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**Music, Film and Dance Headline the  
Aventura Arts & Cultural Center This May**

**AVENTURA** – From an international film and a tell-all documentary to a children’s musical and a tribute to legendary jazz musician Benny Goodman, there is something for everyone this May at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series shows the last film of the series with ***My Afternoons with Marguerite*** on **Tuesday, May 1 at 7 p.m.** Gérard Depardieu and Gisèle Casadesus star in this warm-hearted film that follows a chance meeting on a park bench between a portly handyman and a sprightly pensioner that blossoms into a touching friendship. The film is presented in French with English subtitles. The film is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion. Tickets are \$10.

The Broward Center 2011-2012 Family Fun Series presented by Coventry Health Care of Florida offers TheatreworksUSA’s musical adaptation of Cynthia Rylant’s best-selling books ***Henry and Mudge*** on **Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Henry is new to town and he finds companionship in teaching his dog Mudge tricks. When his cousin comes for a visit and wins Mudge’s affection, Henry runs away leaving Mudge to trace his scent into the forest. Individual tickets are \$15 in advance and \$16 when bought the day of the performance with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under.

Arts Ballet Theatre concludes its season with **Spring Gala** on **Sunday, May 6 at 5 p.m.** Under the direction of ballet master Vladimir Issaev, the final performance will include classical *Pas de Deux* and neo-classical pieces performed by talented dancers and choreographers. Tickets are \$25.

The film ***Client 9: The Rise and Fall of Eliot Spitzer*** concludes the Aventura Documentary Film Series on **Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m.** Part of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center’s Arts Access Program, this documentary takes an in-depth look at the rapid rise of New York Governor Eliot Spitzer from his election to his dramatic fall when the *New York Times* revealed that he had relations with prostitutes. With unique access to the escort world as well as friends, colleagues and enemies of the ex-Governor of New York (many of whom have come forward for the first time), the film explores the hidden contours of this tale of hubris, sex and power. This film is rated R.

Miami Jazz Cooperative presents Ken Peplowski and the South Florida Jazz Orchestra in ***Benny Goodman and Beyond*** on **Friday, May 18 at 8 p.m.** The concert will celebrate Goodman’s award-winning music and other classics of the big band era. Tickets are \$25 and \$35.

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*"Can we talk?"*

**"JOAN RIVERS -- A PIECE OF WORK" IS SHOWN IN THE  
AVENTURA DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES ON APRIL 17**

*2010 Sundance Film Festival U.S. Documentary Editing Award-Winner*

**AVENTURA, Fla.** – Aventura Documentary Film Series continues with ***Joan Rivers -- A Piece Of Work*** on Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

Filmed in the cinema verite style, the movie follows the legendary comedienne and pop icon over the course of a year as she fights tooth and nail to remain the queen of comedy, revealing a rare glimpse of the comedic process and the toxic mixture of self-doubt and anger that often fuels it.

Directors Ricki Stern and Annie Sundberg enjoyed unguarded access to Rivers and their film cuts intimate scenes with Joan's personal archive. The film was honored with the 2010 Sundance Film Festival U.S. Documentary Editing Award.

*The New York Times* review of the film applauded, "This convulsively funny movie takes an up-close and sometimes queasy-personal approach to its motormouth subject, who, when she's not making you howl with laughter (or freeze up in horror), brandishes her deeply held hurts, fears, prejudices, poor judgment and bad taste as if they were stigmata."

The film is rated R and is part of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's Arts Access Program, which provides technical and marketing support to local community groups enabling them to develop and build their audiences.

The Aventura Documentary Film Series is curated and produced by Aventura resident Rob Feldman, a longtime producer, documentary filmmaker and studio executive. The series concludes with *Client 9: The Rise and Fall of Eliot Spitzer* on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling (877) 311-7469 or select a seat online at [www.aventuracenter.org](http://www.aventuracenter.org).

