

The logo for Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is a light blue square. Inside, the words "AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER" are stacked in a white, sans-serif font. To the right of "CENTER" is a large, stylized white number "5". Below the "5" is the text "Celebrating 5 years of the Arts in Aventura" in a smaller, lighter font.

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MUSIC AND COMEDY HIGHLIGHT THE PERFORMANCES THIS APRIL AT ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

AVENTURA, Fla. – This April, Aventura Arts and Cultural Center offers hilarious comedy with Avi Hoffman’s *Still Jewish After All These Years* as well as a variety of music from classical to pop and Broadway, as well as an Elvis Presley tribute show.

***Cabaret Follies by Erika Moon* on Saturday, April 2 and 8 p.m.** brings all the glamour, seduction, comedy, dance and vocal performances for which Moon is famous – as more than a dozen artists, including Las Vegas-style showgirls, perform traditional burlesque and other variety acts. Tickets are \$37.50 and \$47.50.

The crowning performance in the Aventura Broadway Concert series features Tony and Grammy award-winning artist **Jennifer Holliday on Wednesday, April 6 at 8 p.m.** Holliday’s show-stopping, heart-wrenching performance of the torch ballad “And I’m Telling You, I’m Not Going” in the smash hit Broadway musical *Dreamgirls* made her an instant star, introducing her full, soulful voice to the world, and garnering her a Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical and her first Grammy Award for Best R&B Female Vocalist. Holliday has continued to perform on theater stages and in concert halls all over the world. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Saga11 Productions and Emmica Investments present **Music & Theatre, with Maria Rivas and Sandra Eichler in 50 Shades of Melody on Thursday, April 7 at 8 p.m.** Directed by Spanish actress Anna Silveti, with special guest pianist Brandon Goldberg, the show provides a magical fusion between music and theatre. Rivas skillfully combines American and Latin Jazz & Blues rhythms with lively, yet sentimental music from around the world, while Eichler lends theatrical skills honed on TV, radio and stage. Tickets are \$45.

Avi Hoffman brings his “cabaret-cozy” and “bar mitzvah-likable” musical revue, ***Still Jewish After All These Years: a Crazy Life in the Theater***, to Aventura for three performances on **Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.** Combining Jewish tradition and contemporary culture, the show includes more than two dozen songs that range from Broadway show tunes to a medley of pop

hits from Jewish icons including Bob Dylan, Paul Simon and Billy Joel. *The New York Times* describes the show as, "Terrific! Powerful! Exudes with familial warmth and good will." Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Legendary improv comedy group **Chicago City Limits** will have the audience rolling in the aisles on **Thursday, April 14 at 8 p.m.** Dubbed by *The New York Times* as "ingenious and very, very funny . . . the perfect masters of improvisation," the award-winning improv troupe boasts that it is one of New York's longest-running shows, with more than 10,000 performances during the last 30 years. The *New York Daily News* described this show simply and succinctly as "Hilarious!" Tickets are \$39.

Barrage 8, the latest collaboration from the original creators of the hit show *Barrage* (which had more than 3,000 performances in 27 countries) will fill the stage on **Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m.**, during a show that features all of the instruments in the modern string family and delivers an energized, foot-stomping, innovative live-stage experience with both familiar and new songs. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Chris MacDonald's Memories of Elvis, on Saturday, April 16 at 2 and 8 p.m., is a dynamic, full-out Las-Vegas production that pays homage to and shares the incredible story of the shy humble country boy who became the King of Rock-n-Roll. The show highlights Presley's career from the 50s to his 1968 comeback, as well as his "white fringe" 70s concerts. Drawing in the audience with the look, sounds and nuances that made Presley the King, MacDonald is the only tribute artist to be hired by Elvis Presley Enterprises to perform at Graceland's Heartbreak Hotel. Tickets are \$55.

One of the great pianists of today, Russian-born **Leonid Egorov** will close the **Miami International Piano Festival (MIPF) on Sunday, April 17 at 8 p.m.** Winner of numerous Russian and international prizes and currently a scholar of the prestigious Mstislav Rostropovich and Russian Performing Art Public foundations, Egorov's dazzling artistry and powerful creativity will reveal hidden details in familiar pieces, as well as new and original interpretations of the music he performs. Tickets are \$30.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at aventuracenter.org; by phone at 877-311-7469; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers. For Group Sales, please call 954-660-6307.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 330-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. Join the conversation on Twitter at #aventuracenter.