **Giggle, Giggle, Quack** (Nov. 6), **The Wizard of Oz** (Feb. 5) and **Stuart Little** (May 14).

The Smart Stage Matinee Series presents affordably-priced professional school-day performances. Productions cover themes that reinforce classroom learning and directly connect with core curriculum through literature-based shows, science and math-related productions, dramatizations of historical events, and immersion into the music, dance and traditions of different cultures. Next season’s shows include **Sticks and Stones** (Oct. 25), Brazilian Voices’ **Afro Brazil** (Jan. 10), **The Wizard of Oz** (Feb. 4) and **Doktor Kaboom!**, sponsored by PBS&J (May 6).

“The Family Fun Series and Smart Stage Matinee ingrain an early appreciation for the performing arts while simultaneously developing children to be successful in the classroom and in real-world situations,” said Eric M. Soroka, Aventura City Manager. “These programs are vital in helping us achieve our important mission of providing educational programming for all age groups.”

Family Fun subscriptions are available and offer discounts of up to \$5 a ticket for 16-, 10-, 6- and 4-show subscription series, with the larger subscription packages offering greater savings. Subscriptions cover shows at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, the Amaturio Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the Parker Playhouse, the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center and the Miramar Cultural Center/ArtsPark. Individual tickets bought in advance are \$14 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. Tickets are \$15 when bought the day of the performance. Subscription packages are now on sale. Tickets for individual productions go on sale Friday, August 6.

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Individual tickets for Smart Stage Matinee performances are \$6, tickets for student groups of 10 or more are \$10 each and \$3 lap tickets are available for infants 12 months and under. Free study guides for teachers and educators, which reinforce the lessons and enhance the learning experience for many of the performances, are available at www.BrowardCenter.org/education or by calling (954) 468-2689.

Tickets and group discounts for Family Fun and Smart Stage Matinee performances are available at (954) 462-0222 or select a seat online at www.AventuraCenter.org.

The new Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is a 14,864-square-foot, 324-seat waterfront complex provided by the city of Aventura and managed by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. When it opens this fall, it will host performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188th Street in Aventura. For more information, visit www.AventuraCenter.org.

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Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Opens Box Office
Tickets On Sale Now To A Variety of Programs

AVENTURA, Fla. – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center announced today that its onsite box office, located at 3385 N.E. 188th St. in Aventura, is now open. The box office will be open from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, as well 90 minutes prior to performances.

Shows currently on sale at the 14,864-square-foot, 324-seat waterfront performing arts facility include July performances of Avi Hoffman's *Too Jewish?* and *Too Jewish, Too!*, which will run in repertory July 9 – 19 and the Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida on July 30.

Starting July 6, tickets to the Center's October 23 grand opening special concert, *An Evening with Patti LuPone*, will be available exclusively at the box office to Aventura residents with proof of residency, before going on sale to the general public on August 1.

On October 17, the community is invited to attend a free "Curtain Up" event offering a behind-the-scenes view of the Center, which is managed by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information on the new Aventura Arts & Cultural Center or to purchase tickets to shows, visit www.AventuraCenter.org. The box office phone number is 954-462-0222.

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**Upcoming Events at the
Aventura Arts & Cultural Center**

Currently on Sale

Avi Hoffman's *Too Jewish?* and *Too Jewish, Too!* (July 9 - 19)
Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida (July 30)
Summer Theater Camp 2010 (July 26 to Aug. 20)

Double Chai Theatrical Series

Lansky (Jan. 19 – 30)
Zero Hour (Feb. 16 – 27)
Circumcise Me (March 16 – 27)
Meshuggah-Nuns (April 27 – May 8)

Melodies And Memories Series

Say it With Music: The Songs of Irving Berlin (Jan. 12 – 16)
Time After Time: The Songs of Jule Styne (Feb. 9 – 13)
A Grand Tour: The Songs of Jerry Herman (March 9 – 13)
The Night is Filled with Music: The Music of the RKO Pictures Era (April 13 – 17)

Smart Stage Matinee Series

Sticks and Stones (Oct. 25)
Brazilian Voices' *Afro Brazil* (Jan. 10)
The Wizard of Oz (Feb. 4)
Doktor Kaboom! (May 6)

