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**A Variety of Amazing Performances Come to the  
Aventura Arts & Cultural Center This January**

**AVENTURA** – Start the New Year with music, dance and a heartwarming tribute to Haiti at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

Commemorate the first anniversary of the devastating earthquake that destroyed Haiti's New Victorian School and help raise funds for its reconstruction at the **Celebration of Life Music Festival** on **Saturday, January 8 at 12:30, 4 and 8 p.m.** with a concert by The Walenstein Musical Organization. The organization's founder, Romel Joseph, was the executive director of The New Victorian School and his story captivated millions after he was trapped under the school's rubble for 18 hours in the aftermath of the 7.0 earthquake that hit Haiti. Tickets are \$30 for the 12:30 and 4 p.m. performances and \$40 for the 8 p.m. performance.

The Miami International Piano Festival's Aventura Cultural Series continues on **Sunday, January 9 at 4 p.m.** with ***Prodigies and Masters of Tomorrow*** featuring University of Miami student **Luis Urbina** and 15 year-old violinist **Michael Province**. This performance will showcase the brilliant virtuosity and extraordinary musicianship of these rising stars. Tickets are \$30.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents the thrilling performance of ***Brazilian Voices' Afro-Brazil*** on **Monday, January 10 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** as part of the Smart Stage Matinee series. This concert fuses the liveliness of Brazilian music with the thundering sounds of African beats. Nearly 40 singers will take the stage performing Capoeira, colorful folk dances and Samba. Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap seats available for infants 12 months and under.

Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present ***Say It With Music: The Songs of Irving Berlin*** from **Wednesday, January 12 through Sunday, January 16**. A new musical journey spanning seven decades of American history as seen through the perceptive and hopeful eyes of Irving Berlin, this revue uses 64 of Berlin's enduring and popular favorites to capture the spirit of America from the sentimental songs that inspired a nation during two World Wars to the innocent optimism of the 50s. Guest star Judy Scott and some of the area's best entertainers perform a score filled with gold standards of the American Songbook including "Cheek To Cheek," "Always," "How Deep Is The Ocean," "Blue Skies," "They Say It's Wonderful," and "There's No Business Like Show Business." **Showtimes are Wednesday, January 12 through Friday, January 14 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, January 15 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, January 16 at 2 and 7 p.m.** This is a presentation in the Melodies and Memories Series conceived and directed by

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**“LANSKY”  
- THE ACCLAIMED OFF-BROADWAY MOB HIT –  
COMES TO THE AVENTURA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER**

**AVENTURA, Fla.** – Mob financier Meyer Lansky rose from his Russian immigrant roots on New York’s Lower East Side to a place on *Forbes* list of wealthiest Americans and now, 27 years after his death, he is back in the spotlight in HBO's series *Boardwalk Empire* and in the acclaimed stage production *Lansky* which comes to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on **Wednesday, January 19 through Sunday, January 30.**

Mazel Musicals and Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents Mike Burstyn in the role for which he was nominated for a New York Outer Critics Circle Award as he portrays Lansky’s dramatic struggle between a cold-blooded pursuit of the American Dream and a lasting need to honor his Jewish heritage.

By the mid-1930s, Lansky had established gambling operations in Florida and Cuba before moving gambling out of the shadows into popular culture by helping create Las Vegas and turning Havana into a trendy hotspot in the ‘50s. The play takes place at Lansky's home in Miami Beach as he plays all his cards in a winner-takes-all, high stakes game against President Nixon and Golda Meir to win his continuing freedom and live out his days in Israel.

The Associated Press raved, “A subtly monstrous performance by Mike Burstyn brings Meyer Lansky to chilling life.”

This production is presented as part of the Double Chai Theatrical Series and will be followed by *Zero Hour* (Feb. 16 – 27); *Circumcise Me* (March 16 – 27); and *Meshuggah-Nuns* (April 27 – May 8).

*Lansky* will be performed Wednesday- Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$36. Tickets and group discounts are available by calling (954) 462-0222 or select a seat online at [www.aventuracenter.org](http://www.aventuracenter.org).

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**Fall in Love with the Sounds and Performances of February  
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**AVENTURA** – The show-stopping music of Jule Styne, the comic intensity of Zero Mostel and the wonder of the *Wizard of Oz* can be found in February at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series kicks off with the Academy Award® nominated film “**As it is in Heaven**” which will be shown in Swedish with English subtitles on **Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m.** This inspirational story about life and love follows a successful international conductor who returns to his childhood village in Sweden and mentors the amateur church choir while reconnecting with the people of his hometown and finding love. Foreign film expert Shelly Isaacs introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion. Tickets are \$10.

Introduce your children to the theater while falling in love again with ***The Wizard of Oz*** on **Friday, February 4 at 10 and 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, February 5 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion and Toto become friends and go on a musical adventure to find heart, courage, brains and a way back home. This updated and upbeat new version offers interactive fun and energetic musical numbers. The performances are part of the Family Fun Series, where 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 when bought in advance and \$15 at the door. Lap seats for infants 12 months and under are available for \$3 at all performances.

