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MUSIC, COMEDY AND CULTURE FEATURED AT THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER THIS FEBRUARY

AVENTURA – This February, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center offers an exciting line-up featuring Tony-Award-winner Hal Linden, comic Marion Grodin, Puerto Rican born cabaret star Carla Bordonada, *a Nunsense* favorite, captivating storyteller Regi Carpenter, jazz and classical artists, dance, family performances, the continuation of the Aventura Foreign Film Series and more.

The Aventura Comedy Series, presented by Low Brow Entertainment Comedy, continues with comedian **Marion Grodin** in *Growing up Grodin* on **Saturday, February 2 at 8 p.m.** The daughter of comedy actor Charles Grodin gives audiences a behind the scenes look at how growing up around her eccentric and colorful family made her who she is today. Grodin has opened for Lewis Black and has appeared on *The Conan O'Brien Show, The Joy Behar Show* and *The View.* This show is a part of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's Art Access Program and may contain material not appropriate for children under 13 years old. Tickets are \$31.50 and \$36.50.

The Miami International Piano Festival's Aventura Cultural Series presents pianist **Sijing Ye** in **Prodigies & Masters of Tomorrow** on **Sunday, February 3 at 5 p.m.** In this journey into Chopin & Liszt's repertoire, Ye performs Chopin's favorite mazurkas, waltzes, nocturnes, ballades, the great "Sonata No. 2," as well as Liszt's "Rhapsodie Espagnole." An award-winning pianist, Ye was discovered by Patrons of Exceptional Artists and has participated in numerous competitions in China and the U.S., including the 69th Annual Steinway and Sons Children and Youth Piano Competition where she won first place. Tickets are \$30, with half price tickets available at the box office for students age 22 and under with valid I.D.

No Bullies Allowed! will be presented as Smart Stage Matinees on **Monday**, **February 4 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** Incorporating anti-bullying lessons and solution-oriented messages into famous fairy tales, the story takes place at Enchanted Elementary where the Big Bad Wolf bullies the Three Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack, Cinderella and Ugly Duckling. Individual tickets are \$10 and \$3 lap seats are available for infants 12 months and under.

The City of Aventura presents *Sister Robert Anne's Cabaret Class* from Thursday, February 7 through Sunday, February 10. Christine Mild stars as Sister Robert Anne, a "one-nun" tour-de-force created by Dan Goggin as part of the "Nunsense" series of musical comedies. Called "one great show," by NBC News, Sister entertains with show-stopping numbers, hilarious stories and some audience participation. Performances are: Thursday, February 7 at 8 p.m.; Friday, February 8 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 9 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$36.50.

The high-spirited musical journey *Ellis Island: Gateway to a Dream* will be presented as Smart Stage Matinees on **Monday**, **February 11 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** The show follows a group of immigrants whose experiences are typical of the many thousands who came to America in the early 1900's. Celebrating the multi-cultural foundations of our nation, Ellis Island is about courage, hope and the challenges of the immigration experience. Tickets are \$10 for individual seats and \$3 for lap seats for infants 12 months and under.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series continues with *The Well Digger's Daughter* on Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. Twenty-five years after rising to international acclaim in Jean de Florette and Manon of the Spring, Daniel Auteuil returns to the world of Marcel Pagnol for his first work as a director with this celebrated remake of the 1940s classic. In pre-World War II France, a father is torn between his sense of honor and his deep love for his saintly daughter when she gets in trouble with the wealthy son of a shopkeeper. This film is shown in French with English subtitles and is hosted by Shelly Isaacs, who will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion. Tickets are \$10.

The City of Aventura presents Canciones de Broadway with Carla Bordonada on Friday, February 15 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, February 16 at 8 p.m. Broadway blockbusters such as West Side Story, Man of LaMancha, Evita and In the Heights have thrilled audiences and showcased the vibrant Hispanic culture. Now, Puerto Rican born cabaret star Carla Bordonada performs "Somewhere", "Don't Cry for Me Argentina", "Impossible Dream" and more. The show is primarily in English. Renowned cabaret pianist Rick Leonard joins Miss Bordonada and serves as musical director. Tickets are \$34.50.

Citizens Interested in Arts (CIA) presents the 15th annual Grantees on Parade on Tuesday, February 17 at 1:30 p.m. The event is emceed by Broadway star David McBride with television, recording and cabaret artist Judy Scott as a featured guest. CIA Grants Committee members Dr. Dorothy Koreman, CIA Founder Gloria Muroff, Florence Werner and President Emeritus Lenore Toby-Simmons will award grants to 30 South Florida artistic organizations. The event also will feature performances by grantee winners Florida Grand Opera, GableStage, Miami Children's Chorus, Orchestra Miami, The Bluegrass Association of Florida, City Theatre Summer Shorts, Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida and other leading South Florida dance, drama and vocal companies. Tickets are \$50 and \$75 with VIP seats available for \$100. All tickets include admission to the pre-show brunch at 11:30 a.m.

The City of Aventura's First Person Singular: Adventures in Solo Storytelling Series continues with *Where There's Smoke, There's Dinner: Stories of a Seared Childhood Featuring Regi Carpenter* on Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. St. Lawrence River rat and award-winning storyteller Carpenter gleans stories from four generations of her eccentric family and her roots in Clayton, N.Y. that are equally original, poignant, heartbreaking and side-splitting. Tickets are \$25.

