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TONY WINNER BILLY PORTER HEADLINES A SPECTACULAR MONTH OF ENTERTAINMENT THIS APRIL AT AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

AVENTURA, Fla. – Tony Award winner Billy Porter headlines the month of April at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, where entertainment offerings include side-splitting comedy, gripping film, 50s and 60s musical tributes, classical music, family fun and more.

This month begins with **The Comedy and Magic of Scott & Puck** presented by Singer Productions and Entertainment on **Saturday, April 1 at 8 p.m.** Both individual sixth and seventh season finalists on *America's Got Talent*, this talented pair teams up for a performance that celebrates diversity, while entertaining audiences with mind-blowing magic and smart contemporary comedy. The duo performs outrageous acts such as shooting each other with paintballs, smoking invisible weed and making people float in the air. **Tickets are \$39.50 and \$44.50.**

Billy Porter takes the stage to conclude the Broadway Concert Series on **Sunday, April 2 at 7 p.m.** Among other credits, Porter is the 2013 winner of the Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical and the 2013 Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Outstanding Actor in a Musical for his role as Lola in the Tony Award-winning musical *Kinky Boots*. **Tickets are \$40 and \$45.**

The Aventura Foreign Film Series presents ***Sweet Bean* on Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m.** The complicated and tragic relationship between a middle-aged manager of a dorayaki (pancake) stall and an elderly woman in his employ reveals much more than the quest for the best street food. **Tickets are \$11.**

Stellar Entertainment presents ***Atlantic City Boys* on Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m.** Four funny dynamic singers bring the hits of Frankie Valli, The Beach Boys, The Rat Pack, the Beatles and The Bee Gees to life. Having wowed audiences from Las Vegas to Disney World to Atlantic City, they now lend their world class vocals to the rock-n-roll harmonies made famous by groups like The Drifters, The Four Seasons and so many more. And unlike in *The Jersey Boys*, each of these outstanding vocalists has his time at the lead mic throughout the show. Enjoy hits of the 50s and 60s rock-n-roll era like

"My Eyes Adored You," "Ragdoll," "Lets Hang On," "I'm a Believer," and "Save the Last Dance for Me." **Tickets are \$40 and \$45.**

Next up is **Mark Nadler: Tschaikowsky (and other Russians)** on **Wednesday, April 12 at 8 p.m.** During his one-man show, Nadler bursts onto the stage and launches into song, rapidly listing 48 Russian composers. The show also will include musical fragments, songs and sketches from Rogers and Hart, Kurt Weill and a moving, yet funny, rendition of "Ugly Duckling," originally sung by Danny Kaye. **Tickets are \$35 and \$40.**

Voted "Best Family Show in Vegas," **Popovich Comedy PET Theatre "A Night of Family Fun!"** takes the stage on **Saturday, April 22 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.** The most beloved family show in the world features a European-style circus extravaganza highlighted by physical comedy, juggling, acrobats from the Moscow Circus, highly intelligent dogs and even house cats. All pets appearing in the show are trained using positive reinforcement techniques. Gregory Popovich, a fifth generation circus performer who learned early on how to develop strong bonds with animals, has rescued a majority of his performers from shelters all over the country, and has transformed them into Las Vegas stars. He is a gold medal winner in Paris and a special award winner in Monte Carlo. Popovich and his pets were finalists on "America's Got Talent," and have appeared on TV shows with Jay Leno, David Letterman, Craig Ferguson, Animal Planet and more. **Tickets are \$40 and \$50.**

The Aventura Cultural Series Classical Sundays at Five continues on **Sunday, April 23 at 5 p.m.** with Serbian pianist **Misha Dacic**, who, after his debut at the Discovery Series of the Miami International Piano Festival in 2003, quickly became a sought-after soloist throughout the U.S. Dacic toured Europe, Israel and Japan in collaboration with the celebrated violinist Ida Haendel. His afternoon program will include selections by Mompou, Mozart, Hummel, Guerrero, Albeniz, Villa-Lobos, Babajanian and Enesco. The series is presented by The Miami International Piano Festival, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this season. **Tickets are \$35.**

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents the **International Young Dancers Festival 2017** on **Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m.**, in celebration of the company's 20th anniversary. Participants include all four founding member companies: Odense City Ballet (Denmark), Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida; The Tanz Ensemble - Ballet Fouette (Poland); and the Ballet Pirouette (Germany). Additional invited companies that will participate hail from Mexico, South Africa, Japan, ENS Ballet of Lima (Peru), Marlupi Dance (Indonesia) , France and Spain. The groups will present Ballet, Character Dance, Folkloric Dance, Modern and Contemporary Dance, and will feature an original choreographic work created in collaboration with several of the international choreographers performed by principal dancers from each company of each country as the main piece showcasing the international exchange purpose of the Festival. **Tickets are \$30.**

A children's tale of culture and originality wraps up the month with **Havana Hop** on **Sunday, April 30 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** This imaginative musical tells the story of

Yelia, who is invited to dance for the President of the United States. She discovers the splendor and fun of her multi-cultural heritage by learning salsa from her grandmother and adding it to her hip-hop style. Part of the Family Fun Series at Aventura, 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.**

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