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**SLOW BURN THEATRE COMPANY'S *ROMANCE/ROMANCE* IS AMONG THE
SPRING PERFORMANCES THIS MARCH AT ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER**

AVENTURA – Spring is in the air this March with a month of rousing entertainment at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, including Slow Burn Theatre Company's *Romance/Romance*; Broadway notables Dudu Fisher and Brenda Braxton; popular music concerts including the Motor City Magic Band and Savannah Jack; two poignant foreign films; hilarious comedy; classical piano; and enchanting dance from tap to ballet.

March kicks off at Aventura with the screening of ***The Dinner* on Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m.** Loosely based on the *New York Times* best-seller by Herman Koch, the film chronicles how an obligatory family meal between two brothers and their wives turns into a tense drama after the couples discover that together their two teenaged children have committed a heinous crime. The families' reactions reveal just how little the brothers know about each other as the moral limits of society are tested. As part of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Foreign Film Series, Shelly Isaacs will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion. Presented in Italian with English subtitles, tickets are \$11.

The sounds of the Motor City will come alive in Aventura during the ***Magic of Motown* featuring the Motor City Magic Band on Friday, March 4 at 8 p.m.** This dynamic tribute features one female and four male vocalists, backed by a six-piece band, who perform a decade of the most popular and culture-defining songs in soul music history, including hits from The Temptations, The Four Tops and James Brown. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida will premiere its own version of the timeless ballet ***Coppelia* on Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m.** Featuring music by Leo Delibes and choreography by company artistic director Vladimir Issaev, *Coppelia* tells the love story of a young girl and her boyfriend Frantz, who believe a doll named Coppelia is a real girl. Captivated with life-sized doll, Frantz sneaks into the workshop of the mad inventor of the doll, where confusion leads to comedic romp. Arts Ballet Theatre maintains a very strict late seating policy. Arrive early; latecomers will not

be seated until intermission. Tickets are \$30. Not recommended for children under 3 years of age.

Critically acclaimed **Slow Burn Theatre Company** brings ***Romance/Romance*** to Aventura, two one-act musicals that take a feisty look at how danger and illusion can spark the flames of attraction, from a romp in turn-of-the-century Vienna to the more modern look at two Manhattan couples summering in the Hamptons. Critics raved about the original New York production, including *The New York Times*: “Sparkles with charm and intelligence;” *New York Daily News*: “Sweet, bubbly and ardent;” and *New York Post*: “A double dollop of the romantic spirit.” Show times are **Thurs., March 10 through Sat., March 12 at 8 p.m.; and Sun., March 13 at 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Broadway’s celebrated “Jean Valjean” returns to Aventura for four performances as **Dudu Fisher** gives an exhilarating concert based on his nationally renowned PBS special *In Concert from Israel*. Along with his stirring role in *Les Miserables*, Fisher has performed with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, for Britain’s royal family, for former President Bill Clinton and Secretary Hillary Clinton, and more. **Show times are: Wed., March 16, Thurs., March 17, Mon., March 21 and Tues., March 22 at 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$50, \$75 and \$100 for a VIP ticket which includes premium seating and a private, post-show meet & greet with Fisher.

Honoring the rich legacy of modern dance, **Dance NOW!** presents the **Iconic Work of José Limón and Daniel Lewis on Friday, March 18 at 8:30 p.m.** In celebration of Limón’s 70th anniversary, the company will perform his *Choreographic Offering* and *There is a Time*, as well as the *Beethoven Sextet* from Limón’s protégée and Miami dance luminary Daniel Lewis. Special guest Carolyn Dorfman Dance also will present Dorfman’s critically acclaimed duet *Keystone*. The evening includes a special preshow talk from the choreographers about the creative process. Tickets are \$35. Not recommended for children under 3 years of age.

The **Miami International Piano Festival (MIPF)** presents Cuban pianist **Jorge Luis Prats on Saturday, March 19 at 7:45 p.m.** Prats had his very first recital at MIPF in Miami in 2007 and after receiving standing ovations at debut recitals at the “Meister Pianisten” series in Amsterdam, his concert tours have taken him throughout Europe, Latin America, Japan and Korea. He has performed as a soloist with the Royal Philharmonic in London, the BBC Orchestra, the EOS Orchestra of New York, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and many more. His many recordings include a recent Decca release of a live recital in Zaragoza, Spain. Tickets are \$30.

Two on Tap on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m. is the dynamic collaboration of celebrated musical theater performers Melissa Giattino (*Swing*) and Ron DeStefano (touring cast member of *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Scrooge* and *Evita*) who bring the audience back in time to the Fred & Ginger era, with thrilling vocal harmonies and precision tap choreography during a vibrant and sophisticated trip down memory lane. The *New Orleans Times-Picayune* lauded, “A charming pair of performers, Giattino and DeStefano create a

song-and-dance act that may have roots as deep as vaudeville, but together they add a kinetic flair that gives it a live currency.” Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Known for exceptional harmonies and song-writing skills, Nashville-based band **Savannah Jack takes the stage at Aventura on Thursday, March 24 at 8 p.m.** Having performed all over the world and opened for Peter Frampton, John Fogerty, Vince Gill, The Doobie Brothers and for more than 60 shows with the legendary Kenny Rogers, the group honed its skills and has become known as the band that captivates the audience from the very first note. Joe Guercio, former music director for Elvis Presley, lauds Savannah Jack as “The best band hands down that I have seen in country music today. Incredible harmonies. . .great players. I consider them to be the ‘Alabama’ of the 21st Century.” Tickets are \$40 and 45.

For the third show in the Aventura Comedy Series presented by Singer Productions and Entertainment, **Peter “Macaroon” Fogel and Johnny “Cannoli” Lombardi perform in *The Cannoli and the Macaroon Comedy Tour* on Saturday, March 26 at 8 p.m.** Being stand-up comics from New York is the only thing the duo has in common, as Fogel grew up with valet parking and piano lessons, while Lombardi grew up on the other side of the tracks with the wise guys and loan sharks. The result of this pairing is a hilarious evening of comedy as the two share their views on life, leaving the audience reeling with laughter, relating and hungry for dessert. Tickets are \$34.50 and \$39.50.

The 2015-16 Aventura Foreign Film Series concludes with ***Living Is Easy with Eyes Closed* on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m.** Set in southeastern Spain, die-hard Beatles fan and middle aged English teacher Antonio decides to go on a 200 mile road trip in hopes of meeting John Lennon, who is in Spain filming *How I won the War*. On route, he picks up two young hitchhikers and the unlikely trio forms a bond as each one searches for life’s answers. Based on a true story, the film is presented in Spanish with English subtitles. Shelly Isaacs will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion. Tickets are \$11.

Continuing the Aventura Broadway Concert series, stage and screen star **Brenda Braxton takes the stage on Thursday, March 31 at 8 p.m.** Braxton’s Broadway credits include *Smokey Joe’s Café* (Tony nomination), *Chicago*, *Cats* and the original production of *Dream Girls*. Audiences also will recognize her from her television roles opposite Jennifer Hudson on the premiere episode of NBC’s *SMASH* and on Showtime’s *Nurse Jackie*. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

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