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**ENJOY AUDIENCE FAVORITES AS THE  
THE OPERA ATELIER PRESENTS "OPERA MOMENTS"**

**AVENTURA – The Opera Atelier** presents **Opera Moments** featuring highlights from five popular operas on **Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

The program features the opening scenes from the comedic *Don Pasquale*, the heart-wrenching tenor aria from *I Pagliacci*, the famous "O mio babbino caro" from *Gianni Schicchi*, the romantic first act duet from *La Bohème* and dramatic scenes from *La Traviata*.

A South Florida-based non-profit arts organization, The Opera Atelier began in 2005 in New York City where it presented public performances of *Aida*, *Carmen*, *l'Elisir d'amore*, and *Tosca*. The company began training singers in Miami in 2010 and presented its first public performances the following year.

In addition to offering diverse Miami communities with presentations of high artistic quality, The Opera Atelier's goals include providing a creative exchange space where artists at different stages of their careers collaborate, where young artists hone their craft in a collegiate environment; and where artists and opera lovers draw inspiration from one another.

The concert is presented as part of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's Arts Access Program, which provides technical and marketing support to local community groups enabling them to develop and build their audiences.

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**The Opera Atelier** presents **Opera Moments** on **Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. The program features highlights from four well-known operas including the opening scenes from *Don Pasquale*, the tenor aria from *I Pagliacci*, the romantic first act duet from *La Boheme* and dramatic scenes from *La Traviata*. This performance is part of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's Arts Access Program. Tickets are \$30 and \$35. Tickets and group discounts are available by calling (877) 311-7469 or select a seat online at [www.aventuracenter.org](http://www.aventuracenter.org). The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura and on Twitter @AventuraCenter.

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## THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES STELLAR 2012-13 SEASON

**AVENTURA** – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center has unveiled its wide-ranging 2012-13 Season lineup which includes a new cabaret series, salutes to theater and popular music, classical concerts, circus and family performances, a comedy series featuring three top talents and a six-part film series as well as performances by regional presenters.

"As we enter our third season, we want to thank the community for their support. We have put together an outstanding season for families, theater goers, music fans, film buffs and comedy lovers," said City of Aventura City Manager Eric M. Soroka. "At the same time, we continue our Arts Access program presenting local community groups and serving as a home to some of our finest regional companies."

Audiences can get a sneak preview of the new season at **Curtain Up** on Sunday, October 14 when the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center presents a free family-oriented event preview of the artists and performances that will be performing on its stage.

As part of the City's Founders Day Weekend celebrations, the dynamic theater season includes **The Broadway Tenors** (Nov. 9) featuring leading men Brent Barrett, Matt Cavanaugh and Ron Bohmer. The Tony® Award-winning **Forbidden Broadway 30th Anniversary Tour** (Jan. 4 - 5) delivers a satirical roast of over 30 Broadway hits boasting outrageous costumes, silly spoofs of classic songs and madcap impressions by a stellar cast. **Sister Robert Anne's Cabaret Class** (Feb. 7 - 10) presents a "one-nun" tour-de-force created by Dan Goggin as part of the *Nunsense* series of musical comedies. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts and the City of Aventura present the gripping Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award- winner **Wiesenthal: The Conscience of the Holocaust** (March 13 -17). Neil Simon's multiple Tony® Award-winning Broadway play **Biloxi Blues** showcases Simon's combination of humor and humanity in this comedy about young men going off to war. (March 29).

The Cabaret by the Bay Series, new this season, is a fresh take on the classic art form and presents stories and songs from remarkable women who all share unique perspectives on the world of entertainment. Renowned cabaret pianist Rick Leonard serves as musical director for the series featuring the Great American Songbook with **My American Idols with Kimberley Locke** (Dec. 7 & 8); music from the Disney Songbook in **Blood, Sweat and Mouseketears! with Lindsey Alley** (Jan. 18 & 19); and the vibrant history of Latinos on the Great White Way in **Canciones de Broadway with Carla Bordonada** (Feb. 15 & 16).

