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## **AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY AND SO MUCH MORE THIS NOVEMBER**

**AVENTURA, Fla.** – From the City of Aventura’s Founders Day Weekend performance of Bravo Amici to classical piano, film, dance, comedy and children’s theater, there’s something for everyone this November at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

**The 2016-2017 Aventura Foreign Film Series** continues on **Tuesday, November 1 at 7 p.m.** with ***Once in a Lifetime***. Winner of the Audience Award at the 2015 Santa Barbara International Film Festival and Best Film at the 2015 Toronto Jewish Film Festival, this heartwarming film is based on a true story from a diversely populated, inner-city Paris high school, where a dedicated teacher assigns her toughest class a collective project for a national competition about what it meant to be a teenager in a Nazi concentration camp. Hosted by Shelly Isaacs, the film is presented in French with English subtitles. Tickets are \$11.

New World School of the Arts will stage **New World Dance Ensemble** on **Friday, November 4 at 8 p.m.** Joined by distinguished professional alumni, this performance will kick off the celebration of New World School of the Arts’ (NWSA) 30th Anniversary with outstanding choreography including works by Robert Battle (NWSA alum), artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; Gerard Ebitz, founding member of Miami City Ballet; Tina Santos and others. Tickets are \$12.

**On Sunday, November 6 at 5 p.m.**, the **Aventura Mall Young Stars Showcase** will feature sensationally gifted young singers from South Florida, ages 9 to 18, who will perform an inspiring program of hit songs from the most popular Broadway musicals. Presented by the Aventura Marketing Council Education Foundation and Mount Sinai Medical Center, proceeds from the show will benefit AMC Education Foundation. Tickets are \$25 and \$50 and include a post-show VIP reception at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Free lap seats available at the box office only for children ages 4 and under.

**The City of Aventura Founders Day Weekend Celebration** will feature a performance by **Bravo Amici** on **Saturday, November 12 at 8 p.m.**, in celebration of Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's 7th-Anniversary Season and the City's 21st-anniversary. Featuring a mix of tenors and divas, Bravo Amici will perform a collection of well-known classical and contemporary arias, combining the essential elements of pop, Broadway and opera with classical overtones, as a tribute to the emerging musical genre of "Contemporary Classical Crossover." Internationally acclaimed, Bravo Amici has sold more than three million albums. Tickets are \$50 and \$55.

**Fushu Daiko**, South Florida's beloved taiko drum ensemble, is back with its newest show: ***Spirit Drummers!***, an original adaptation of the famous Japanese legend of the Gojinjo drummers of Nafune, who used creative means to boldly defend themselves from marauding Samurai. The sounds of the Japanese koto (harp) and shinobue (flute) add depth and beauty to the score.

- **Presented as a Smart Stage Matinee on Friday, November 18 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.** Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger.
- **Also presented as an evening performance on Friday, November 18 at 8 p.m.** Tickets are \$30 and \$35.

On **Saturday, November 19 at 8 p.m.**, the Aventura Comedy Series, presented by Singer Productions and Entertainment, kicks off with Grammy-nominated **Bobby Collins**, who *The New York Times* calls "The most natural comedian working today." Collins charms audiences with witty and heart-felt humor about everyday life lessons, such as look both ways down a one-way street and never show your enemy your face. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$44.50.

The Family Fun Series continues on **Sunday, November 20 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** with ***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***, the much-loved bewitching musical that tells the story of four children during war-torn England who accidentally enter the land of Narnia by climbing through a magic wardrobe and become an integral part in restoring King Aslan to his rightful throne. The Family Fun Series provides the ultimate family theater-going experience. Tickets include pre-show art activities and other surprises. Tickets are \$16 for individual seats in advance and \$18 the day of the show with \$3 lap seats for infants 12 months or younger.

**The 2016-2017 Aventura Cultural Series Sundays at Five** begins on November 20 at 5 p.m. with Brazilian pianist Fabio Martino, whose program will include Beethoven: Sonata No. 23, "Appassionata" and Chopin: 3 Mazurkas, Polonaise Opus 53. *Southfloridaclassicalreview.com* wrote, "This mega talent, alongside his technical maturity, his intimacy with the instrument, his charisma and self-confidence on stage, has brought him many prizes in piano competitions." The series is presented by The Miami International Piano Festival, which celebrates its 20th Anniversary this season. Tickets are \$35.

Next up in the **Aventura Foreign Film Series** is ***Our Little Sister*** on **Tuesday, November 22 at 7 p.m.**, winner of Best Film and Best Director at the 2016 Japanese Academy Awards and Best Film at the 2015 San Sebastian Film Festival. Directed by

Hirokazu Kore-eda (*Like Father, Like Son*), this gripping family drama begins with three sisters in their 20s who learn of their estranged father's death, and find out they have a 14-year-old half-sister who now has no one to care for her. Hosted by Shelly Isaacs, the film is presented in Japanese with English subtitles. Tickets are \$11.

Presented by Decades Entertainment, ***Decades Rewind*** includes more than 60 songs from ABBA to Zeppelin effortlessly blended into unique medleys from one of the most prominent rock decades in music history. The concert, held on **November 26 at 3 and 7:30 p.m.**, features an eight-piece rock band and six brilliant vocalists, who make more than 100 costume changes, surrounded by rock and roll stage lighting and poignant videos of American culture. Tickets are \$42.50.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at [aventuracenter.org](http://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.

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