On Sale July 6

An Evening with Patti LuPone (Oct. 23)*
Jim Witter's *The Piano Men* (Nov. 12)
Kathy Kosins' *Ladies of Cool* (Dec. 18)
A Neil Diamond Tribute (April 2)

On Sale August 6

Family Fun Series (Subscriptions are currently on sale)
Junie B. Jones (Oct. 9)
Giggle, Giggle, Quack (Nov. 6)
The Wizard of Oz (Feb. 5)
Stuart Little (May 14)

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**AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER TO CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING
WITH FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL CONCERT
WITH BROADWAY STAR PATTI LUPONE**

*Community Curtain Up is October 17 and
An Evening With Patti LuPone set for October 23*

AVENTURA, Fla. - The new Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a beautiful 14,864-square-foot, 324-seat waterfront performing arts facility, is set to be officially unveiled in spectacular fashion this October with a star-studded grand opening celebration and a vibrant "Curtain Up" event for the community to experience the Center's cultural opportunities firsthand.

The Center's family-orientated "Curtain Up" kicks off at noon on Sunday, October 17. The free festivities are designed to give the local community a behind-the-scenes view of the Center before its official grand opening later that week. Plans include various area performance groups and organizations, such as Next Step Dance, Arts Ballet Theater of Florida, Duelling Divas, International Piano Festival and Alhambra String Quartet, as well puppeteers, mimes and other forms of entertainment on stage throughout the day.

"This Center is a cultural gem in our community and we are so excited to show it off," said Aventura Mayor Susan Gottlieb. "We envision Curtain Up as an event to showcase the programming for all ages we have to offer. We invite families to come out, enjoy the day and have some fun!"

Performances will take place on two stages- the main stage and a special stage set up outdoors just for the day. Guided tours of the building will also be offered, and food and beverages will be available. Families do not need to register beforehand and are encouraged to stop by at any time between noon and 4 p.m.

Following the community Curtain Up is the Center's grand opening celebration on Saturday, October 23. It all begins with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by *An Evening with Patti LuPone*, a special concert showcasing the talents of the legendary two-time Tony Award-winning performer. Tickets are \$185 per person and include the cocktail reception and performance.

"Patti LuPone is a legendary performer who is the perfect talent to take the stage as we celebrate the official grand opening of our magnificent new Center," said Mayor Gottlieb, who along with Commissioners Zev Auerbach, Bob Diamond, Teri Holzberg, Billy Joel,

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Michael Stern and Luz Weinberg, is a member of the Host Committee for this grand opening event.

LuPone is a celebrated Broadway star and one of the greatest performers in modern musical theater. In 2008, LuPone swept the theater awards winning the Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Actress in a Musical and the Drama League Award for Distinguished Performance for her role as Rose in the critically-acclaimed Broadway production of *Gypsy*. She also won the Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Best Actress in a Musical for her performance in the title role of *Evita*. The multi-talented, award-winning LuPone also has film and television performances to her credit and she is currently writing a book about her life in the theater.

“It’s performances such as Patti LuPone’s that fulfill an unmet need within our local community,” said Eric M. Soroka, Aventura City Manager. “We are thrilled to bring this show and this Center to Aventura. We hope our residents will enjoy the Center as a community gathering place.”

The main sponsors of the grand opening celebration include Wachovia: A Wells Fargo Company, Aventura Mall and Suffolk Construction.

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**GO BACK TO SCHOOL WITH “JUNIE B. JONES”
AT THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER**

AVENTURA – The Family Fun Series kicks off its new season at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center with the production of *Junie B. Jones* on **Saturday, October 9 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Based on the popular books by Barbara Park, this fast-paced musical puts a humorous spin on the trials and tribulations of first-graders through the eyes of Junie B. Jones and her "top-secret personal beeswax journal."

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Single tickets are \$14 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. Tickets are \$15 when bought the day of the performance. Discounts of up to \$5 a ticket are offered for the 16-, 10-, six- and four-show subscription series. Tickets and group discounts are available by calling (954) 462-0222 or select a seat on-line at www.aventuracenter.org.

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Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Comes Alive This October

AVENTURA, Fla. - The brand new Aventura Arts & Cultural Center comes alive with programming for all ages during its debut month in October. A star-studded grand opening celebration and a vibrant "Curtain Up" event highlight a month filled with ballet performances, family fun and more.

