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Aventura Arts & Cultural Center 2018-19 Calendar Listings

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Please note that not all shows scheduled for the 2018-19 season are currently on sale and additional performances will be added throughout the season. Print quality images of select performances from the upcoming season, representing all genres, may be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/yacz7vw5>.

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.

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Aventura Arts & Cultural Center 2018-19 Season

Oct. 5	Bruce Vilanch
Oct. 6–7	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Firebird, Le Spectre de la Rose, Pentimento
Oct. 9	Aventura International Film Series: English Vinglish
Oct. 14	Yamandu Costa
Oct. 19	The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System
Oct. 19	The Long Run-Eagles Tribute
Oct. 20	Giggle, Giggle, Quack
Oct. 20	Three Hysterical Broads...Off Their Medication
Oct. 23–28	Menopause the Musical
Nov. 2	New World Dance Ensemble
Nov. 3	Luis Chataing-Nuevamente (Spanish language)
Nov. 4	Aventura Marketing Council Young Stars Showcase
Nov. 6	Aventura International Film Series: The Cakemaker
Nov. 10	Bobby Collins
Nov. 13	NSU Lifelong Learning Institute Speaker Series: Charles Zelden, PhD – A Postmortem of the 2018 Midterm Elections
Nov. 17	Top of the World-A Carpenters Tribute Featuring Debbie Taylor
Nov. 18	Miami International Piano Festival: Francesco Libetta
Nov. 29–Dec. 2	Hedwig and the Angry Inch
Dec. 4	Aventura International Film Series: The Divine Order
Dec. 7–9	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: The Nutcracker
Dec. 16	Jake Ehrenreich's A Treasury of Jewish Christmas Songs
Dec. 22	Sarge's Chanukah Chutzpah Tour...Kiss My Mezuzah
Dec. 29–30	Steve Solomon's Home for the Holidays
Jan. 3–4	Forbidden Broadway
Jan. 5	Mary Gaines Bernard Celebrates the Life and Music of Donna Summer
Jan. 12	Mike Super: Magic & Illusion
Jan. 13	Alice Ripley & Emily Skinner
Jan. 15	Aventura International Film Series: The Guilty
Jan. 18	Judy Gold
Jan. 20	Miami International Piano Festival: Julien Libeer
Jan. 23–24	An Acoustic Evening with Matisyahu
Jan. 26	The Doo Wop Project
Jan. 27	Your Alien
Jan. 29	NSU Lifelong Learning Institute Speaker Series: Vincent Toscano, PhD – The Long Roots of Racism and the American Civil Rights Revolution of the 20th Century
Feb. 1	Yakov Smirnoff
Feb. 2	Alan Chamo: Mind Hacker (English and Spanish language performances)
Feb. 5	Aventura International Film Series: In Between
Feb. 7	Hello Gorgeous! A Salute to Barbra Streisand
Feb. 8	Melissa Manchester
Feb. 9	Almost AHBA!

Feb. 10	Faith Prince
Feb. 14	Hooray for Love!: A Celebration of Love in Song
Feb. 15	The Hit Men...Legendary Rock Supergroup
Feb. 17	Miami International Piano Festival: David Kadouch
Feb. 20	Broadway Love Songs, Dances & Backstage Stories
Feb. 24–25	The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other E. Carle Favorites
Feb. 26	NSU Lifelong Learning Institute Speaker Series: Armando Droulers – Affairs of the Heart - Picasso's Women
March 1	Flamenco Intimo
March 2–3	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Papillon - The Butterfly
March. 5	Aventura International Film Series: The Midwife
March 6	Jeremy Jordan
March 9	Chris MacDonald's Memories of Elvis
March 10	The Capitol Steps
March 14–17	You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown
March 19	Mr. & Miss Pride South Florida 2019
March 20	John Lloyd Young
March 23	Dom Irrera
March 24	Miami International Piano Festival: Josu de Solaun
March 26	NSU Lifelong Learning Institute Speaker Series: Missy Dore, EdD – 50 Years of Marine Science in South Florida
March 29	Love is a Rose: Celebrating the Music of Linda Ronstadt
March 30	Dance Now! Miami Presents CONTEMPORANEA 2019
March 31	Miami International Piano Festival: Asiya Korepanova
April 2	Aventura International Film Series: Shoplifters
April 5	Direct From Las Vegas! A Salute to Frank Sinatra
April 7	The Barricade Boys
April 13	Vic Dibitto
April 14	Stuart Little
April 27	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Spring Gala
April 28-29	Golden Dragon Acrobats
May 5	Miami International Piano Festival: Florian Noack
May 7	Aventura International Film Series: Let Yourself Go

Aventura International Film Series

Oct. 9	English Vinglish
Nov. 6	The Cakemaker
Dec. 4	The Divine Order
Jan. 15	The Guilty
Feb. 5	In Between
March 5	The Midwife
April 2	Shoplifters
May 7	Let Yourself Go

English Vinglish

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12

The Aventura International Film Series begins a new season with writer-director Gauri Shinde's *English Vinglish*, the story of a quiet, sweet tempered housewife who endures small slights from her well-educated husband and daughter because of her inability to speak and understand English. On a trip to visit her sister in Manhattan, she decides to enroll in an English class and meets a host of new people who teach her to value herself beyond the narrow perspective of her family. Not rated, this film from India is shown in Hindi and Tamil with English subtitles. The Aventura International Film Series presented by the City of Aventura is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion.