Zameru Investment presents **Jazz Around the World** on **Friday, February 22 at 8:30 p.m.** This musical journey through the world of jazz features swing, Latin jazz, tango jazz, bossa nova and blues evoking artists such as Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Cole Porter and Ella Fitzgerald. The concert incorporates jazz of various eras and countries, as well as jazz adaptations of other musical genres. Tickets are \$35 with \$50 V.I.P. tickets which include a post-show champagne toast with the company.

Saladino Dance Productions presents *Singin' and Dancin' in the Rain* on Saturday, February 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 24 at 2 p.m. A tribute to the movie musical legend Gene

Kelly, the show highlights his career from the depression in the tough streets of Pittsburgh to his rise to fame in the Hollywood spotlight and includes songs and dance numbers inspired by the great choreographer and innovator from such classic films as *Singin'* in the Rain, An American in Paris, On The Town, Pal Joey, For Me and May Gal and Cover Girl. Tickets are \$32.50 and \$39.50.

The City of Aventura presents a performance by Tony Award-winner **Hal Linden** on **Thursday**, **February 28 at 8 p.m.** Perhaps best known for his portrayal of police precinct captain *Barney Miller* in the hit television series, Linden made his Broadway debut in 1957 in the musical *Bells Are Ringing* opposite Judy Holliday. To date, he has performed in more than 20 Broadway and Off Broadway productions and won the Tony Award for "Best Actor In a Musical" for *The Rothschilds*. Linden presents an entertaining combination of songs, ranging from classic pop to jazz standards, Broadway and feature film tunes, standards from the American and theatrical musings highlighting memorable moments from his life and career. Tickets are \$36.50 and \$41.50.

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ACCLAIMED BROADWAY STARS AND INSPIRING PERFORMANCES COME TO THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER THIS MARCH

AVENTURA – This March, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center presents a phenomenal line-up featuring a performance by Emmy® Award-winning actress Sally Struthers, Neil Simon's multiple Tony Award®-winning Broadway production *Biloxi Blues*, the continuation of The Aventura Foreign Film Series with *What the Snow Brings*, a tribute concert to The Beatles and more.

The Nowhere Band – A Tribute to the Beatles on Friday, March 1 at 8 p.m. is a "Magical History Tour" reproducing live iconic Beatles' performances and blending period costumes and authentic instruments with modern lighting into a multi-media stage experience which covers the full spectrum of The Beatles' legendary career. All tickets include a post-show meet and greet with the artists. Tickets are \$36.50 and \$41.50.

The Aventura Comedy Series continues with **Gemini** presented by Low Brow Entertainment Company on **Saturday, March 2 at 8 p.m.** This astonishing and fun production combines stage illusion, dance, comedy, romance, audience participation and ventriloquism. The show is part of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's Arts Access Program and may contain material not appropriate for children under 13 years old. Tickets are \$34.50 and \$36.50.

The Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents *Chipollino* on **Sunday, March 3 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.** A beautiful ballet in two acts, choreographed by Ballet Master Vladimir Issaev to the music of Russian composer K. Katchaturian, the ballet is based on Gianni Rodari's tale of a naughty "green onion" and examines good versus evil and the importance of friendship in the face of difficulties. Tickets are \$25.

The City of Aventura's inaugural Cabaret by the Bay Series culminates with multiple Emmy-Award winning actress, spokeswoman, comedienne and personality **Sally Struthers** taking the stage on **Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 at 8 p.m.** With words, song, stories, tears and laughter, Struthers shares her experiences in show business, from working on *Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour* and *The Tim Conway Comedy Hour* to dating Elvis Presley. She is best known for her role as Gloria on the iconic show *All in the Family* and for her roles in multiple Broadway productions including Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple, Grease and Annie.* Tickets are \$34.50.

The City of Aventura presents **Jewish Jazz with a Latin Accent** on **Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.** The concert features Latin jazz and world music star Maria Rivas and clarinet virtuso Paul Green and his group Klezmer East in a high-energy concert that explores the connection between Jewish music and jazz. Green has created arrangements that fuse the two genres, and Rivas takes the stage to interpret them with her own musicality and Latin passion. Tickets are \$30 and \$35.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts and the City of Aventura present the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award- winner and three L.A. Ovation Award-nominee *Wiesenthal: The Conscience of the Holocaust March* 13 through 17. Like a gripping spy thriller, the play depicts the man called the "Jewish James Bond" as he recounts how he solved his most sensational cases in pursuit of such notorious villains as Adolf Eichmann, Franz Stangl, Dr. Josef Mengele and the SS officer who imprisoned Anne Frank. Showtimes are Wednesday, March 13 – Friday, March 15 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Marcy 16 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$36.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series continues with *What the Snow Brings* on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. In this film, two brothers come to grips with the gap that has separated them over the years as long hidden emotions surface and new relationships are built. Manabu Yazaki, who left his hometown in Haokkaido 13 years earlier, had big dreams of success in Tokyo. After losing his high-class lifestyle as well as his marriage, he returns home in midwinter where he is taken in by his elder brother Takeo, who manages a stable for a sleigh-pulling race. This film is presented in Japanese with English subtitles and is hosted by Shelly Isaacs, who will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion. Tickets are \$10.