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**. 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 Traneli 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, which is sponsored by Vi Living at Aventura, and was conceived and directed by Barry Levitt, former Artistic Director of New York's 92nd Street Y's smash Lyrics and Lyricists Series. Tickets are \$32.

Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present ***Zero Hour*** from **Wednesday, February 16 through Sunday, February 27**. 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. Tickets are \$36.

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**AVENTURA** – Audiences will enjoy the Japanese cinema, tap their toes to American Songbook favorites, fall in love with the tango and laugh with the trials and tribulations of one man’s hilarious spiritual journey at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series continues with beloved director Kore-Eda Hirokazu’s critically acclaimed film ***Still Walking***, which will be shown in Japanese with English subtitles on **Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m.** A family reunites for the 15th anniversary of the death of the youngest child, sharing stories, eating sizzling tempura and performing an elegant graveside ritual to commemorate the loss of their loved one. Tickets are \$10.

Tango Productions presents ***Amor de Tango: The Love Increases*** on **Saturday, March 5 at 3 and 8 p.m.** Created by Eddy and Veronica Hernandez Trill, *Amor de Tango’s* dancers demonstrate why tango is the “dance of love” through their passionate, seductive, sensual and musical performance. Tickets are \$32 and \$42 for the 3 p.m. performance and \$32, \$42 and \$52 for the 8 p.m. performance.

More than 120 dancers showcase their cultural background when the best folk dance troupes in South Florida perform together for one night only during the Michael-Ann Russell JCC presentation of **Dancing with the World International Folk Dance Festival** on **Sunday, March 6 at 6 p.m.** Participating troupes include Brazarte, Grupo Folclorico Puro Chile, Ballet Folclorico Aires Panamenos, Baila Flamenco, Live-in-color, Kulanu Israeli Dance Troupe, Geeta Bollywood Dance Company, Rancho Coracoes de Portugal Dance Company, Dreams of Belly Dance and many more. Tickets are \$15, \$30 and \$45.

Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present ***A Grand Tour: The Songs of Jerry Herman*** from **Wednesday, March 9 through Sunday, March 13.** The creator of such legendary shows such as *Hello, Dolly*, *Mame* and *La Cage Aux Folles*, Herman has the distinction of being the only composer-lyricist in history to have had three musicals that ran more than 1,500 consecutive performances on Broadway. Guest star Sal Viviano and some of the area's best entertainers perform a score filled with gold standards of the American Songbook including "Hello Dolly," "Mame," "The Best Of Times Is Now," "Before The Parade Passes By," "If He Walked Into My Life" and "Time Heals Everything." Showtimes are **Wednesday, March 9 through March 11 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 12 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 13 at 2 and 7 p.m.** This is a presentation in the Melodies and Memories Series, which is sponsored by Vi Living at Aventura, and was conceived and directed by Barry

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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. This is a presentation of the Double Chai Theatrical Series. Showtimes are Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 8:15 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$36.

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Garrett was in the audience during Diamond's first Las Vegas concert engagement at the Aladdin Hotel/Casino in 1976. Garrett recalls, "He held the audience including myself spellbound. I'd always thought that he had written some of the most poignant lyrics I'd ever heard and I knew he had a way of expressing his lyrics and music in a way that no other singer/songwriter had done so before or since."

In 1995, Garrett was personally hired to portray the legendary singer-songwriter in the *Legends In Concert* show in Honolulu, Hawaii, that city's biggest theatrical show and most popular artist tribute show in the world. What was to be a two-month 'trial' engagement ended up lasting three years.

As a performer, Garrett has headlined at Caesar's Palace, the Sands Hotel and the Tropicana in Las Vegas. He has performed all over the world from London, England to Oslo, Norway.

Tickets for *King of Diamonds: Neil Diamond Tribute Concert* are \$35 and \$45. Tickets and group discounts are available by calling (954) 462-0222 or select a seat online at [www.aventuracenter.org](http://www.aventuracenter.org).

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**AVENTURA** – Musical theater's favorite nuns, dance's most sensual steps, children literature's beloved mouse, and science like you never learned it in school can be found at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center this May.

Science comes alive with the Smart Stage Matinee performances of ***Doktor Kaboom!*** sponsored by Atkins, on **Friday, May 6 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** *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. Tickets are \$10 with lap seats available for \$3 at all shows for infants 12 months and under.

Mazel Musicals, Inc. and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presentation of ***Meshuggah-Nuns***, which began April 24, continues into May until **Sunday, May 8**. 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.

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents the **International Ballet Concert** featuring contemporary, folkloric and classical dances with groups from Denmark, Germany, Poland, Peru, Mexico and the U.S. on **Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.** This diverse program directed by ballet master Vladimir Issaev includes highly talented dancers performing the famous Pas de Deux and neo-classical pieces. Tickets are \$25.

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.** 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.