In another must-see evening of timeless standards, Lee Lessack delivers a powerhouse performance in ***Too Marvelous for Words The Songs of Johnny Mercer*** (April 7).

Aventura Foreign Film Series presents six internationally acclaimed films hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the films and leads post-screening discussions. The series features the bittersweet comedy ***Chinese Take-Away*** (Nov. 13); the Winner of the Best Screenplay at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival ***Poetry*** (Dec. 11); the life lessons found in ***The World is Big and Salvation Lurks Around the Corner*** (Jan. 15); the celebrated remake of the 1940s classic ***The Well Digger's Daughter*** (Feb. 12); ***What the Snow Brings***, a tale of two brothers (March 19); and the beautifully realized fable-like ***Le Havre*** (April 16).

The acclaimed comedy troupe **Capitol Steps** puts the mock in democracy with insightful, irreverent and highly amusing performances (March 20 - 24). Comedy fans will want to be sure to catch the Aventura Comedy Series presented by Low Brow Entertainment Company which features **Bobby Collins** (Nov. 10), **Marion Grodin** (Feb. 2) and **Gemini** (March 2).

Genres collide as ***Cirque d'Amour*** combines the magical artistry of a European circus with the flirtatious camp of Burlesque in an intimate evening of song, dance, humor and mind-blowing acrobatics (Jan. 20).

The **South Florida Symphony Orchestra** presents its season at the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center with Master Concert I ***Beauty and the Bear*** featuring violinist Lara St. John (Nov. 17); Master Concert II ***Heroes and their Goddesses*** with pianist Natasha Paremski (Jan. 12) and Master Concert III ***From Darkness Comes the Light*** with cellist Zuill Bailey (April 6). The **Miami International Piano Festival** also presents world class artists with Jorge Luis Prats (Dec. 9), Eric Ferrand-N'Kaoua (Jan. 13), Sijing Ye (Feb. 3) and Michael Klotz and Kemal Gekic (April 21).

**The New World School of the Arts Repertory Dance Ensemble** presents talented high school and college dancers performing works in the ballet, modern, and jazz styles (Nov. 2). The dance season also showcases **Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida** with its Contemporary Program (October 6-7), the ***Nutcracker*** (Dec. 14-16) ***Chipollino*** (March 3), and the ***Spring Gala*** (May 12). **Ballet Etoile** returns to Aventura with a full season of contemporary dance theater consisting of its ***Gala*** (Nov. 15); ***Edith Piaf*** (Jan. 10); ***The House of Bernarda Alba*** (April 4) and ***Soiree with Les Biches*** (June 13).

The Broward Center's 2012-13 Family Fun Series presented by Coventry Health Care of Florida comes to Aventura pairing performances based on classic children's literature with pre-show and post-show activities at ***Martha Speaks*** (Oct. 20), ***Charlotte's Web*** (Nov. 17), ***Pinkalicious*** (Jan. 13) and ***Aladdin and the Magic Lamp*** (April 14).

Family audiences will also enjoy Smart Stage Matinees presented by the Broward Center offering affordably-priced professional school-day performances covering themes which reinforce classroom learning. This season's productions include ***The Nutcracker*** (Dec. 14), ***Pinkalicious*** (Jan. 14), ***No Bullies Allowed!*** (Feb. 4), ***Ellis Island*** (Feb. 11) and ***My Heart in a Suitcase*** (May 3).



Information on these and other shows in the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center 2012-13 season is available at [AventuraCenter.org](http://AventuraCenter.org).