The Cakemaker

Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12

A New York Times Critics Pick from writer-director Ofir Raul Graizer, *The Cakemaker* follows a young and talented baker in Berlin who travels to Jerusalem after his lover, an Israeli married man, dies in a car crash. Without revealing his identity, he starts working for his lover's widow at her small café. Finding himself deeply involved in her life, his lie and his life will be stretched far beyond what he ever anticipated. This unrated film from Germany and Israel is in Hebrew and German with English subtitles. The Aventura International Film Series presented by the City of Aventura is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion.

The Divine Order

Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12

Winner of the Audience Award for Best Narrative Film at the Tribeca Film Festival, *The Divine Order* from writer-director Petra Volpe is the uplifting story of an unassuming and dutiful housewife living in the Swiss countryside as the issue of the women's right to vote is about to be put before the male voters in 1971. Well-liked by everyone before she begins pugnaciously campaigning, she refuses to back down and convinces the women in her village to go on strike while she makes a few startling discoveries about her own liberation. Not rated, this film is shown in Swiss-German with English subtitles. The

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The Guilty

Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12

Described as a “taut emergency-services thriller” by *Variety*, *The Guilty* from director Gustav Möller follows an alarm dispatcher and former police officer who answers an emergency call from a kidnapped woman. When it is suddenly disconnected he must race against time to save her but soon realizes that he is dealing with a crime that is far bigger than he first thought. Not rated, this film is shown in Danish with English subtitles. The Aventura International Film Series presented by the City of Aventura is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion.

In Between

Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12

In Between is where three Palestinian women find themselves as they search for balance between tradition and modern, citizenship and culture, fealty and freedom. A criminal lawyer, religious Muslim university student and a DJ who also bartends become roommates in Tel Aviv in this film that has won more than a dozen international awards. Not rated, the film by director Maysaloun Hamoud is shown in Hebrew and Arabic with English subtitles. The Aventura International Film Series presented by the City of Aventura is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion.

The Midwife

Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12

Two of French cinema's biggest stars shine in *The Midwife*, a bittersweet drama about the unlikely friendship that develops between Claire (Catherine Frot), a talented but tightly wound midwife, and Béatrice (Catherine Deneuve), the estranged, free-spirited mistress of Claire's late father. Though polar opposites, the two come to rely on each other as they cope with the unusual circumstance that brought them together in this sharp character study from writer-director Martin Provost. Not rated, this film is shown in French with English subtitles. The Aventura International Film Series presented by the City of Aventura is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion.

Shoplifters

Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12

Winner of the Palme d'Or at the 2018 Cannes festival, *Shoplifters* follows a Japanese family that shoplifts when the parents can't make ends meet with the low pay in their part-time jobs. Their lives become something more than carefree when they open their door to a beleaguered teenager and the reasons for the family and friends' habit and their

motivations come under the microscope. This film from writer-director Hirokazu Koreeda is not rated and is shown in Japanese with English subtitles. The Aventura International Film Series presented by the City of Aventura is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion.

Let Yourself Go

Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12

Let Yourself Go, the winner of Best Comedy at the 2017 Golden Globes, crowns the Aventura International Film Series season. It's mind versus matter in Francesco Amato's comedy about an uptight psychiatrist who is told to get himself back into shape and gets more than just a physical workout when he signs up for personal training sessions with an attractive young instructor. Not rated, this film is shown in Italian with English subtitles. The Aventura International Film Series presented by the City of Aventura is hosted by Shelly Isaacs who introduces the film and leads a post-screening discussion.

Broadway Concert Series and Theater

Oct. 23–28	Menopause the Musical
Nov. 29–Dec. 2	Hedwig and the Angry Inch
Jan. 3–4	Forbidden Broadway
Jan. 13	Broadway Concert Series: Alice Ripley & Emily Skinner
Feb. 10	Broadway Concert Series: Faith Prince
March 6	Broadway Concert Series: Jeremy Jordan
March 14–17	You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown
March 20	Broadway Concert Series: John Lloyd Young

Menopause the Musical

Tuesday, October 23–Friday, October 26 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, October 27 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, October 28 at 2 and 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$46.50–\$66.50

G-Four Productions presents *Menopause the Musical* - It's the Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change! ®. This musical parody has entertained millions of women worldwide for the past 17 years. Set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s, four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra, memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more. This show is intended for mature audiences due to subject matter.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Thursday, November 29 and Friday, November 30 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, December 1 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49

The City of Aventura presents Slow Burn Theatre Company's staging of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, the 2014 Tony Award-winner for Best Musical Revival. This genre-bending, fourth-wall-smashing musical sensation, with a pulsing score and electrifying performances, tells the hilarious, harrowing, and essentially uplifting story for anyone who's ever felt different. It's told through of one of the most unique characters to ever hit the stage: Hanschel, a "slip of a girly-boy" from communist East Berlin, becomes the "internationally ignored song stylist" known as Hedwig after a botched sex change operation. With a little help from her band and her back-up singer Yitzhak, Hedwig examines her quest for her other half, for love, and ultimately for her identity. *Rolling Stone* magazine proclaims *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* is "the best rock musical ever!" This show is intended for mature audiences.