The City of Aventura presents *Capitol Steps* from Wednesday, March 20 – Sunday, March 24. Former Senate staffers Capitol Steps satirize the people and places that employed them during this insightful, irreverent and highly amusing performance that puts the mock in democracy. Acclaimed for their hilarious musical skits of Capitol Hill personalities and current events, their 30 albums and sold-out shows keep audiences on both sides of the aisles laughing out loud. Showtimes are Wednesday, March 20 – Saturday, March 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

The City of Aventura presents Neil Simon's multiple Tony Award®-winning Broadway play *Biloxi Blues* on *Friday*, *March 29 at 8 p.m*. The comedy follows Brooklyn-born Eugene Morris Jerome and his fellow Army inductees as they struggle through basic training near Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1943. An aspiring writer who sees himself as an outsider observing the craziness around him, Eugene hopes to somehow remain "neutral ... like Switzerland." Simon brings his acclaimed combination of humor and humanity to this comedy about young men going off to war. Tickets are \$39.00.

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THEATER CAMPERS TAKE A TRIP UNDER THE SEA IN A PERFORMANCE OF "THE LITTLE MERMAID JR."

AVENTURA – Campers from the Broward Center's Summer Theatre Camp Young Professionals program will perform Disney's *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* from July 19-20 at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

This musical adaptation of Disney's beloved animated film brings to life the story of the beautiful, young mermaid Ariel who longs to leave her ocean home and be part of the world above the sea. Featuring the hit songs "Part of Your World," "She's in Love" and the Oscar-Winning "Under the Sea," the show is the perfect summertime entertainment for kids and campers of all ages.

The production marks the conclusion of the Young Professionals Summer Theatre Camp 2013, a six-week, advanced level touring program that provided training on various components of theater curriculum and is an exciting opportunity for campers to perform in a professional theater environment while showcasing the skills they learned over the summer.

Performances take place Friday, July 19 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, July 20 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for individual tickets, \$3 for lap seat tickets for infants 12 months and younger, \$5 for groups of 10 or more for Thursday and Friday performances and \$9 for groups of 10 or more for Saturday performances.

Tickets, group discounts and scheduling information are available at (877) 311- 7469 or select a seat online at www.AventuraCenter.org. Tickets can be purchased at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188th Street in Aventura.

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SINGER PRODUCTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT TO PRESENT THE AVENTURA COMEDY SERIES

Tickets and subscriptions go on sale August 1 for the 2013-14 Season performances at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center

AVENTURA – Singer Productions and Entertainment lights up the 2013-14 season with three comic headliners when the Aventura Comedy Series comes to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

Michael Winslow, the "Man of 10,000 Sound Effects," kicks off the series on **Saturday**, **November 2 at 8 p.m.** as part of the City's Founders Day Weekend celebrations. The greatest vocal sound effects comic working today, Winslow can imitate over 10,000 sound effects from the frenzy of Jimi Hendrix playing the guitar to the roar of a jet plane. Best known for his roles in all seven *Police Academy* films as sound effects master Larvelle Jones, he has appeared on *David Letterman*, *Good Morning America*, *Regis and Kathy Lee* and the *Academy Awards*. He can also be heard on the TV hits *Robot Chicken* and *Family Guy*.

The New Year gets off to a hilarious start with **An Evening With Sarge on Saturday, January 25 at 8 p.m.** The Miami Beach native who has performed worldwide to adoring audiences returns with music and hilarity and his dangerous signature trio "The Don's." One of the highest energy, multi-talented acts in show business today, Sarge is a triple threat: an extraordinary piano player, hysterical standup comedian and phenomenal singer. He has appeared as the opening act for Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, Paul Anka, Donna Summer, Kansas, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Taylor Dayne, Burt Bacharach and The Beach Boys. He is also known for his appearances on *The Late Late show with Craig Ferguson*, HBO, Comedy Central and Travel Cafe on the Discovery Channel.

Lisa Landry: That's Funny... You Don't Look Jewish closes out the series on Saturday, February 22 at 8 p.m. aiming to prove the saying "He who laughs last, laughs best." Raised Catholic, Landry says she converted to Judaism because "it's the same guilt but with 20 percent off at Macy's!" An utterly likable and down-to-earth entertainer who is incredibly easy to relate to, the Louisiana native is a gifted writer, talented actress and outstanding stand-up comic. In addition to her appearances on The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson and The Bonnie Hunt Show, Landry starred in Comedy Central Presents Lisa Landry and her comedy release Put Your Keys in the Key Bowl was one of iTunes "Top 10 Best Comedy CDs" of that year.

The concerts in the Aventura Comedy Series may contain material not appropriate for children under 13 years old.

Tickets go on sale August 1 with a three-show subscription offering a discount of 15 percent off the ticket price. Individual tickets are priced at \$32.50 and 37.50 and discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

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THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER CELEBRATES NEW SEASON BY PUTTING TICKETS ON SALE AUGUST 1 AND OFFERING AN EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Discount of 15 percent off on ticket prices is good on purchases made through August 15

AVENTURA – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is putting many of the hit shows in its upcoming new season on sale August 1. An early bird discount of 15 percent good on purchases made through August 15 is being offered on several series subscriptions and individual shows.