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**"CURTAIN UP!" GETS DOWN WITH LATIN FUSION JAM CONCERT,  
TICKET GIVEAWAYS AND MORE DURING FREE OPEN HOUSE  
AT THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER**

*Free event takes place Sunday, October 14 from noon to 3 p.m.*

**AVENTURA** – In the highly anticipated third edition of the yearly free community event which serves as the sneak preview of its upcoming arts season, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center presents **Curtain Up!** on **Sunday, October 14 from noon to 3 p.m.** The family-oriented open house features a Latin fusion jam concert, the hottest new food truck sensation, ticket giveaways and art activities with Young At Art Museum and Puppet Network. Parking will be available at the Harbor Garage (N.E. 188th Street) with shuttles running continuously to the Cultural Center.

"In our first two seasons, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center has become a focal point in the community where people gather to enjoy everything from top name acts and films to our best regional companies. The annual Curtain Up! event is our way to bring art out to the community and thank everyone for their support," said Aventura Mayor Susan Gottlieb.

Adding a sizzling Miami soundtrack to the day will be Beatriz Malnic, Maria Rivas and the Araya-Orta Latin Jazz Trio. In addition to offering the opportunity to purchase tickets to many of the season's performances before they go on sale to the general public, the event will include ticket giveaways to lucky attendees.

Free activities will be offered for children at the event while tempting food and beverages will be available at a food truck. Families do not need to register beforehand and are encouraged to stop by at any time between noon and 3 p.m.

Highlights of the 2012-13 season include the Cabaret by the Bay Series featuring such artists as Sally Struthers, an evening with Hal Linden, the best of Broadway and off-Broadway including Broadway Tenors, *Biloxi Blues* and *Forbidden Broadway*, the Aventura Foreign Film Series of six internationally acclaimed films, the comedy troupe Capitol Steps, a three concert comedy series, Storytelling Series, and the Broward Center Family Fun Series. In addition the venue will host the full season of the South Florida Symphony Orchestra, the Miami International Piano Festival, Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida and Ballet Etoile.

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## **Comedy, Film, Music and Kids Shows Headline the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center This November**

**AVENTURA** – This November, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center kicks off with the return of the Aventura Comedy Series, Foreign Film Series, the South Florida Symphony Orchestra, children's favorite *Charlotte's Web*, dance performances and more.

The City of Aventura presents **The New World School of the Arts Repertory Dance Ensemble on Friday, November 2 at 8 p.m.** This performance by one of the country's leading conservatories of dance presents talented high school and college dancers performing works in the ballet, modern, and jazz styles. The program includes Tina Santos' high-energy "Jazzapalooza;" the evocative and visually arresting new work "Mapping #1" by award-winning British guest choreographer/filmmaker Darshan Singh Bhuller; the powerful, driving work "Prelude to Action" by modern dance icon Martha Graham; Lara Murphy's contemporary ballet "Liminally Venn" set to driving kodo drums; and Tina Santos's classic lyrical duet "Poème" set to Chopin's lovely "Nocturne in E Flat Opus 9." Tickets are \$12.

The City of Aventura presents ***The Broadway Tenors* on Friday, November 9 at 8 p.m.** as part of the City's Founders Day Weekend celebrations. Broadway leading men Brent Barrett, Matt Cavanaugh and Ron Bohmer come together to create a stylish and fun evening featuring the best-loved work of the Broadway and pop music repertoire including Andrew Lloyd Webber, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Frank Loesser, Frank Wildhorn and more. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

The Aventura Comedy Series presented by Low Brow Entertainment Company kicks off with hilarious, Grammy® Award-nominated stand-up comedian **Bobby Collins** on **Saturday, November 10 at 8 p.m.** Known for his biting humor and spot-on observations about everyday life, Bobby will perform pieces from his new CD, *I'm on the Boat: Women and Children First*. He is a former host of VH-1's *Stand-up Spotlight* and has opened for showbiz stars Cher, Julio Iglesias, Tony Bennett and Dolly Parton and has also been a hit in numerous television shows and movies. Tickets are \$34.50 and \$44.50. This production contains adult language and subject matter.