Forbidden Broadway

Thursday, January 3 and Friday, January 4 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$40–\$45

The City of Aventura presents the fall-down funny musical roast *Forbidden Broadway* that returns with a blast, featuring outrageous costumes, hilarious rewrites of the songs you know and dead-on impressions by a stellar cast. Having released more than a dozen albums, picked up 9 Drama Desk Awards, a Special Tony®, an Obie, a Lucille Lortel and Drama League Award, this revue sharply spoofs show tunes, characters and plots of contemporary and current Broadway musicals.

Alice Ripley & Emily Skinner

Sunday, January 13 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49 with \$75 VIP tickets

Nominated for Tony Awards® for their co-starring roles in *Side Show*, Alice Ripley and Emily Skinner are back together on stage to open the Aventura Broadway Concert Series presented by the City of Aventura. A Tony-winner for *Next To Normal*, Ripley also appeared in *American Psycho*, *The Rocky Horror Show* and *Sunset Boulevard*. Skinner's Broadway credits include *Billy Elliott*, *Jekyll & Hyde* and *The Fully Monty*. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

Faith Prince

Sunday, February 10 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49 with \$75 VIP tickets

Faith Prince, who has been dazzling Broadway audiences since winning a Tony Award®, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for her performance as Miss Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*, continues the Aventura Broadway Concert Series presented by the City of Aventura. As one of Broadway's best loved leading ladies, she received Tony nominations for *A Catered Affair*, *Bells are Ringing* and *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* and appeared in the Broadway casts of *Disaster! The Musical*, *The Little Mermaid* and the revival of *Annie*. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

Jeremy Jordan

Wednesday, March 6 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49 with \$75 VIP tickets

The Aventura Broadway Concert Series presented by the City of Aventura continues with Jeremy Jordan, star of the world premiere production of Disney's *Newsies* on Broadway, for which he received both Tony Award® and Grammy Award® nominations for his role as Jack Kelly. Other Broadway credits include *Bonnie & Clyde* and *Rock of Ages*. He is also known to fans for his film role as Jimmy Collins in *Smash*, and as Winslow "Winn" Schott, best friend of Supergirl and son of infamous DC Comics villain Toyman in the CBS show *Supergirl*. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Thursday, March 14–Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49

Note: There is a special sensory friendly performance on Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. Please see page 24 for details.

Based on the Peanuts comic strip by Charles Schulz, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* has seen two Broadway productions and charmed generations. In this production by Slow Burn Theatre Company, bossy Lucy is hopelessly in love with piano prodigy Schroeder who doesn't give her the time of day, perfectionist Sally is still mocking blanket-toting Linus, Snoopy is in the doghouse and the "blockhead" Charlie Brown is in the middle of it all.

John Lloyd Young

Wednesday, March 20 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49 with \$75 VIP tickets

Introducing: John Lloyd Young is the grand finale to The Aventura Broadway Concert Series presented by the City of Aventura. A Tony Award® winner for Best Leading Actor in a Musical for his role as Frankie Valli in Broadway's *Jersey Boys*, Young claims to be the only American actor to date to have received a Lead Actor in a Musical Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle and Theatre World Award for a Broadway debut. His concert is a celebration of classic hits from the '50s and '60s presented in the authentic acoustic style of original rock 'n' roll, Doo-Wop and R&B standards. Along with tracks from Young's critically acclaimed debut album *My Turn*, the show features; "Sherry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me," "In the Still of the Night" along with treasures by Roy Orbison, The Temptations, Carole King, Dusty Springfield, Al Green and Little Anthony. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

Classical Music

Nov. 18	Miami International Piano Festival: Francesco Libetta
Jan. 20	Miami International Piano Festival: Julien Libeer
Feb. 17	Miami International Piano Festival: David Kadouch
March 24	Miami International Piano Festival: Josu de Solaun
March 31	Miami International Piano Festival: Asiya Korepanova
May 5	Miami International Piano Festival: Florian Noack

Miami International Piano Festival presents Francesco Libetta

Sunday, November 18 at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$35–\$50

Miami International Piano Festival presents Italian composer, conductor and pianist Francesco Libetta, who has graced stages worldwide and recorded works of Chopin, Schumann, Beethoven and the complete set of Liszt's transcriptions from Wagner operas. The program features works by Schubert, Liszt, Moscheles and Moskowski. This concert is not suggested for children under 10 years of age.

Miami International Piano Festival presents Julien Libeer

Sunday, January 20 at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$35–\$50

Miami International Piano Festival presents Julien Libeer in a program of preludes by Faure, Respighi and Scriabin. A native of Belgium, Libeer consciously avoided engaging in any kind of competition, yet has received honorary prizes such as the Juventus award (most promising young European soloist) in 2008 and was elected Young Musician of the Year by the Belgian Music Press Association in 2010. This concert is not suggested for children under 10 years of age.

Miami International Piano Festival presents David Kadouch

Sunday, February 17 at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$35–\$50

Miami International Piano Festival presents French born pianist David Kadouch in a program of works by Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Janáček, Dussek and Rzewski. Kadouch is in complete command and has an understanding of the subtle power of music. A laureate of the Beethoven Bonn Competition in 2005 and Piano Competition in 2009, he also took the 2009 Verbier Festival Prix d'Honneur. In 2010 David was called "Young Talent Revelation" by *Les Victoires de la Musique*, and in 2011 he was named "Young Artist of the Year." This concert is not suggested for children under 10 years of age.