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida begins its new season with ***Petrouchka*** under the artistic direction of Vladimir Issaev on **Saturday, October 2 at 7 p.m.** and **Sunday, October 3 at 3 p.m.** Set at a Russian fair, the ballet with music by Stravinsky tells the story of three puppets who are given emotions by a sinister, bearded puppeteer and magician. The program will also include Issaev's extraordinary set of four Pas de Deux *Four Seasons* set to the music of Verdi as well as a new piece by guest choreographer Yanis Pikiaris. Tickets are \$25.

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No tickets are required for the free family-orientated "**Curtain Up**" which takes place on **Sunday, October 17 between noon and 4 p.m.** Designed to give the local community a behind-the-scenes view, the event will feature guided tours and performances by Next Step Dance, Arts Ballet Theater of Florida, Duelling Divas, International Piano Festival and Alhambra String Quartet, as well puppeteers, mimes and other entertainers.

Two-time Tony® Award winner **Patti LuPone** performs in *Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda.....Played That Part* as the gala opening concert on **Saturday, October 23.** One of the greatest performers in modern musical theater, LuPone swept the 2008 theater awards winning the Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Actress in a Musical and the Drama League Award for Distinguished Performance for her role as Rose in the critically-acclaimed Broadway production of *Gypsy*. She also won the Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Best Actress in a Musical for her performance in the title role of *Evita*. Grand opening festivities kick off October 23 at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by the concert at 8 p.m. Wachovia/Wells Fargo, Aventura Mall and Suffolk Construction are the main sponsors of the grand

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opening. Tickets are \$185 per person and include the cocktail reception and performance.

Sticks and Stones is presented as a Smart Stage Matinee on **Monday, October 25 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** This one-woman musical uses music, poetry and video projection to teach children about the critical effects of bullying. The show is commissioned by the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts and funded by the United States Department of Justice. Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under.

Tickets, group discounts and scheduling information for all performances are available through the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's box office at 954-462-0222 or online at www.AventuraCenter.org. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188th Street in Aventura.

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AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER 2010-2011 SEASON CALENDAR LISTINGS

OCTOBER 2010

- The Family Fun Series kicks off its new season at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center with the production of **Junie B. Jones** on **Saturday, October 9 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Based on the popular books by Barbara Park, this fast-paced musical puts a humorous spin on the trials and tribulations of first-graders through the eyes of Junie B. Jones and her "top-secret personal beeswax journal." Children will enjoy pre-show arts and crafts presented by Young At Art Museum, complimentary face painting and a post-show snack provided by Whole Foods Market and Blue Bell Ice Cream. Tickets are \$14 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. Tickets are \$15 when bought the day of the performance.
- The City of Aventura presents two-time Tony Award winner **Patti LuPone** in *Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda.....Played That Part* as the gala opening concert of the new 14,864-square-foot, 324-seat waterfront performing arts facility on **Saturday, October 23**. One of the greatest performers in modern musical theater, LuPone swept the 2008 theater awards winning the Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Actress in a Musical and the Drama League Award for Distinguished Performance for her role as Rose in the critically-acclaimed Broadway production of *Gypsy*. She also won the Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Best Actress in a Musical for her performance in the title role of *Evita*. Grand opening festivities kick off October 23 at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by the concert at 8 p.m. Wachovia/Wells Fargo, Aventura Mall and Suffolk Construction are the main sponsors of the grand opening. Tickets are \$185 per person and include the cocktail reception and performance.
- Smart Stage Matinees kick off at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center with the production of **Sticks and Stones** on **Monday, October 25 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** This one-woman musical uses music, poetry and video projection to teach children about the critical effects of bullying. The show is commissioned by the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts and funded by the United States Department of Justice. Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under.

NOVEMBER 2010

- Doreen Cronin's bestselling barnyard books return to the theater in the Family Fun production of **Giggle, Giggle, Quack** on **Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** in the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Mayhem ensues when Farmer Brown leaves town and puts his city-slicker brother in charge. The farm animals enjoy all sorts of treats such as pizza for the hen, bubble baths for the pig and movie night for the cow. Children will enjoy pre-show arts and crafts presented by Young At Art Museum, complimentary face painting and a post-show snack provided by Whole Foods Market and Blue Bell Ice Cream. Tickets are \$14 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. Tickets are \$15 when bought the day of the performance.