Internationally acclaimed classical pianist **Marta Brankovich** presents a ***Classical Piano Recital* on Sunday, November 11 at 5 p.m.** A piano soloist and chamber musician, Brankovich has held more than 200 recitals in the U.S. and Europe and more than 25 solo recitals during this past year alone. This musical performance will feature works from classical composers such as Mozart, Chopin and Satie, but also will have a modern vibe with a unique version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* specifically written for solo piano and in the new age classical experimental music style. Tickets are \$30.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series presents ***Chinese Take-Away* on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.** In this sweet and sour comedy that explores romance, cultural miscommunication and

flying cows, Ricardo Darin, star of the 2010 Best Foreign Language Oscar® Award winner *Secret in Their Eyes*, returns in an offbeat role that earned him an Argentine Academy Award for Best Actor. Darin portrays Roberto, a "cranky" loner who takes in a Chinese man that has just arrived in Argentina not speaking a word of Spanish and, while going to great lengths in the absurd situation, discovers a solution to his loneliness. This film is presented in Spanish with English subtitles. The film is hosted by Shelly Isaacs, who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion. Tickets are \$10.

Ballet Etoile kicks off its 2012-13 season of unique, contemporary dance theater with a special one-time-only performance of ***Ballet Gala*** on **Thursday, November 15 at 8 p.m.** Featuring beloved classical ballet, new contemporary creations choreographed by director Tomas Mazuch, new costumes and beautiful young dancers, the evening show will ignite audiences with elegance and the power of movement. Tickets are \$29. VIP tickets are \$33 and include premium seating and a post-show meet and greet with the cast over wine and cheese.

As part of the Broward Center 2012-13 Family Fun Series, Coventry Health Care of Florida presents ***Charlotte's Web*** on **Saturday, November 17 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Based on E.B. White's heartwarming children's book, it is the story of a pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a little barn spider named Charlotte. Wilbur has a major problem, so he turns to Charlotte, a fine writer and true friend, who assures Wilbur that she will save him. This treasured tale, featuring madcap and endearing farm animals, explores bravery, selfless love and the true meaning of friendship. Children will enjoy free pre-show art activities and themed airbrush "tattoos" by Young At Art Museum. After the show, the entire family can enjoy complimentary snacks provided by Whole Foods Market, proud sponsor of the Family Fun Series. Tickets for individual seats are \$15 in advance and \$16 when bought the day of the performance, \$5.50 for groups of 10 or more and \$3 lap seats are available for infants 12 months and under.

In celebration of its 15th anniversary, South Florida Symphony Orchestra opens this season with a performance of **Master Concert 1 *Beauty and the Bear*** on **Saturday, November 17 at 8 p.m.** Audiences will listen to the music of Tchaikovsky with *Violin Concerto* performed by high-powered violinist Lara St. John and experience the SFSO's first ever performance of a "Bruckner Symphony" with Lara's musical rendition of "Symphony No. 4 Romantic." Tickets are \$35 to \$55.

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**MUSIC, FILM AND A HOLIDAY CLASSIC HEADLINE THE  
AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER THIS DECEMBER**

**AVENTURA** – This December, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center kicks off the holiday season with *American Idol* finalist Kimberley Locke, Cuban pianist Jorge Luis Prats, holiday favorite *The Nutcracker* and the second film in the Aventura Foreign Film Series.

United Cerebral Palsy Diamond Minds Transformational Leadership Academy presents **Winter Recital 2012 on Saturday, December 1 at 4 p.m.** This two-act production features dance numbers from *The Nutcracker* in the first act, and students dancing hip-hop, contemporary and jazz styles performed to popular music in the second act. Tickets are \$12.