Miami International Piano Festival presents Josu de Solaun

Sunday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$35–\$50

Miami International Piano Festival presents Josu De Solaun in a program of works by Liszt, Von Weber, Szymanowski, and Faure. De Solaun is a winner of the First Prize at the XIII George Enescu International Piano Competition, the First Prize at the I European Union Piano Competition held in Prague, and the First Grand Prize at the XV

José Iturbi International Piano Competition. He is the first and only pianist from Spain to have ever been awarded the coveted prizes. This concert is not suggested for children under 10 years of age.

Miami International Piano Festival Asiya Korepanova

Sunday, March 31 at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$35–\$50

Russian pianist Asiya Korepanova is a talented and creative force and she appears in a program that features Beethoven's "Eroica" Variations, Op. 35, Liszt's transcription of Wagner's "Tanhausser" her own transcription of Strauss' "Ein Heldenleben."

Korepanova's virtuosity as a pianist is best defined by a supreme level of technical aptitude, combined with her acutely individualized musical interpretations. She has premiered in three concertos by Russian contemporary composers Vladislav Kazenin and Shamil Timerbulatov with the Svetlanov Symphony Orchestra of Russia, the Saint Petersburg Capella Symphony Orchestra, the Ural Philharmonic Orchestra and the Tatarstan National Symphony. This concert is presented by the Miami International Piano Festival and is not suggested for children under 10 years of age.

Miami International Piano Festival presents Florian Noack

Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$35–\$50

Miami International Piano Festival presents Florian Noack in a program featuring Stravinsky's Suite from Firebird and works by Chopin and Scriabin. A young Belgian pianist, Noack was named "Emerging Artist of the Year" by ECHO Klassik. With a strong sense of rhythm and a sensitivity of touch, Noack has won numerous prizes at national and international competitions, including the Rachmaninov International Competition, International Robert Schumann Competition and Piano Competition in Cologne. He performs regularly at many festivals in Asia and Europe This concert is not suggested for children under 10 years of age.

Comedy and Variety

Oct. 5	Stand-Up Comedy Series: Bruce Vilanch
Oct. 20	Stand-Up Comedy Series: Three Hysterical Broads...Off Their Medication
Nov. 3	Stand-Up Comedy Series: Luis Chataing-Nuevamente (Spanish language)
Nov. 4	Aventura Marketing Council Young Stars Showcase
Nov. 10	Stand-Up Comedy Series: Bobby Collins
Dec. 22	Stand-Up Comedy Series: Sarge's Chanukah Chutzpah Tour...Kiss My Mezuzah
Dec. 29–30	Steve Solomon's Home for the Holidays
Jan. 12	Mike Super – Magic & Illusion
Jan. 18	Stand-Up Comedy Series: Judy Gold
Feb. 1	Yakov Smirnoff
Feb. 2	Alan Chamo-Mind Hacker (English and Spanish performances)
Feb. 20	Broadway Love Songs, Dances & Backstage Stories
March 10	Capitol Steps
March 19	Mr. & Miss Pride South Florida 2019
March 23	Stand-Up Comedy Series: Dom Irrera
April 13	Stand-Up Comedy Series: Vic Dibitto
April 28	Golden Dragon Acrobats

Bruce Vilanch

Friday, October 5 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$36.50–\$46.50

One of the most sought-after jokesmiths in the entertainment industry, Bruce Vilanch has become a recognizable face in his own right, thanks to the feature-length documentary *Get Bruce!* and his one-time stint as a regular on *Hollywood Squares*, for which he also served as head writer. He has performed his comedy stylings Off-Broadway in *Bruce Vilanch: Almost Famous* and has also written for the Tony[®], Grammy[®] and the Emmy[®] awards. Part of the Stand Up Comedy Series presented by Black Box Productions, this event may include adult language and content and is not appropriate for children under 12.

Three Hysterical Broads...Off Their Medication

Saturday, October 20 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$31.50–\$46.50

Three Hysterical Broads...Off Their Medication features three of the most talented and hysterical women in stand-up comedy: Sheba Mason, Valerie Storm, and Vanessa Hollingshead. In this hilarious show, they perform together, minus the one thing which helped each of them cope with the stress of kids, relationships, divorce, mortgages and life. Part of the Stand Up Comedy Series presented by Black Box Productions, this event may include adult language and content and is not appropriate for children under 12.

Luis Chataing-Nuevamente

Saturday, November 3 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$46.50–\$61.50

In this Spanish-language comedy concert presented by Black Box Productions as part of the Stand Up Comedy Series, Luis Chataing returns to the stage with a new stand up show, the fourth of his career. On this occasion the comedian gets in tune with the recent changes that his life is going through including moving to the United States, fatherhood, technology and social networks. This event may include adult content and language and is not appropriate for children under 12.

Aventura Marketing Council Young Stars Showcase

Sunday, November 4 at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$25–\$50

The Aventura Marketing Council (AMC) presents the 10th-Annual Young Stars Showcase featuring gifted young singers from South Florida performing the best of Broadway. Proceeds from the concert benefit the AMC's Education Foundation.