"This is a truly exciting season as we continue our mission to provide quality programming for our residents while also creating a cultural destination that brings people to Aventura and shows them all our city has to offer," said Aventura Mayor Susan Gottlieb. "Ticket buyers can act now to secure their seats to the usually sold-out Founders Day Weekend events and other shows while saving money with our special discount."

The following performances go on sale August 1 and ticket prices listed are before the early bird discount is applied.

Founders Day Weekend celebrations take center stage with **The Hit Men** (November 1) and comedian **Michael Winslow** (November 2). The weekend of music and comedy begins with former members of mega-hit acts, including Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, relating great stories about life on the road and in recording studios while preforming rock and roll classics. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Known as the "Man of 10,000 Sound Effects" and for his roles in all seven *Police Academy* films, Winslow amazes audiences by creating over 10,000 sound effects from the frenzy of Jimi Hendrix playing the guitar to the roar of a jet plane. Tickets are \$32.50 and \$37.50.

Winslow's concert also kicks off the new season of the Aventura Comedy Series presented by Singer Productions and Entertainment, which includes *An Evening With Sarge* (January 25) and *Lisa Landry: That's Funny... You Don't Look Jewish* (February 22). Tickets are \$32.50 and \$37.50 with the early bird discount offered for both three-show Aventura Comedy Series subscription and individual tickets.

Families will enjoy the **Golden Dragon Acrobats**, the premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company, in a performance of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty which combines award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques (November 24). Tickets are \$34.50 and \$39.50.

The Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents its 2013-14 season featuring choreography by the company's artistic director Vladimir Issaev, with *Pentimento* and *Firebird* (October 19 and 20), *The Nutcracker* (December 13-15), *Doctor Ouch!* (March 8 and 9) and the annual **Spring**

Ballet Gala (May 3). An early bird discount is offered for the four-show subscription and prices for individual productions vary.

Two productions also go on sale August 1, but are not eligible for the early bird discount: **New World School of the Arts Repertory Dance Ensemble**(October 30), one of the country's leading conservatories, offers a full evening of dance with tickets priced at \$12; and the **Fourth Annual AT&T Young Stars Showcase** (December 8), presented by Northwestern Mutual/Laser Financial Group, features young singers from throughout South Florida performing the best of Broadway in an event benefitting the Aventura Marketing Council Education Foundation with tickets priced at \$26.50 and \$51.50.

Subscriptions currently are available to the Broward Center Family Fun series at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center featuring *Splat the Cat* (October 12), *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (November 16), *Peter Pan* (January 25) and *Hansel and Gretel* (April 27). Individual tickets will go on sale August 23 for this popular series which has pre-show arts and crafts with Young At Art Museum, complimentary face pace painting and a post-show snack. The four-show subscription is \$52 and offers a discount of \$2 per show. Single tickets are priced at \$15.

Individual tickets already are on sale for the highly-anticipated Aventura debut of the Slow Burn Theatre Company and its production of the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award®-winning musical *Next to Normal* (November 7-10). Tickets are priced at \$34.50 and \$39.50. The company, which has received critical and audience acclaim for its full-scale productions of inspiring, intelligent musicals, will transfer two productions in its upcoming season to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center after their runs at West Boca Performing Arts Theater. Tickets for *Chess* from the musical creators of the hit *Mamma*, *Mia!* (April 10-13) will go on sale on a future date.

Tickets will go on sale in the fall for the return of the Miami International Piano Festival and the Foreign Film Series hosted by Shelly Isaacs as well as performances by many Broadway stars, leading edge comedy troupes, acclaimed vocalists and dance companies.

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THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES THE 2013-2014 AVENTURA FOREIGN FILM SERIES

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, September 3

AVENTURA, **Fla**. – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center announces the 2013-2014 Foreign Film Series featuring the finest in international cinema from Egypt, France, Germany and Italy. Individual tickets and six-film subscription packages go on sale Tuesday, September 3.

Shelly Isaacs, founder/programmer and commentator for South Florida's popular Café Cinematheque International programs, will host and introduce the films and lead post-screening discussions.

The series begins with a presentation of *The Names of Love* on Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. The story follows a young liberal girl who adheres to the "Make love, not war" philosophy and seduces right-wing men to convert them to her cause. She revels in her success until she meets middle-aged Jewish scientist Arthur Martin, and her world is turned upside down. Can this relationship succeed in a no-holds battle of the sexes fraught with a variety of hot-button sociopolitical issues amid bubbly amour, humorous lasciviousness and moments of sheer madness? Presented in French with English subtitles, the film is rated (R).

Stunning performances, beautiful cinematography and a touching script highlight *Shun Li and the Poet* on Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. Working in a textile factory near Rome, Shun Li is among the tide of immigrants seeking opportunity in Italy. While struggling to save enough so her son can join her, she is transferred to work in a small town along a Venetian Lagoon. She meets Bepi, an older Slav immigrant. As a tender, delicate friendship grows, they quickly discover more similarities in their cultures than first realized, however they will find their friendship soon being threatened. This film's dialogue is Italian and Mandarin with English subtitles.

