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**The Aventura Arts and Cultural Center
Features Broadway Stars, Dance, Foreign Film and More in March**

AVENTURA – Broadway stars, including legendary Chita Rivera, foreign film and enthralling music and dance from Ireland, just in time for St. Patrick's Day, highlight March at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

On **Saturday, March 1 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m.**, ***The Broadway Tenors*** take the stage. Musical theater's three talented tenors transport the audience from the Golden Age and back again in a thrilling and moving evening of more than 30 Broadway favorites and show-stopping assortments written expressly for the trio that incorporate Irving Berlin, Rodgers and Hammerstein and New York medleys. Tickets are \$45 and \$40.

Audiences are invited to celebrate the one and only **Chita Rivera** in a unique solo concert event celebrating the Broadway legend's 80th birthday on **Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m.** The two-time Tony Award winner will recreate signature moments from her legendary career including selections from *West Side Story*; *Sweet Charity*; *Chicago*; *Kiss of the Spider Woman*; *Bye, Bye, Birdie* and *The Rink*. In addition to a special tribute to her dear friends John Kander & Fred Ebb, the show will feature the timeless music of Leonard Bernstein, Charles Strouse, Jerry Herman and Stephen Sondheim. Tickets are \$49.50.

Arts Ballet Theater of Florida presents ***Doctor Ouch!*** on **Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 9 at 3 p.m.** The perfect introduction to ballet, this production tells the tale of a doctor who travels to faraway Africa where he experiences unbelievable adventures and helps his animal friends. The story is based on a book by the most-loved children's poet in Russia, Kornei Chukovsky. Outstanding professional dancers perform the principal roles accompanied by a group of young and talented up and comers. Tickets are \$25.

The Aventura Foreign Film Series continues with ***Scheherazade, Tell Me a Story*** on **Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.** This sensitive story centers around Karim and Hebba, a young, happily married Egyptian couple and the political pitfalls they face in their country. Karim is about to be appointed as editor-in-chief of the top governmental newspaper only if Hebba, the hostess of highly rated TV program focused on female victims, avoids political topics in future broadcasts. Persuading Hebba to do programs about ordinary people

instead, her non-political stories have an impact no one suspected. Shown in Arabic with English subtitles, tickets are \$10. The auditorium opens at 6:30 p.m.

Richard Wood & Gordon Belsher: Fire & Embers take the stage for a sensational performance on **Wednesday, March 12 at 8 p.m.** During the past several years, Wood and Belsher have been performing and touring as a duo, taking audiences on a roller coaster ride of exhilarating jigs, reels, strathspeys and hornpipes, along with beautiful airs composed by Wood himself. The performances are complemented by Belsher's engaging songs, some humorous and some poignant, each alighting the sequence for the next fiddle blaze. Tickets are \$25.

The City of Aventura presents **Claddagh: An Explosion of Celtic Dance and Music on Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.**, a vivacious music, dance and multi-media spectacular that forges beyond the typical expectations of the traditional performing arts setting and ignites the stage with the contemporary luster of shows such as *Barrage* and *Stomp*. Its exquisite production, exceptional artistry and alluring fusion of classic and contemporary styles are not to be missed! Tickets are \$45 and \$40.

One of Broadway's most versatile leading men, **Will Chase** performs American, Broadway, and pop songs in concert on **Wednesday, March 19 at 8 p.m.** Currently starring as "Luke Wheeler" on ABC's *Nashville*, audiences also will recognize Chase from his portrayal of "Michael Swift" playing "Joe Di Maggio" in NBC's *SMASH*. Most recently, he appeared on Broadway as John Jasper / Mr. Clive Paget in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* for which he received the 2013 Tony Award Nomination for Best Performance by a Featured Actor in a Musical and the Outer Critics Circle Award nomination for Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical. Chase has earned recognition for his standout performances in many successful Broadway productions. Tickets are \$39.50.

Best known throughout the world for his stirring performance on Broadway as Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*, **Dudu Fisher** performs an intimate and exciting concert on **Monday, March 24 and Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday, March 26 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Based on his nationally renowned PBS special *In Concert from Israel*, Fisher will take the audience on an inspired journey connecting his talent as a Broadway performer, cantor and contemporary artist with music and stories that celebrate the beauty of Israel's landscape, culture and people. Tickets are \$75 and \$50. Special \$100 VIP tickets include premium seating and a post-show meet & greet with Fisher.

The South Florida Symphony Orchestra presents A Summons to Life featuring Jeffrey Biegel on piano on **Friday, March 28 at 8 p.m.** Conducted by Music Director Sebrina María Alfonso, the program opens with Mozart's "Symphony No. 35 in D major" and progresses to music by Ellen Zwilich, the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize in Music. The performance culminates with Schumann's "Spring Symphony No. 1 in B major." Tickets are \$55, \$45 and \$35.

Award-winning Barbra Streisand tribute artist Carla DeVillaggio returns in ***Streisand: The Greatest Star on Saturday, March 29 at 8 p.m.*** Performing with her "Hello Gorgeous Band," the evening begins with the kooky, fast-talking 1960s "Barbra," singing songs including "Don't Rain on My Parade," "Second Hand Rose" and "People." During the second half, a glamorous and mature "Streisand" opens with hits such as "The Way We Were," "Evergreen," "Papa Can You Hear Me" and many more. This is a one-show-only opportunity to experience DeVillaggio's jaw-dropping re-creation of the legendary musical and theatrical superstar. Tickets are \$39.50.

Award-winning writer/performer Debra Ehrhardt's ***Jamaica Farewell*** will be presented on **Sunday, March 30 at 4 p.m.** With the 1970s Jamaican revolution as the setting, this one-woman play recounts Ehrhardt's harrowing journey from her native Kingston, Jamaica to America. During this true-life story, she relives her dangerous odyssey -- escaping poverty, prison time, revolution, rape and death -- in a daring caper she pulled off with the support of an infatuated American CIA agent who helped her achieve her dream of starting a new life in America. Tickets are \$35.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 326-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 on Twitter @AventuraCenter.

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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