Bobby Collins

Saturday, November 10 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$41.50–\$46.50

Black Box Productions presents Bobby Collins in the Stand Up Comedy Series as he delivers his relatable comedic characterizations that exposes the humor of day-to-day situations and serves up resplendent rants on world events. With skillful dissection of everyday life, he weaves his uproarious storytelling with effortless flair and charisma as he successfully dismantles any and all socioeconomic, race and age divides. This event may include adult language and content and is not appropriate for children under 12.

Sarge's Chanukah Chutzpah Tour...Kiss My Mezuzah

Saturday, December 22 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$41.50–\$46.50

Black Box Productions' Stand Up Comedy Series presents Sarge's Chanukah Chutzpah Tour...Kiss My Mezuzah. A high-energy and multi-talented entertainer, Sarge is a triple-threat: considered a musical piano savant, stand-up comedian and talented singer. He sings in his own voice, and in a dozen others including Harry Connick Jr., Sammy Davis Jr., Lionel Richie and Stevie Wonder and also delivers spot on impressions of Marv Albert, Mike Tyson, Kermit the Frog and Gilbert Gottfried. This event may include adult language and content and is not appropriate for children under 12.

Steve Solomon's My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, & I'm Home for the Holidays.

Saturday, December 29 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 30 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49

The City of Aventura presents the star and creator of one of the longest running one-man comedy shows in history in Steve Solomon's *My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, & I'm Home for the Holidays*. It's holiday dinner at Grandma's as Solomon

shares more wild and hilarious stories and characterizations about his family, friends and other folks whose sole purpose was to drive him into therapy in the first place. *Variety* says, “Steve is Alan King, Billy Crystal, a smidgen of Don Rickles and George Carlin all thrown in!”

Mike Super: Magic & Illusion

Saturday, January 12 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$35–\$40, \$25 Student tickets available.

The City of Aventura presents Mike Super: Magic & Illusion featuring the only magician in history to win a live magic competition on primetime U.S. network television. A finalist on *America’s Got Talent* and winner of NBC’S *Phenomenon Live on Stage*, he also was voted America’s Favorite Mystifier. He has pioneered a new form of magic with his inimitable, down-to-earth style and personality as he transcends the trick to connect personally with his audience on a relatable level.

Judy Gold

Friday, January 18 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$36.50–\$46.50

Black Box Productions’ Stand Up Comedy Series presents Judy Gold as she delivers her no-stone-unturned storytelling. The star of stand-up specials on HBO, Comedy Central and LOGO, Gold also wrote and starred in two critically acclaimed, Off-Broadway hit shows: *The Judy Show – My Life as a Sitcom* and *25 Questions for a Jewish Mother*. An Emmy Award®-winner for her work as a writer and producer on *The Rosie O’Donnell Show*, she has also appeared on *Louie*, *Inside Amy Schumer* and *The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, among others. This event may include adult language and content and is not appropriate for children under 12.

Yakov Smirnoff

Friday, February 1 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$50 and \$75 VIP tickets.

The City of Aventura presents Russian-born entertainer Yakov Smirnoff who has entertained audiences throughout his expansive career on television, the silver screen and Broadway. His hilarious *Happily Ever Laughter: The Neuroscience of Romantic Relationships* showcases laughter’s effects on relationships and envisions a world where sadness and tears are replaced with love and laughter as Smirnoff shares his insightful and laugh-filled philosophies on love, relationships and the differences between men and women. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

Alan Chamo: Mind Hacker

Saturday, February 2 at 3 p.m. (English) 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Tickets are \$35–\$45, \$25 Student tickets available.

The City of Aventura presents Mind Hacker featuring Alan Chamo, the “Master of Mentalism.” His fast-paced mind-blowing performances are intimate and an ultimate, interactive experience as he uses comedy and mental magic to motivate and inspire his audience by actively engaging them with his upbeat and mind-bending show. An

English language matinee at 3 p.m. is followed by a Spanish language performance at 7:30 p.m.

Broadway Love Songs, Dances & Backstage Stories

Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35–\$55

M&M American Dance Theatre presents *Broadway Love Songs, Dances & Backstage Stories* featuring renowned husband and wife song and dance team Michael Kessler and Melinda Jackson who team up with their music director and Las Vegas favorite Keith Thompson to present an intimate journey through a life lived in song and dance. Woven between music from Broadway shows from *Showboat* to today's blockbusters are personal anecdotes from their work with some of the giants of musical theatre and personal stories of love, rejection, struggle, triumph and downright foolishness.

The Capitol Steps

Sunday, March 10 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$42

The City of Aventura presents Capitol Steps, the troupe that “put the mock in Democracy.” Always fresh and topical, *The Capitol Steps* aims jokes at both ends of the political spectrum in shows featuring numerous song parodies and skits. The legendary jokesters have recorded more than 30 albums including their latest, *Make America Grin Again* and their radio specials are featured on NPR stations nationwide four times a year.

Mr. and Miss Pride South Florida 2019

Tuesday, March 19 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20–\$30

Latrice Royale, Inc. presents Mr. and Miss Pride South Florida 2019, a competition for female impersonators and male entertainers. Contestants will compete in five categories: creative presentation with a “Show Your Pride” theme, swimsuit, talent, evening wear and question and answer. This event is not suitable for children under 12.