The film series continues on **Tuesday**, **January 14 at 7 p.m.** with **The Pool**, an uplifting coming of age tale of a young boy's obsession and how it will affect his destiny. Working at a hotel in Panjim, Goa, Venkatesh discovers a luxuriant garden and swimming pool hidden behind a wall. Offering his services to the wealthy

homeowner, Vankatesh feeds his zealous curiosity and desire for a better life, while learning that life on the other side of the wall may not be what he expected. The film, from a U.S. production company, is shown in Hindi with English subtitles.

A suspenseful film from Christian Petzold, one of Germany's most influential directors, *Barbara* will be presented on **Tuesday**, **February 11 at 7 p.m.** Set in 1980s East Germany, young physician Barbara Wolff finds herself banished to a small pediatric hospital in the country. There, she befriends another doctor and comes under the ever watchful and suspicious eyes of the secret police. Barbara finds she must weigh her absolute dedication to her patients and her newfound attraction to the man she sees as her kindred spirit against a potential and muchdesired escape to the West. The film is presented in German with English subtitles.

Also presented in the series, *Scheherazade, Tell Me a Story* will be shown on **Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.**, The film explores a variety of social and feminist issues in a story that could not be more timely. For young married couple Karim and Hebba, life in Egypt is good, until Hebba's job as host of a highly rated TV program threatens Karim's promotion to editor-in-chief of the top governmental newspaper. Persuading his wife to focus on non-political topics, Karim gets the promotion but Hebba's focus on the plight of four women will end up having a powerful impact that no one foresaw. Shown in Arabic with English subtitles.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series concludes on **Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m.** with *In the House*, winner of the Critics Award at the 2012 Toronto Film Festival and the Golden Seashell and Prize of the Jury at the 2012 San Sebastian Film Festival. The film chronicles 16-year-old Claude, who insinuates himself into the house of fellow high school student Rapha and writes about Rapha's family in essays that perversely blur the lines between reality and fiction. Claude's essays totally intrigue his jaded literature teacher; who prods him on, unleashing a series of uncontrollable and not exactly welcome events. Presented in French with English subtitles, this film is rated (R).

Isaacs created the Boca Raton Classic Film Forum, Café Cinematheque International, Senses of Cinema, the International Film Series for the Boca Raton Museum of Art and Cinematheque at Sea. Isaacs has taught at New York University, Florida Atlantic University and Florida International University and has extensive national and local film experience.

Tickets for individual screenings are \$10. Six-film series subscriptions are available and represent a savings of 10 percent on individual tickets. All screenings are general admission and the auditorium opens for seating 30 minutes prior to the start time. Tickets, group discounts and scheduling information for all performances are available through the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's call center at (877) 311-7469 or online at www.AventuraCenter.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the Aventura Arts &

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BRIEF: Tickets go on sale Tuesday, September 3 for the 2013-14 Aventura Foreign Film Series presented by the City of Aventura at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Featuring the finest in international cinema from Egypt, France, Germany and Italy, the series consists of *The Names of Love* (Nov. 12), *Shun Li and the Poet* (Dec. 10), *The Pool* (Jan. 14), *Barbara* (Feb. 11), *Scheherazade, Tell Me a Story* (March11) and *In the House* (April 1). The series is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the films and leads post-screening discussions. Tickets for individual screenings are \$10. Six-film series subscriptions are available and represent a savings of 10 percent on individual tickets. All screenings are general admission and the auditorium opens for seating 30 minutes prior to the start time. Tickets, group discounts and scheduling information for all performances are available through the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's call center at (877) 311-7469 or online at www.AventuraCenter.org. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura.



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THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER OFFERS A 15 PERCENT DISOUNT ON TICKET PURCHASES TO 15 SHOWS THROUGH OCTOBER 15

Offer is for shows going on sale to the public on October 1

AVENTURA – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is putting the best seats in the house on sale to 15 shows in its exciting new season. It is also giving arts lovers and bargain hunters reason to rejoice by offering a 15 percent discount on ticket purchases made October 1 - 15.

Performers who have starred in countless Broadway productions light up the season in intimate concerts in the 326-seat waterfront theater. Tony Award nominee for *Billy Elliot*, **Emily Skinner** performs a dazzling evening filled with glorious music by landmark composers in *Broadway*, *Her Way* (Jan. 9). She is followed by two-time Tony Award nominee **Brian d'Arcy James**, who stared as Frank in *Smash* on NBC, as he brings to town the show that won raves from audiences and *The New York Times* (Jan. 29).

More Broadway headliners are on hand in February when **Stephanie J. Block** shows why she is considered to have one of the most relevant and versatile voices in musical theater (Feb. 9). **Sam Harris** will entertain the audience with selections from his new book, *Ham: Slices of a Life*, as the man whose career has run the gamut from singer and songwriter to actor, writer, director and producer discusses friendship, celebrity, growing up and getting sober (Feb. 20).

Musical theater's best leading men transport you from the Golden Age and back again in a thrilling and moving evening of Broadway's most beloved hits in **The Broadway Tenors** (March 1-2) and one of Broadway's most versatile leading men Tony Award nominee **Will Chase** crowns the season of Broadway luminaries (March 19).