- The City of Aventura presents **The Piano Men starring Jim Witter** in a musical journey through the 70s featuring the songs of Billy Joel and Elton John on **Friday, November 12 at 8 p.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Hits including "My Life," "Candle in the Wind," "Rocket Man" and "Just the Way You Are," accompanied by rear-screen projection of the newspaper headlines, automobiles, people, events, toys and even the TV shows that shaped a decade. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.
- Next Step Dance, Inc. presents **An Invitation to Dance** on **Saturday, November 13 at 8 p.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. After seven highly successful seasons at the Broward Center for Performing Arts, Next Step Dance is making its debut in Miami-Dade. The contemporary dance company, showcasing entertaining and provocative works, will present audience favorites from the repertory: Summertime, Silenzio, Photograph, The Other Side, Surrender, Woodblock Study and One For My Baby. The event is part of the Aventura Cultural & Arts Center's Arts Access Program, which provides technical and marketing support to local community groups enabling them to develop and build their audiences. Tickets are \$26.50.

DECEMBER 2010

- The City of Aventura presents **Kathy Kosins in The Ladies of Cool** on **Saturday, December 18 at 8 p.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Singing songs in the tradition of Julie London, Anita O'Day, June Christy and Chris Connor, Kosins recalls the extraordinary singers of the 1940s and 1950s that were household names to jazz and pop fans alike in that era. Tickets are \$25.

January 2011

- The Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents the Smart Stage Matinee performance of Brazilian Voices' **Afro-Brazil** on **Monday, January 10 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. This exciting concert will showcase the unique musical rhythms of Brazilian music fused with African beats and feature nearly 40 singers, a thrilling performance of Capoeira, colorful folk dances, Samba and Carnaval. Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap seats available for children 12 months and under.
- Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present **Lansky** from **Wednesday, January 19 through Sunday, January 30** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Nominated for a New York Outer Critics Circle Award for his performance in the role, Mike Burstyn portrays the mob's financial mastermind who helped create Las Vegas and turned Havana into a trendy hotspot before retiring to South Florida and embarking on the biggest gamble of his life in a desperate attempt to live out his days in Israel. Showtimes are Wednesday- Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. This is a presentation of the Double Chai Theatrical Series.

FEBRUARY 2011

- Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present **Time After Time: The Songs of Jule Styne** from **Wednesday, February 9 through Sunday, February 13** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Specializing in songs created for stars including Carol Channing, Ethel Merman and Barbara Streisand, Styne composed some of America's best-loved and most enduring songs for Broadway, films, television, and radio. Guest star Deborah Tranelli and some of the area's best entertainers perform a score filled with gold standards of the American Songbook

including "Just In Time," "Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend," "Don't Rain On My Parade," "Time After Time," "I've Heard That Song Before" and "People." Showtimes are Wednesday, February 9 through Friday, February 11 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 12 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 13 at 2 and 7 p.m. This is a presentation in the Melodies and Memories Series conceived and directed by Barry Levitt, former Artistic Director of New York's 92nd Street Y's smash Lyrics and Lyricists Series.

- Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present **Zero Hour** from **Wednesday, February 16 through Sunday, February 27** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Jim Brochu won a Carbonell Award for this striking portrayal which brings all of Zero Mostel's swagger, ferocity, intelligence and fantastic wit back to the stage in a volcanic tour-de-force directed by three-time Oscar-nominated film star Piper Laurie. A naïve reporter attempts to interview the famously volatile artist, prompting an explosion of memory, humor, outrage and juicy backstage lore. Best remembered for his comedic genius and his definitive roles such creating Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mostel was equally known for his place on the infamous Hollywood blacklist of the 50s. Showtimes are Wednesday - Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. This is a presentation of the Double Chai Theatrical Series.

MARCH 2011

- Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present **Circumcise Me** from **Wednesday, March 16 through Sunday, March 27** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. This poignant, provocative, and powerfully witty spiritual journey stretches across four decades, two continents and three circumcisions to tell the true story of Yisrael Campbell, your average Irish, Italian Catholic kid from Philly, comic actor, sober alcoholic, recovering drug addict, husband, father, reform, conservative, unorthodox, Orthodox Jew who was born to be funny. Showtimes are Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 8:15 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. This is a presentation of the Double Chai Theatrical Series.