Dom Irrera

Saturday, March 23 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$31.50–\$36.50

Dom Irrera captivates audiences from the moment he walks on stage with his singular charisma which is a perfect blend of regular-guy presence with a relaxed, effortless delivery, and beautifully-crafted jokes. His stand-up comedy routine is laced with an array of colorful characters and voices, topped with hilarious one-man sketches and improvisation. Part of the Stand Up Comedy Series presented by Black Box Productions, this event may include adult language and content and is not appropriate for children under 12.

Vic Dibitto

Saturday, April 13 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$36.50–\$41.50

Vic Dibitto's frenetic energy, honesty and humanity offers audiences nonstop laughter. He was featured in Kevin James' movie *Mall Cop* and has appeared on *America's Funniest People* and has warmed up hundreds of audiences for the hit shows *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* and *The Ricki Lake Show*. Part of the Stand Up Comedy Series presented by Black Box Productions, this event may include adult language and content and is not appropriate for children under 12.

Golden Dragon Acrobats

Sunday, April 28 at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$37–\$42, \$22 Student tickets available.

Note: There are Smart Stage Matinee performances on Monday, April 29 at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Please see page 26 for details.

The City of Aventura presents The Golden Dragon Acrobats representing the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than twenty-five centuries ago and is recognized throughout the United States and abroad as the premier Chinese acrobatic touring company of today. World-renowned producer Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.

Concerts and Popular Music

Oct. 14	Yamandu Costa
Oct. 19	The Long Run-Eagles Tribute
Nov. 17	Top of the World-A Carpenters Tribute Featuring Debbie Taylor
Dec. 16	Jake Ehrenreich's A Treasury of Jewish Christmas Songs
Jan. 5	Mary Gaines Bernard Celebrates the Life and Music of Donna Summer
Jan. 23–24	An Acoustic Evening with Matisyahu
Jan. 26	The Doo Wop Project
Feb. 7	Hello Gorgeous! A Salute to Barbra Streisand
Feb. 8	Melissa Manchester
Feb. 9	Almost AHBA!
Feb. 14	Hooray for Love!: A Celebration of Love in Song
Feb. 15	The Hit Men...Legendary Rock Supergroup
March 9	Chris MacDonald's Memories of Elvis
March 29	Love is a Rose: Celebrating the Music of Linda Ronstadt
April 5	Direct From Las Vegas! A Salute to Frank Sinatra
April 7	The Barricade Boys

Yamandu Costa

Sunday, October 14 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$30–\$35

The City of Aventura and Brazilian Nites Productions present Yamandu Costa, a spectacular guitarist and composer who makes music with soulful passion, playful grace, and stunning virtuosity that has transcended the borders of Brazil and become universally acclaimed. Twice nominated for a Latin Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Album, Costa has recorded 13 CDs and 3 DVDs and has also performed as featured soloist with the Brazilian Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra of São Paulo, Calgary Philharmonic, and the Orchestre National de France.

The Long Run-Eagles Tribute

Friday, October 19 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$36.50–\$46.50

Black Box Productions presents The Long Run-Eagles Tribute that delivers that classic rock band's greatest hits. Band members have appeared on over 30 albums and performed on stage with, among others, Roger McGuinn of the Byrds, Eric Clapton, The Bee Gees, America, Peter Frampton, Eddie Money, Chuck Berry, Christopher Cross, Jon Secada, Shania Twain and Rick Derringer.

Top of the World-A Carpenters Tribute

Saturday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40–\$50

Debbie Taylor and her seven-piece band bring the unforgettable and exquisite music of The Carpenters to the stage in Top of the World-A Carpenters Tribute. Taylor's vocal warmth and tone are exceptionally reminiscent of Karen Carpenter and her

accomplished group of musicians brings to life the most authentic versions of memorable hits like “We’ve Only Just Begun,” “Close to You” and “Rainy Days and Mondays.” This concert is presented by Debbie Taylor and Paul Stewart.

Jake Ehrenreich's A Treasury of Jewish Christmas Songs

Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$55 with \$75 VIP tickets

The City of Aventura presents Jake Ehrenreich's *A Treasury of Jewish Christmas Songs* as the Broadway, film, TV personality, recording artist and star of the hit show *A Jew Grows in Brooklyn* explores the many great Christmas songs that were written by Jewish songwriters. The show features a world class jazz quartet, behind the scenes stories, beloved music and Ehrenreich's legendary ability to engage and entertain. He performs exciting new interpretations of “Christmas Time is Here,” “Let it Snow,” “White Christmas,” “Rudolph,” “I’ll be Home for Christmas,” “Silver Bells” and many more. Also featured are rare and exclusive interviews with songwriters Sheldon Harnick (*Fiddler on the Roof*), Charles Strouse (*Annie and Bye Birdie*) and Alan and Marilyn Bergman (“The Way We Were” and “You Don’t Bring Me Flowers”). VIP tickets include premium seating and an autographed CD.