The best of regional theater is also on hand with *Filpside: The Patti Page Story*, the winner of 18 Kennedy Center Festival Awards for its sparkling celebration of Page's meteoric rise to fame featuring 28 of her greatest hits and an eight-piece onstage orchestra (Jan. 24). The comedy world's best and brightest present an evening of hilarious sketch comedy with Second City's trademark improvisation in **The Second City: Happily Ever After**, a laugh-filled evening from the Chicago comedy factory that launched the careers of Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Bill Murray, Amy Poehler and Jason Sudeikis among many others (Feb. 6).

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center also presents the thrilling spectacle, **Cirque Zuma Zuma** which delivers a high-energy blend of Cirque du Soleil and the Harlem Globetrotters with a wide variety of arts and circus skills done in an African-style (Jan. 3). Erika Moon presents **Viva Paris: International Show**, offering a true European cabaret experience featuring feather show girls, can-can dancers, sketches, variety acts and a pinch of sophisticated burlesque (Jan. 18-19). From the creators of *Celtic Nights*, **CLADDAGH: An Explosion of Celtic Dance and**

Passion ignites the stage in an unbridled energetic fusion of vivacious music, dance and romance in a two-hour music and dance extravaganza (Mar.16).

Audiences can celebrate the best of world cultures in February beginning with Espirito Santo Bank's presentation of **Antonio Zambujo - The Spirit of Fado** as the Portuguese fado sensation thrills audiences with the classic rhythm of Portugal (Feb.7). Then it is off to Brazil for an exploration of the history of Bossa Nova with Beatriz Malnic, talented musicians and Brazilian Voices in **The Girl From Ipanema – 50 Years of Bossa Nova** (Feb. 15). **The Harvey Nevins Swing Orchestra** performs melodies from traditional eastside New York, Second Avenue and European revivals in a finger-snapping, toe-tapping afternoon of Horahs and Klezmer arranged in a swingin' way (Feb. 16).

In addition to world renown stars, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is proud to present local artists and this season hosts the opening night of the premiere season of Florida Grand Ballet Theater as it presents **A Night at the Ballet**, which showcases beloved classical repertoire and fresh contemporary choreography (Nov. 15).

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THE UGLY DUCKLING AND THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE AT THE AVENTURA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER

AVENTURA— The classic children books *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Tortoise* and the Hare come into a new and brilliant light at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on Saturday, October 12. Due to its popularity, the 1 p.m. show is sold out, but tickets are still available for the 11 a.m. performance.

Light Wire Theater and Corbian Visual Arts and Dance create an unforgettable theatrical experience with their cutting-edge technology that charms young audiences with dazzling visuals, electroluminescent puppetry, poignant choreography and the creative use of music.

The Ugly Duckling has helped generations of children understand one of humanity's universal struggles, while Aesop's fable *The Tortoise and the Hare*, now more than 2,500 years old, continues to drive home the time-tested adage, "Slow and steady wins the race."

As part of the Broward Center 2013–2014 Family Fun Series, sponsored by Whole Foods Market, tickets to the show include free face painting and pre-show arts and crafts supplied by Young At Art Museum, as well as post-show snacks provided by Whole Foods Market.

Tickets are priced at \$15 for individuals (\$17 the day of the show), \$13 for groups of 10 or more with \$3 lap seats available for infants 12 months or younger.

Tickets are available by calling 877.311.7469 or online at <u>AventuraCenter.org</u>. Tickets can be purchased at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance.

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All dates, times, programs and artists are subject to change.

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BRIEF:

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center stages *The Ugly Duckling and The* Tortoise and the Hare on Saturday, October 12 as part of the Broward Center 2013-2014 Family Fun Series sponsored by Whole Food Market. The story of the ugly duckling has helped generations of children understand one of humanity's universal struggles, while Aesop's fable The Tortoise and the Hare continues to drive home the time-tested adage, "Slow and steady wins the race." Children enjoy free pre-show arts and crafts supplied by Young At Art Museum and face painting, as well as post-show snacks provided by Whole Foods Market. Due to its popularity, the 1 p.m. show is sold out, but tickets are available for the 11 a.m. performance. Tickets are priced at \$15 for individuals (\$17 the day of the show), \$13 for groups of 10 or more with \$3 lap seats available for infants 12 months or younger. Tickets to all performances are available by calling 877.311.7469 or online at .AventuraCenter.org. Tickets can be purchased at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E.188th Street in Aventura.



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AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEER USHERS

Orientation session is October 8

AVENTURA – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center will conduct volunteer orientation sessions for new ushers on **Tuesday**, **October 8 at 6 p.m.** Those interested in volunteering to welcome and seat patrons during performances can download an application from the website at www.aventuracenter.org or contact the volunteer office at (305) 466-8002, ext. 1.

Volunteers commit for the entire season to one of eight weekly time periods choosing from six evening and two matinee performance schedules. When volunteering, ushers receive free parking and the opportunity to see performances. There is a one-time \$10 fee for a bowtie and name tag.

Volunteers are eligible to begin ushering performances upon completion of the three-hour orientation session which includes a tour of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and an introduction to ushering.