APRIL 2011

- Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present **The Night Is Filled With Music: The Music of the RKO Pictures** from **Wednesday, April 13 through Sunday, April 17** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Dorothy Fields, George Gershwin and many others wrote songs for the fabulous movies of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers that along with the music of all the early Disney classics created the lasting musical legacy of RKO Pictures. With a score that includes gold standards of the American Songbook, songs include, "The Continental," "The Way You Look Tonight," "A Foggy Day," "They All Laughed," "But Not For Me," "When You Wish Upon A Star," "Someday My Prince Will Come," and "Zip A Dee Doo Dah." Showtimes are Wednesday, April 13 through Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 16 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 17 at 2 and 7 p.m. This is a presentation in the Melodies and Memories Series conceived and directed by Barry Levitt, former Artistic Director of New York's 92nd Street Y's smash Lyrics and Lyricists Series.
- Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present **Meshuggah-Nuns** from **Wednesday, April 27 through Sunday, May 8** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. The fifth *Nonsense* adventure finds the Sisters on an all-expense-paid trip on the "Faiths of All Nations" Cruise that is beset with seasickness among the entertainers leaving the Sisters and the actor who was to portray Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* to put on a show resulting in a hilarious celebration of Jewish and Catholic traditions. Showtimes are Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m.,

Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. This is a presentation of the Double Chai Theatrical Series.

Other April events and media contacts

- *Rob Garrett "King of Diamonds" Neil Diamond Tribute Concert*, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center
April 2 at 2 and 8 p.m.
Diamond Productions

MAY 2011

- Science comes alive with the Smart Stage Matinee performances of ***Doktor Kaboom!*** sponsored by PBS&J, on **Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m.** in the Parker Playhouse and on **Friday, May 6 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. *Doktor Kaboom!* takes children on an amazing interactive and educational tour of the modern scientific method, using humor and comedy while demonstrating spectacular applications of the physical sciences. For shows at the Parker Playhouse, tickets are \$6 for individual seats, \$5 to \$10 each for groups of 10 or more and \$3 lap seats for infants 12 months and under. Tickets for the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center performances are \$10 with lap seats available for \$3 at all shows for infants 12 months and under.
- Adapted from E.B. White's classic story, ***Stuart Little*** will take the stage on **Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** in Aventura Arts & Cultural Center as part of the Family Fun Series. Produced by Theater IV, this musical mixes puppetry with live-action as it tells the story of a noble mouse that jumps headlong into adventures big enough to match any imagination. Children will enjoy pre-show arts and crafts presented by Young At Art Museum, complimentary face painting and a post-show snack provided by Whole Foods Market and Blue Bell Ice Cream. Tickets are \$14 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. Tickets are \$15 when bought the day of the performance.
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JUNE 2011

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VENUE ADDRESSES AND BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Aventura Arts & Cultural Center

3385 N.E. 188th Street in Aventura

Tickets, group discounts and scheduling information are available at (954) 462-0222 or select a seat online at AventuraCenter.org.

SUBSCRIPTION SERIES

DOUBLE CHAI THEATRICAL SERIES

Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present the Double Chai Theatrical Series at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center consisting of four shows: *Lansky* (Jan. 19 – 30); *Zero Hour* (Feb. 16 – 27); *Circumcise Me* (March 16 – 27); and *Meshuggah-Nuns* (April 27 – May 8). Four show subscriptions are available for \$128 offering a \$16 savings. Subscription packages and single tickets may be purchased through the Broward Center's box office at (954) 462-0222 and BrowardCenter.org.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ENTOURAGE

Tickets may also be purchased by joining Entourage, the Priority Members Program of the Broward Performing Arts Foundation. Membership levels begin at only \$75 and include exclusive benefits at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, as well as the Parker Playhouse, Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, the Miramar Cultural Center/ArtsPark, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Tax-deductible memberships include the ability to buy tickets before the general public, premium seats, pre-show parties and backstage celebrity meet-and-greets as well as advance notice of shows, special savings and much more. For more information call (954) 468-2681 or visit www.BrowardCenter.org/entourage.