Mary Gaines Bernard Celebrates the Life and Music of Donna Summer

Saturday, January 5 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$50–\$55

The City of Aventura presents *Mary Gaines Bernard Celebrates the Life and Music of Donna Summer* as the incomparable Bernard who supported Donna for over 30 years, celebrates the Queen of Disco in a show filled with music, memories and behind the scenes stories of life with her “big sister” Donna. She takes audiences on a journey from “Hot Stuff” to “I Feel Love” until the “Last Dance.”

An Acoustic Evening with Matisyahu

Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$66.50–\$75 with \$88-96.50 VIP tickets

Black Box Productions presents An Acoustic Evening with Matisyahu following his sold-out performances across the country. In stripped-back versions of his chart-topping songs from his deep catalogue, he pairs his voice and beat-boxing with inventive guitar arrangements in a format that digs deep into the meaning of the songs. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

The Doo Wop Project

Saturday, January 26 at 3 and 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$50

The City of Aventura presents The Doo Wop Project featuring stars of Broadway's smash hits such as the *Jersey Boys* and *Motown* as they deliver the classic sounds of five guys singing tight harmonies on a street corner to the biggest hits on radio today, including classics such as Dion and the Belmonts' “I Wonder Why,” Thurston Harris' “Little Bitty Pretty One,” The Del-Vikings' “Come and Go With Me,” The Capris' “Morse Code of Love” and many more. The show also includes doo wop-inspired renditions of

contemporary songs such as: Amy Winehouse's "Valerie," Michael Jackson's "The Way You Make Me Feel" and Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours."

Hello Gorgeous! A Salute to Barbra Streisand

Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$39

West Coast Performing Arts Presenters bring actress and singer Rebecca Clark to Aventura in *Hello Gorgeous! A Salute to Barbra Streisand*, a one-woman musical delivering all the greatest hits of this legendary singer performed live with no lip-sync or voice tracks. Through song, comedic dialogue and playful crowd interaction, Clark captures the character and heart of Streisand, recounting her amazing journey from the streets of Brooklyn to the heights of Hollywood as she performs songs from *Funny Girl*, *A Star Is Born* and *Yentl*, as well as such hits as "Evergreen," "The Way We Were," "Second Hand Rose," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "Memories" and many more surprises.

Melissa Manchester

Friday, February 8 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$60–\$65 with \$100 VIP tickets

The City of Aventura presents Grammy® Award-winner Melissa Manchester in concert. With hits that include "Midnight Blue," "Don't Cry Out Loud," "Just Too Many People," "You Should Hear How She Talks About You" and "Come Out of the Rain," she was also the first artist to sing two of the songs nominated for an Academy® Award on the same year's telecast: the theme songs for *Ice Castles* and *The Promise*. The singer-songwriter received the Governor's Award from the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences for her contributions to the music & recording arts and has combined her acting and singing talents in starring roles in Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Song And Dance* and *Music of the Night*, Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd* and *HATS!*, for which she co-wrote several of the songs. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

Almost AHBA!

Saturday February 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40–\$45

Lisa Ewing presents Almost AHBA!, recreating the magic and nostalgia of ABBA in a costumed, choreographed and interactive audience experience. Formed in 1996, the group is the longest running North American tribute to the Swedish super group and has toured 11 countries. This dynamic show features the songs performed in the hit musical *Mamma Mia!* performed with their sound-a-like performance, intricate harmonies and topnotch musicianship.

Hooray for Love!: A Celebration of Love in Song

Thursday, February 14 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$40–\$45 with \$130 "Sweetheart" Package Pair

In a special Valentine's Day treat, The City of Aventura presents *Hooray for Love!: A Celebration of Love in Song*. Direct from New York City's famous cabaret spot Don't Tell Mama, Natalie Cordone and Shawn Kilgore combine romance, witty banter and

powerhouse voices to bring sophisticated pop music to life. Backed by a swinging trio of stellar jazz musicians, the celebrate Valentine's Day with favorites including "Hello Young Lovers," "So in Love," "All I Ask of You," "You Make Me Feel So Young" and many more. VIP "Sweetheart" Packages include two premium seats, two splits of champagne, chocolates and two roses.

The Hit Men...Legendary Rock Supergroup

Friday, February 15 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$55-\$60

The City of Aventura presents The Hit Men as they deliver a sizzling show that combines hit after hit after hit with eye-popping videos and insider reminiscences born from witnessing and making musical history. Not a tribute band, the five incredible musicians and singers helped rocket songs to the top of the *Billboard* charts and toured and recorded with some of the biggest names in the music business including Frankie Valli, Carly Simon, Carole King, Cat Stevens, Elton John, Paul McCartney, Barry Manilow and Rod Stewart.

Chris MacDonald's Memories of Elvis

Saturday March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$45-\$50

Chris MacDonald's Enterprises, Inc. presents Chris MacDonald's Memories of Elvis, a dynamic, full production, Las Vegas-style tribute show that shares the incredible story of "the shy humble country boy who became the King of Rock-n-Roll" through highlights of the stages of his iconic career: the 1950s, the movies, the black leather '68 comeback and the white fringe '70s concerts. The production includes a dynamic band, singers and dancers with MacDonald drawing in the audience with the look, sounds and nuances that made Elvis the King. MacDonald has the ultimate honor of being the only tribute artist hired by Elvis Presley Enterprises to perform at Graceland's Heartbreak Hotel.