Ushering offers volunteers the opportunity to expand their horizons and explore new interests, to contribute to the cultural community of South Florida, and in the case of high school students, to earn community service hours toward their graduation requirement.

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STAGE AND SCREEN LEGEND CHITA RIVERA TO PERFORM IN THE INTIMATE AVENTURA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER

Tickets going on sale for March 7 performance

AVENTURA – South Florida audiences soon will have the rare opportunity to see two-time Tony Award-winner and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Chita Rivera perform in an intimate setting when the City of Aventura presents *Chita: A Legendary Celebration* at the 326-seat Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45.50 and \$49.50 and go on sale Tuesday, October 15.

In this unique solo concert event with live orchestral accompaniment, the musical theater star recreates signature moments from her legendary career including numbers from *West Side Story*, *Sweet Charity*, *Chicago*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, *Bye*, *Bye*, *Birdie* and *The Rink*. The evening also features a special tribute to John Kander & Fred Ebb and features timeless classics by Leonard Bernstein, Charles Strouse, Jerry Herman and Stephen Sondheim.

The official announcement from the White House announcing that she would receive the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom read, "From stage to screen, Chita Rivera has captured America's imagination with her magnetic presence and radiant voice. Over a career that has spanned a half-century, she has received numerous accolades for her performances, including two Tony Awards, six additional Tony nominations, and the Kennedy Center Honors Award. As fearless as Anita in *West Side Story*, and as self-reliant as Aurora in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, she has broken barriers under Broadway's lights and inspired a generation of women to follow in her remarkable footsteps."

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EVERY TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT CAN BE FOUND AT THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER THIS NOVEMBER

AVENTURA – With a November lineup of classical music, rock, ballet, Tony and Pulitzer Prizewinning theater, film, comedy, family theater and circus, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center truly has something for everyone.

Celebrate Aventura's Founders Day Weekend with former members of mega-hit acts including Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in **The Hit Men on Friday, November 1 at 8 p.m.** As they relate great stories about what it was like on the road and in recording sessions, The Hit Men relive the glory days of rock and roll with songs by Tommy James and the Shondells, Carly Simon, Elton John, Jim Croce and more. The notes are sharp, the vocals spot-on and the energy high as they perform such classics as "Oh What a Night," "Who Loves You," "Sherry," "Peace Train," "Crocodile Rock," "Leroy Brown" and "Mony Mony." Tickets are \$45.

Founders Day weekend continues when the Aventura Comedy Series presents **Wil Shriner** on **Saturday, November 2 at 8 p.m.** Shriner's clean, clever and off beat take on life entertains audiences on television, in top venues from coast to coast, and on radio with his current weekly spot on Tuesdays with the Paul and Young Ron show on 105.9 FM. He has made over 50 TV appearances with his stand-up comedy act and shared the stage with Joan Rivers, Jeff Foxworthy, Kevin Nealon, Loretta Lynn, Tom Jones, Tony Bennett and Jerry Seinfeld, among others. Tickets are priced at \$32.50 and \$37.50.

The City of Aventura proudly presents Slow Burn Theatre Company's production of the award-winning rock musical **Next to Normal on Thursday, November 7 through Saturday, November 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 10 at 2 p.m.** With book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt, the musical is an emotionally honest look at a mother who struggles with bipolar disorder and the effect that her illness has on her family. With provocative lyrics and a thrilling score, this musical shows how far two parents will go to keep themselves sane and their family's world intact. Only the eighth musical to receive the Pulitzer-Prize for Drama, *Next to Normal* was nominated for 11 Tony Awards[®] and won three: Best Original Score, Best Orchestration and Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical. Tickets are priced at \$34.50 and \$39.50.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series, hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the films and leads post-screening discussions, begins with a presentation of *The Names of Love* on Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. The story follows a young liberal girl who adheres to the "Make love, not war" philosophy and seduces right-wing men to convert them to her cause. She revels in her success until she meets middle-aged Jewish scientist Arthur Martin, and her world is turned upside down. Can this relationship succeed in a no-holds-barred battle of the sexes fraught with a variety of hot-button sociopolitical issues amid bubbly amour, humorous lasciviousness and moments of sheer madness? Presented in French with English subtitles, the film is rated (R). Tickets are \$10.

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center hosts the opening night of the premiere season of Florida Grand Ballet Theater as it presents **A Night at the Ballet** on **Friday, November 15 at 8 p.m.** This debut performance showcases beloved classical repertoire and fresh contemporary choreography. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 with a \$30 VIP ticket that includes premium seating and a post-show meet & greet with the cast.

Presented by Whole Foods Market, The Broward Center 2013-14 Family Fun Series continues when *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* chomps his way to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on Saturday, November 16 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Eric Cale's strikingly bold images spring to life in the stage production of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which tells the tale of the voracious caterpillar's progress through an amazing variety of food towards his eventual metamorphosis into a beautiful butterfly. Two more Cale favorites also are presented: *The Little Cloud* follows a cloud as it changes into various shapes of things he has seen high up in a beautiful blue sky and *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* goes an adventurous trip to the zoo changing into different animals as it learns the importance of being true to oneself. Tickets are at \$15 for individuals (\$17 the day of the show) and \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger.