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New Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Wins Building of America Award
Award showcases innovative, unique new projects that give back to the community

AVENTURA, Fla. - The exciting new Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a beautiful 14,864-square-foot, 324-seat waterfront performing arts facility set to celebrate its official grand opening on Oct. 23, has been selected for a Building of America Award by the Building of America Network and will be featured as Gold Medal Winner on the organization's website.

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's architectural firm PGAL submitted the award nomination. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center was chosen from among hundreds of nominated projects. The Building of America Network showcases the most innovative, unique and challenging new projects — projects that are particularly noteworthy and/or give back to their respective communities.

The Center, features a lobby, stage, dressing rooms and backstage area with storage and loading dock. Suffolk Construction was general contractor for the facility which utilizes many *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design* (LEED) components including:

- high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and mechanical and electrical equipment
- water efficient landscaping
- light pollution reduction
- reduced storm water run-off
- reflective materials
- low volatile organic compounds (VOCs) for flooring, adhesives, paints and coatings
- recycled content from local sources

Since 1996, Construction Communications and the Building of America Network have featured the country's top projects as determined by an editorial board. The case studies are read and referenced by leaders within the region's local governments, economic development groups, financial institutions, owners, architects and contractors. The website, accessed by industry leaders and decision makers throughout the country, combines more than 50,000 links and millions of searches each year.

"This Center is a cultural gem in our community and we are thrilled to be recognized with this honor," said Aventura Mayor Susan Gottlieb. "It comes at a time when we are celebrating our grand opening and kicking off a season filled with performances that will delight all of our audiences."

The grand opening festivities for the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center begin with Curtain Up, a free family-oriented event with guided tours of the facility as well as entertainment and performances by local groups, on Sunday, Oct. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Following Curtain Up will be the Center's grand opening celebration on Saturday, Oct. 23, beginning with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by *An Evening with Patti LuPone*, a special concert showcasing the talents of the legendary two-time Tony Award-winning performer. Tickets are \$185 per person and include the cocktail reception and performance. The main sponsors of the grand opening celebration include Wachovia: A Wells Fargo Company, Aventura Mall and Suffolk Construction.

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 NE 188th Street in Aventura. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 954-462-0222 or visit www.AventuraCenter.org.

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Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Makes Music and Memories This November

AVENTURA – Music lovers of all ages, from kids to seniors, will delight in the November lineup at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

Doreen Cronin's bestselling barnyard books return to the theater in the Family Fun production of ***Giggle, Giggle, Quack*** on **Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Mayhem ensues when Farmer Brown leaves town and puts his city-slicker brother in charge. The farm animals enjoy treats such as pizza for the hen, bubble baths for the pig and movie night for the cow. Children will enjoy pre-show arts and crafts presented by Young At Art Museum, complimentary face painting and a post-show snack provided by Whole Foods Market and Blue Bell Ice Cream. Tickets are \$14 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. Tickets are \$15 when bought the day of the performance.

The City of Aventura presents ***The Piano Men*** starring Jim Witter in a musical journey through the 70s featuring the songs of Billy Joel and Elton John on **Friday, November 12 at 8 p.m.** Hits including "My Life," "Candle in the Wind," "Rocket Man" and "Just the Way You Are" are accompanied by rear-screen projection of the newspaper headlines, automobiles, people, events, toys and even the TV shows that shaped a decade. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Next Step Dance makes its debut in Miami-Dade with ***An Invitation to Dance*** on **Saturday, November 13 at 8 p.m.** The contemporary dance company, showcasing entertaining and provocative works, will present audience favorites from the repertory: "Summer Time," "Silenzio," "Photograph," "The Other Side," "Surrender," "Woodblock Study" and "One For My Baby." The event is part of the Aventura Cultural & Arts Center's Arts Access Program, which provides technical and marketing support to local community groups enabling them to develop and build their audiences. Admission is \$26.50.

Relive the magic of the best time in musical history with A.B.B.A. International Entertainment's presentation of ***Remember Then*** on **Friday, November 19 at 8 p.m.** Reminiscent of old school sock hops and listening to the juke box over a malt and a burger at the neighborhood drive-in, the show is a memorable tribute to the 50's and 60's featuring the Marvelettes Revue and special guests The Temptations Revue. Tickets are \$35 and \$60 for preferred VIP seating which includes a Meet and Greet Celebration.