Enjoy a tribute to music legends in ***Icons*** on **Friday, May 20 at 8 p.m.** when singer/pianist David McBride and the Phil Hinton Orchestra perform songs from Frank Sinatra, Sammy

Davis Jr., Tony Bennett, Barry Manilow and Michael Bubl . The show also features special guest Jennifer Miller in a tribute to Judy Garland. The performance benefits The Anita Priest "Whispering Angels" Memorial Scholarship Foundation. Tickets are \$25, \$30 and \$35.

Tango Fantasy presents **Masters of Tango** featuring the music of the Guillermo Petri Grand Orchestra with singer Daniel Bouchet on **Sunday, May 29 at 5 and 8 p.m.** Direct from Argentina, Miriam Larici and Leo Barrionuevo, the 2009 winners of NBC's "Superstars of Dance," and six other renowned dance couples will dance the sensual Tango as a 14-piece band provides the extraordinary soundtrack. Tickets are \$35, \$45 and \$55.

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**Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Offers Summer Theater Camp**  
*Students Can Take to the Stage in Two Summer Sessions that Culminate with Broadway-Style Performances*

**AVENTURA** – Students out of school this summer can celebrate their inner thespian at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's **Summer Theatre Camp 2011**, presented by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and the Performance Project.

The camp is offered in two sessions: **June 27 to July 22** and **July 25 to August 19**. Both sessions are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are designed to give campers an introduction into the world of theater both onstage and behind-the-scenes. Campers will top off their experience by performing in live Broadway-style shows in a professional theater setting.

This year's program consists of two groups: Acting UP, for campers ages 6 to 11, and Broadway Bound, for campers who are 7 to 13. Broadway Bound and Acting UP sessions are limited to 50 campers total. The programs culminate with campers taking the stage at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center in a performance. First and second session Acting UP campers will perform a Broadway revue. First session Broadway Bound campers will perform *Once Upon a Mattress* and second session Broadway Bound campers will perform *Cats*.

The first two weeks of each session focuses on a curriculum that includes tap, jazz and ballet classes, acting for the stage and camera, improvisation, design, costuming and production. By the third week nearly two thirds of the camp is devoted to production with the final week given over to rehearsals, performance and a cast pizza party.

Camp fees for either program is \$880, which includes two complimentary tickets to any performance in which the camper appears, a DVD of the final performance, a T-shirt, a refillable water bottle, script and a primary costume (for use during the show). There is a \$230 non-refundable deposit to reserve a spot, which is included in the full camp payment. The balance is due one month prior to the start of each session. There is a \$200 discount for siblings or for those who enroll in both sessions. Before and after care is also available at \$50 per session between 8 and 9 a.m., \$100 per session between 4 and 6 p.m. or at a daily rate of \$10 per day for either. Campers must bring their own lunches but snacks will be on sale for a nominal fee.

Registration is available online at [www.browardcenter.org/summercamp2011](http://www.browardcenter.org/summercamp2011) or call (954) 462-0222 for more information. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 324-seat waterfront complex that hosts performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura and can be found on Twitter @aventuracenter.

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**STUDENTS TAKE THE STAGE THIS JUNE AT THE  
 AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER**

**AVENTURA** – This June, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center celebrates childhood creativity and community.

The Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents **The Young Musicians Concert** on **Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m.** featuring students from Vladimir Issaev's Music School Project in North Miami Beach. This elite ensemble of young, talented musicians will interpret classical, popular and jazz pieces using piano, violin, cello, trumpet, guitar, voice and Latin American instruments. The concert is an initiative of the Maestro Aldemaro Romero Foundation, which gives young musicians the opportunity to perform in public. Tickets are \$15 and \$20.

Bles Chavez-Bernstein presents an evening of music and inspiration in **Voice of a Poet** on **Saturday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.** as she sings romantic arias, art songs, sacred music and contemporary music. *Voice of a Poet* is Bles' interpretation of her vision of childhood through the carefully selected works of Rachmaninoff, Dvorak, Puccini, Menotti and other renowned composers. This performance is dedicated to the women and children who are victims of violence, through the advocacy of Safespace Foundation. Tickets are \$35.

Dance Studio Baila Flamenco, part of Hispanic Flamenco Ballet, presents **The Second Baila Flamenco Festival** on **Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.** featuring more than 60 performers, ranging in ages from two and up, gathering together to celebrate the culmination of their 2010-2011 season. The festival features ballet, classical, espanol and flamenco styles choreographed by Dance Studio Directors and also includes a special performance of distinguished Flamenco musicians. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Kindness and Caring Foundation. The show is sponsored by Greater North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and La Barraca Tapas. Tickets are \$30 with \$5 lap tickets available for children 12 months and under.

The Kirova Ballet Academy presents its annual year-end production of ***The Ugly Duckling*** on **Sunday, June 19 at 1 and 4:30 p.m.** Young dancers will present the beloved tale in different styles and techniques from gorgeous classical ballets that have captivated audiences for centuries to the latest in today's modern and hip-hop dance styles. Tickets are \$25.

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