The Miami International Piano Festival opens its 2013-14 Season with Serbian pianist, **Misha Dacic** on **Sunday, November 17 at 5 p.m.** Dacic exhibits stunning technique and fearlessly embraces each composer's idiom with passion and immense conviction. An international favorite, his programs are varied, insightful and pure listening joy. On this special occasion, Dacic will shed new light on music by Bach ("Partita No. 2"), Busoni-Mozart's Magic Flute Transcription, Villalobos, Liszt and Albeniz. Tickets are \$30.

The South Florida Symphony Orchestra 2013-2014 Season opens with *A Soul Unfettered* on **Tuesday**, **November 19 at 7:30 p.m.** under the baton of Maestra Sebrina María Alfonso. The concert features a program of Elgar's "Introduction and Allegro for Strings," Barber's "Cello Concerto, Opus 22" and Schubert's "Symphony No. 9" (The Great). Clancy Newman, winner of the prestigious Walter W. Naumburg Competition, is the featured soloist. Tickets are \$35, \$45 and \$55.

The City of Aventura presents the **Golden Dragon Acrobats** representing the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago on **Sunday, November 24 at 1 and 4 p.m.** World-renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty. The troupe is recognized throughout the United States and abroad as the premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company of today based on its reputation for the high production values and an attention to artistic details that is unparalleled in the art form. Tickets are \$34.50 and \$39.50.

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SLOW BURN THEATRE COMPANY MAKES AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER DEBUT WITH CRITICALLY-ACCLAIMED PRODUCTION OF "NEXT TO NORMAL"

AVENTURA – Predicted to be one of the top theater events of the season by the *Miami Herald* and Florida Theater On Stage, the Boca Raton-based Slow Burn Theatre Company will present the award-winning rock musical *Next to Normal* on Thursday, November 7 through Sunday, **November 10** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

Next to Normal comes to Aventura following its presentation at the West Boca Performing Arts Theater. Praising the production's powerful performances, Christine Dolen from the *Miami Herald* wrote, "The buzz surrounding the company has built steadily through its first four years. See *Next to Normal* and you'll understand why."

With book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt, *Next to Normal* is an emotionally honest look at a mother who struggles with bipolar disorder and the effect that her illness has on her entire family. This contemporary musical is an emotional powerhouse that addresses such issues as grieving a loss, ethics in modern psychiatry and suburban life. With provocative lyrics and a thrilling score, *Next to Normal* shows just how far two parents will go to keep themselves sane and their family's world intact.

Only the eighth musical to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Next to Normal* was nominated for 11 Tony Awards and won three: Best Original Score, Best Orchestration and Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical.

Bill Hirschman of Florida Theater On Stage raved, "Slow Burn Theatre Company's profoundly moving production of the musical *Next to Normal* is about as good as it gets in South Florida theater."

The collaboration between the City of Aventura and Slow Burn Theatre Company will also bring the non-profit theater company's production of the musical favorite *Chess* to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center from April 10 through April 13. Tickets go on sale October 29 for the musical that boasts what *Time* magazine called, "One of the best rock scores ever produced." From the musical creators of the hit *Mamma*, *Mia!*, *Chess* has music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus of the rock group ABBA and lyrics by Sir Tim Rice, who penned the international blockbusters *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*, *The Lion King* and *Aida*.

Performances of *Next to Normal* are Thursday, November 7 through Saturday, November 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 10 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for both *Next to Normal* and *Chess* are \$34.50 and \$39.50. 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.

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ROCKERS THE HIT MEN AND COMIC WIL SHRINER HIGHLIGHT FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND AT THE AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

AVENTURA— Founders Day Weekend celebrations take center stage at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center beginning when the City of Aventura presents **The Hit Men on Friday**, **November 1 at 8 p.m.**, sponsored by Aventura Mall, and followed by a hilarious evening of standup comedy with Wil Shriner on **Saturday**, **November 2 at 8 p.m.**

Limited tickets remain for The Hit Men, a concert by former members of mega-hit acts including Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. This brotherhood of musicians, whose friendships date back over 50 years, relive the glory days of rock and roll with great stories about what it was like on the road and in recording sessions as they perform songs by Tommy James and the Shondells, Carly Simon, Elton John, Jim Croce and more.

Singing the hits of the '60s, '70s and '80s the way audiences first heard them, The Hit Men's notes are sharp, the vocals spot-on and the energy high as they perform such classics as "Oh What a Night," "Who Loves You," "Sherry," "Peace Train," "Crocodile Rock," "Leroy Brown" and "Mony Mony."

Tickets are \$45 and availability is limited.

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Shriner has made more than 50 TV appearances with his stand-up comedy act and shared the stage with Joan Rivers, Jeff Foxworthy, Kevin Nealon, Loretta Lynn, Tom Jones, Tony Bennett and Jerry Seinfeld, among others. As an actor, he co-starred in *Peggy Sue Got Married* and he directed top television sitcoms including *Frasier*, *Everybody Loves Raymond* and the *Gilmore Girls*. He returned to his home state of Florida to produce, write and direct the feature film *Hoot*, based on Carl Hiaasen's award winning book.

Tickets are priced at \$32.50 and \$37.50. This show may contain material not appropriate for children under 13 years old.

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