The City of Aventura presents **María Rivas** on **Saturday, November 20 at 8 p.m.** Rivas is Venezuela's premier contemporary vocalist and composer. A native of Caracas, her style truly represents the "new Americas." Drawing on the cultural richness of her homeland, her unique popular sound is an intoxicating blend of indigenous, European and African strains

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with just the right splash of Brazilian and Latin Jazz. Rivas is a remarkably gifted and versatile artist and an international star in the making. Tickets are \$30.

Patrons of Exceptional Artists presents the ***Miami International Piano Festival***, known for bringing the world's best pianists and rising stars to South Florida, on **Sunday, November 28 at 4 p.m.** in the debut of the Aventura Cultural Series. The first concert of the Series will open the Festival's 2011 Season with a fascinating program by Italian keyboard master Francesco Libetta. This unique program will feature compositions by Chopin and others that specifically pay tribute to Italian Theatre, sopranos and ballerinas, as well as an enlightening pre-concert discussion by "Miami's Music Maven" Professor Frank Cooper. Tickets are \$30.

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**GO ON AN ADVENTURE TO THE FARM
AT THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER**

AVENTURA – Enjoy fun and laughter on a farm filled adventure with the Family Fun presentation of Doreen Cronin's bestselling barnyard book ***Giggle, Giggle, Quack*** on **Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

Mayhem ensues when Farmer Brown leaves town and puts his city-slicker brother in charge. The farm animals enjoy all sorts of treats such as pizza for the hen, bubble baths for the pig and movie night for the cow.

The Family Fun Series offers the ultimate theatergoing experience including pre- and post-show activities paired with performances based on classic children's literature which introduces young audiences to the arts while strengthening reading skills. The weekend performances feature pre-show arts and crafts presented by Young At Art Museum, complimentary face painting and a post-show snack provided by Whole Foods Market and Blue Bell Ice Cream. Tickets are \$14 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. Single tickets are \$15 when bought the day of the performance. Discounts of up to \$5 a ticket are offered for the 16-, 10-, six- and four-show subscription series.

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TWENTY YEARS OF APPLAUSE

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EXPERIENCE THE RHYTHMS, COLORS AND DANCES OF SOUTH AMERICA

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents *Brazilian Voices' Afro-Brazil* as a Smart Stage Matinee on **Thursday, December 2 at 10 a.m.** in the Amaturio Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and on **January 10, 2011 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** at the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center.

This concert fuses the liveliness of Brazilian music with the thundering sounds of African beats. Nearly 40 singers take the stage, performing Capoeira, colorful folk dances and Samba. Interactive live drums and vocals will display the best of the African influence and heartbeat.

Brazilian Voices is a non-profit women's

vocal ensemble that aspires to incorporate the best of Brazilian culture throughout the world. Volunteers use their voices and time to promote the rich multicultural Brazilian heritage fostering multicultural exchange, music appreciation and education.

Broward Center Brief

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The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The Aventura Arts and Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura.

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Smart Stage Matinees are affordably-priced professional school-day performances where learning comes to life onstage for all students in grades Pre-K through 12. Each performance covers themes which reinforce classroom learning and directly connect with core curriculum through literature-based shows, science and math-related productions, dramatizations of historical events and immersion into the music, dance and traditions of different cultures. Free study guides for teachers and educators, which reinforce the lessons and enhance the learning experience for many of the performances, are available at BrowardCenter.org/Education or by calling (954) 468-2689.

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About The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts, now in its 20th anniversary year, is one of America's premier performing arts venues. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving more than 150,000 students annually. In 2007, the Broward Center was named the Cultural Embassy of Broward County in recognition of its success in linking cultural activity with the region's economic development. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop, and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Performing Arts Center is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit www.BrowardCenter.org.

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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**DRIFT AWAY TO ANOTHER CONTINENT
ON THE MELODIES OF JAZZ AT
THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER**

AVENTURA – Experience a fusion of Hispanic and American popular jazz songs with the City of Aventura's presentation of Venezuelan vocalist and composer **Maria Rivas** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on **Saturday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.**

A native of Caracas, Rivas' style represents the "new Americas." Drawing on the cultural richness of her homeland, her unique popular sound is an intoxicating blend of indigenous European and African strains, with just a splash of Brazilian and Latin Jazz.