Northwestern Mutual/Laser Financial Group presents **The AT&T Young Stars Showcase on Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m.** The concert is Aventura Marketing Council's third annual showcase of sensational young singers between nine and 18 years old. Tickets are \$26.50 and \$51.50 with proceeds benefitting Aventura Marketing Council Education Foundation. Free lap tickets are available at the box off for kids 12 months and under. All tickets include a post-show VIP reception at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

The inaugural season of the Cabaret by the Bay Series launches as the City of Aventura presents ***My American Idols with Kimberley Locke* on Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8 at 8 p.m.** The season two *American Idol* finalist will explore the Great American Songbook from timeless chanteuses such as Etta James, Judy Garland and Dinah Washington to contemporary divas Whitney Houston, Regina Belle and Gladys Knight. Renowned cabaret pianist Rick Leonard joins Locke and serves as musical director. Tickets are \$34.50.

The Miami International Piano Festival presents Cuban piano virtuoso **Jorge Luis Prats** on **Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m.** in *A Voyage from Vienna to Cuba*. The program will include works such as "On the Blue Danube" by Johann Strauss-Andre-Schulz, "Carmen" by Busoni-Saraste and Cuban favorites by Cervantes and Lecuona. Tickets are \$30.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series continues with ***Poetry* on Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.** Winner of the Best Screenplay at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival and acclaimed as one of the finest films of the year, this finely tuned drama concerns an aging woman who, after a brief doctor visit, decides that her time has come to realize one of her childhood dreams. Faced with the discovery of a heinous family crime and learning she is in the early stages of Alzheimer's, she finds strength and purpose when she enrolls in a poetry class. This film is presented in

Korean with English subtitles. The film is hosted by Shelly Isaacs, who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion. Tickets are \$10.

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents the return of the classic ballet ***The Nutcracker***, choreographed and directed by renowned Ballet Master Vladimir Issaev. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's stage will be filled with snowflakes, sugarplum fairies, beautiful angels and magical characters, bringing back the charm of the holidays. It will be presented as a Smart Stage Matinee on **Friday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m.** Individual tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap seats available for infants 12 months and under. Productions will also take place on **Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15 at 7 p.m.**, and **Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m.** with tickets priced at \$35.

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**BALLET, MUSIC AND FILM HEADLINE THE  
AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER THIS JANUARY**

**AVENTURA** – This January, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center kicks off the New Year with the 30th anniversary tour of *Forbidden Broadway*, former Disney Mousketeer Lindsey Alley, the continuation of the Aventura Foreign Film Series, the launch of the Solo Storytelling Series and more.

The City of Aventura presents the ***Forbidden Broadway 30th Anniversary Tour*** on **Friday, January 4 and Saturday, January 5 at 8 p.m.**; and **Sunday, January 6 at 2 p.m.** This Tony® Award-winner offers a hip, fresh and funny view of theatre's biggest hits. From *Annie* to *Phantom*, and from *Wicked* to *Avenue Q*, this humorous, satirical roast of more than 30 Broadway hits features outrageous costumes, silly spoofs of classic songs, and madcap impressions by a stellar cast. Tickets are \$39.

Ballet Etoile presents ***Edith Piaf*** on **Thursday, January 10 at 8 p.m.** This tragically romantic biography of the famed 1940s singer is told through contemporary dance, live singing and dramatic theater. This ballet drama shows several episodes from the life of the famous French chansonniere and attempts to bring the phenomenon of Piaf closer to the audience: her life on the streets of Paris; her first professional success; her misfortune in love and her fall from grace; alcohol and drug problems and her return to the stage. The well-known chansons are sung in French by special guest Melissa Bibliowicz. Tickets are \$29.

Based on the popular book by Victoria and Elizabeth Kann, ***Pinkalicious*** tells the story of a girl who loves anything pink. Her love of pink cupcakes turns her pink from head to toe and the only cure is to eat green, healthy snacks.

