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**Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Presents Broadway Tribute
*Defying Gravity - The Music of Stephen Schwartz***

AVENTURA, Fla. – The brightest Broadway stars sing the songbook of *Pippin*, *Godspell* and *Wicked* when the City of Aventura presents **Defying Gravity – The Music of Stephen Schwartz** at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center **on Thursday, February 16 at 8 p.m.**

Broadway stars Lisa Howard and Jason Graae, New York cabaret favorite Scott Coulter and pianist John Boswell celebrate the incredible songbook of one of American musical theater's most extraordinary composers and lyricists.

The show features the Broadway hits "Day by Day," "Colors of the Wind," "When you Believe," "Popular," "Corner of the Sky," and, of course, "Defying Gravity."

A winner of five MAC Awards from the Manhattan Association of Cabarets & Clubs, Coulter was chosen by Schwartz himself to join a revue of the composer's works featuring Schwartz and other Broadway stars. Schwartz has said, "One of the greatest things that can happen to a composer is to have his music interpreted by Scott Coulter."

Howard has appeared on Broadway in *It Shoulda Been You*, *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, *9 to 5*, *South Pacific* and *The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee*. Graae has starred on Broadway in *A Grand Night For Singing*, *Falsettos*, *Stardust*, *Snoopy!* and *Do Black Patent Leather Shows Really Reflect Up?*

On the piano, Boswell has served as the accompanist to a host of pop and cabaret singers including Judy Collins and Andy Williams.

Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

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CALENDAR BRIEF:

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