Rivas has recorded six albums and performed live in Europe, North and South America, and Latin America. Her expression, energy, tuning and spontaneity when performing Spanish, English and Portuguese music positions her as one of the most versatile vocalists in Latin America.

Tickets are \$30. Tickets and group discounts are available by calling (954) 462-0222 or select a seat online at www.aventuracenter.org.

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ARTS BALLET THEATRE OF FLORIDA PRESENTS VLADIMIR ISSAEV'S "THE NUTCRACKER"

FORT LAUDERDALE – South Florida stages will once again be filled with snowflakes, sugarplums, naughty little boys and magical balls during the Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida annual presentation of *The Nutcracker* with performances on **Friday, December 10 at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 11 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 12 at 3 p.m.** at the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center and at the Parker Playhouse on **Friday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m.** as a Smart Stage Matinee; and on **Saturday, December 18 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m.**

This spectacular production features the professional dancers of Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida performing the principal roles, while local character artists, children and students of the prestigious Vladimir Issaev School of Classical Ballet complete the cast.

This year the performance features new costumes, set designs and engaging choreography that will entertain audiences of all ages. Issaev's vision preserves the Russian tradition and serves as an alternative to those who have seen Balanchine's version. This traditional ballet is performed every year by Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida to Tchaikovsky's popular score based on the tale of Ernest Hoffman. *The Nutcracker* is the most popular ballet enjoyed by audiences around the world during the holiday season, and it also serves as an introduction to ballet for very young audiences.

Calendar Brief

The charm of the holidays is back this year with the return of Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida's version of the classic *The Nutcracker*. This critically acclaimed performance is choreographed and directed by renowned ballet master Vladimir Issaev and features more than 100 dancers on stage in the most traditional Russian style. Performances are on **Friday, December 10 at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 11 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 12 at 3 p.m. at the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center and at the Parker Playhouse on Friday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. as a Smart Stage Matinee; and on Saturday, December 18 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m.** Tickets for performances at Aventura Arts and Cultural Center are \$36. For the Smart Stage Matinee show, individual tickets are \$6, groups of 10 or more are \$5.50 each with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. The Saturday and Sunday performances at Parker Playhouse are \$15, \$25 and \$35. Tickets and group discounts are available at (954) 462-0222 or select your seat online at aventuracenter.org or www.parkerplayhouse.com.

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Individual tickets for the Smart Stage performance are \$6, tickets for student groups of 10 or more range from \$5.50 to \$10 each and \$3 lap tickets are available for infants 12 months and under. The Saturday and Sunday performances at Parker Playhouse are \$15, \$25 and \$35. Tickets and group discounts are available at (954) 462-0222 or select your seat online at www.parkerplayhouse.com.

Tickets are also available for purchase at the Parker Playhouse Tuesday-Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. The Parker Playhouse is located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale and is managed and operated by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

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**AWARD-WINNING VOCALIST AND JAZZ COMPOSER KATHY KOSINS
COMES TO THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER**

AVENTURA – Fall in love with “one of the most alluring voices in Jazz,” according to the *Chicago Tribune*, at Kathy Kosin’s presentation of ***The Ladies of Cool*** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on **Saturday, December 18 at 8 p.m.**

Kosins will perform songs in the tradition of Julie London, Anita O’Day, June Christy and Chris Connor, extraordinary singers from the 1940s and 1950s.

Kosins was recognized as the “Jazz Composer of the Year” by the Michigan Council for the Arts. She is also a six-time award-winning artist from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Will Friedwald of the *New York Sun* says of Kosins, “...her performance maintains a balance of swing and sensuality... great vintage songs... I wasn't expecting to fall in love.”

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December is a Musical Month at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center

AVENTURA – Catch a holiday favorite or drift away to beautiful music this December at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

The Aventura Marketing Council presents 10 extraordinarily talented young singers at the ***Young Stars Showcase*** on **Sunday, December 5 at 5 p.m.** Celebrities planned to be in attendance include singer Placido Domingo, Jr.; three-time Grammy award-winning producer Juan Cristobal Losada; Miss Florida USA 2009; Miss Florida USA 2010; and Miss Florida USA 2011. Tickets are \$25 and \$50.

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