- Presented as part of the 2012-13 Family Fun Series presented by Coventry Health Care of Florida and sponsored by PNC bank at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on **Sunday, January 13 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Individual tickets are \$15 in advance and \$16 the day of the show with \$3 lap seats available for children 12 months and under. Children will enjoy free pre-show art activities and themed airbrush "tattoos" by Young At Art Museum. After the show, the entire family can enjoy complimentary snacks provided by Whole Foods Market, proud sponsor of the Family Fun Series.
- Presented as Smart Stage Matinees on **Monday, January 14 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Tickets are \$10 for individual seats and \$3 for lap seats for infants 12 months and under.



South Florida Symphony Orchestra Master Concerts presents ***Epic Heroes and Their Goddesses*** with pianist **Natasha Paremski** on **Saturday, January 12 at 8 p.m.** Tickets range in price from \$35 to \$55.

Miami International Piano Festival presents **Eric Ferrand-N'Kaoua** on **Sunday, January 13 at 5 p.m.** The French pianist, in a tribute to Art Tatum, explores music from the era of European Romanticism to American Romanticism which culminates in a journey through the works of Mendelssohn, Liszt, Debussy, Ravel and Gershwin. Tickets are \$30.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series presents ***The World is Big and Salvation Lurks Around the Corner*** on **Tuesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.** When a young man leaves his country behind and loses his memory in a car accident, his grandfather attempts to cure his amnesia by taking him on a spiritual journey back into his past. While playing backgammon together, the young man comes to realize that life is a game lived on the edge between chance and skill. This film is presented in Bulgarian, German, Italian, Slovenian and Hungarian with English subtitles and is hosted by Shelly Isaacs, who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion. Tickets are \$10.

The City of Aventura presents ***Blood, Sweat and Mouseketears! with Lindsey Alley*** on **Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19 at 8 p.m.** as part of the Cabaret by the Bay Series. This wonderful new revue of music from the Disney Songbook is presented from the unique and hilarious perspective of former Mousketeer Lindsey Alley who began her career on the *Mickey Mouse Club* with Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera. Singing such favorites as "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "Someday My Prince Will Come," as well as new favorites like "Part of Your World" and "Go the Distance," she shares stories about her quest for the elusive "happily ever after." Renowned cabaret pianist Rick Leonard joins Alley and serves as musical director. Tickets are \$34.50.

The City of Aventura presents ***Cirque d'Amour*** on **Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m.** Combining the magical artistry of a European circus with the flirtatious camp of Burlesque, *Cirque d'Amour* is an intimate evening of song, dance, humor and mind-blowing acrobatics. The show includes the Argentinian Tango, the rambunctious dance of the Moulin Rouge's femme fatale, the smokey desires that linger in a sultry Cabaret Boudoir and the classic art of striptease made famous by Sally Rand. Without using adult language or content, *Cirque d'Amour* features gorgeous costuming, an electrifying score and seductive choreography. Tickets are \$34.50 and \$39.50.

The City of Aventura presents the inaugural season of First Person Singular: Adventures in Solo Storytelling Series with ***Freight Trains, Jesse James, Uncle B and Me*** featuring **David Holt** on **Tuesday, January 22 at 7 p.m.** As a four-time Grammy® Award winner, Holt has been tracking unusual mountain musicians for more than three decades. Described as "a virtuoso" by the *New Yorker*, he is considered one of the nation's foremost folk musicians and storytellers. In

this solo concert, he weaves together stories and songs from his lifelong adventure, explaining how some of the quirkiest folks he discovered were right in his own family. Tickets are \$25.

The Opera Atelier presents **Great Opera Moments** on **Sunday, January 27 at 3 p.m.** The Opera Moments Series returns to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center with a fully-staged production inspired by classical tradition and incorporating elements from other performing media and visual arts. The program features the second act of Puccini's *Tosca*, the wedding scene from Donizetti's masterpiece *Don Pasquale*, and the third act of *La Bohème*. Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$30.

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Tickets, group discounts and scheduling information for all performances are available through the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's box office at (877) 311-7469 or online at [www.AventuraCenter.org](http://www.AventuraCenter.org).

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