Love is a Rose: Celebrating the Music of Linda Ronstadt

Friday, March 29 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$45-\$49

The City of Aventura presents Love is a Rose: Celebrating the Music of Linda Ronstadt, a magic ride through the four decades when Ronstadt was at the top of every chart. Musicians and vocalists Paula Hanke and Peggy Ratusz deliver a show featuring some of her best works including: "Blue Bayou," "Desperado," "It's So Easy," "That'll Be the Day," "Different Drum," "You're No Good," "Lose Again" and many more.

Direct From Las Vegas! A Salute to Frank Sinatra

Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$39

West Coast Performing Arts Presenters bring *Direct From Las Vegas! A Salute to Frank Sinatra* to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. World renowned actor and Frank Sinatra impressionist Gary Anthony performs a dynamic, heartfelt one-man theatrical tribute to

Sinatra with his most memorable songs, including “New York, New York,” “You Make Me Feel So Young,” “My Way,” “It Was A Very Good Year,” “Mack The Knife” and more. Considered the world's most authentic Frank Sinatra tribute artist, Anthony has been featured on numerous television shows including World's Greatest Tribute Bands and performed at many of Las Vegas's biggest showrooms.

The Barricade Boys

Saturday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49 with \$75 VIP tickets

The City of Aventura presents *The Barricade Boys* showcasing some of the world's finest male voices from the West End, Broadway, international tour and Hollywood movie of the world's longest running musical, *Les Misérables*. Their fabulous harmonies, incredible vocals, dashing good looks and fantastic personalities make this concert unforgettable. They perform the world's greatest show tunes and celebrate music from some of the most iconic names in the music industry, from powerful ballads and beautiful operatic arias to some of the best pop, rock and swing numbers of all time. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

Dance

Oct. 6–7	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Firebird, Le Spectre de la Rose, & Pentimento
Nov. 2	New World Dance Ensemble
Dec. 7, 8 & 9	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: The Nutcracker
March 1	Flamenco Intimo
March 2–3	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Papillon - The Butterfly
March 30	Dance Now! Miami Presents Contemporanea 2019
April 27	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Spring Gala

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Firebird, Le Spectre de la Rose, Pentimento

Saturday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 7 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$35

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida begins its season with a renewed production of *Firebird* with Stravinsky's brilliant score, choreography by Vladimir Issaev, costumes by Jorge Gallardo and sets by Jim Hammond along with striking special effects that tell the story of a magical firebird that helps a heroic prince rescue a beautiful princess. The program also includes *Le Spectre de la Rose*, a beautiful short ballet about a young woman who dreams of dancing with the spirit of a souvenir rose from her first ball, as well as *Pentimento*, a ballet choreographed by Vicente Nebrada to excerpts of Johann Sebastian Bach's Four Suites for Orchestra that is a bold, abstract work using masks, flowing fabrics and creative lighting to create a mystical atmosphere.

New World Dance Ensemble

Friday, November 2 at 8:00 p.m.

The New World Dance ensemble, joined by NWSA professional alumnae, will kick off their 2018-2019 season with this performance of outstanding choreography, stylistically varied and beautifully danced by these talented young dancers. This Arts Access Program will be an engaging evening of outstanding dancing!

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: The Nutcracker

Friday, December 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 9 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$45

Note: There is a Smart Stage Matinee performance on Friday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m. Please see page 23 for details.

A traditional holiday favorite, Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents the classic ballet *The Nutcracker* to Tchaikovsky's popular score based on the tale of Ernest Hoffman. The critically acclaimed performance is choreographed and directed by renowned Ballet Master Vladimir Issaev, with an enthusiastic ballet company featuring its team of professional dancers performing the principal roles, as well as a community cast made up of local character artists and children for the party scene.

Flamenco Intimo

Friday, March 1 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$45–\$49

The City of Aventura presents Flamenco Intimo, an original production by dancer and choreographer Siudy Garrido, featuring original music from composer and flamenco

guitarist José Luis de la Paz. The production features renowned guitarists along a troupe of six extraordinary dancers to deliver a flamenco performance with a voice of its own, reflecting the pureness of flamenco art from a contemporary perspective.

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Papillon - The Butterfly

Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$35

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents the world premiere of the Offenbach's ballet *Le Papillon* with original choreography by Vladimir Issaev, original sets, and original costumes. *Le Papillon* is a two-act, fairy-themed ballet telling the story of a mean old fairy, a kidnapped princess who is transformed into a butterfly and the prince who must end the spell and ensure love prevails.

Dance Now! Miami Presents Contemporanea 2019

Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35

South Florida's leading contemporary dance company, Dance NOW! Miami, returns with *Contemporanea 2019* featuring its trademark sinewy, poetic, athletic and graceful style. The program features *Terra Mia*, the company's homage to co-director Diego Salterini's homeland, as they embark on a two-year cultural exchange exploring the intersection of the Italy he left 20 years ago and the country of today.

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Spring Gala

Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, under the direction of Ballet Master Vladimir Issaev, ends its season with the Spring Gala that features the most famous classical *pas de deux* and neoclassical pieces by Vladimir Issaev with guest choreographers and international dancers.

Family and Educational Theater

Oct. 19	The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System
Oct. 20	Giggle, Giggle, Quack
Dec. 7	Art Ballet Theatre of Florida: The Nutcracker
Jan. 27	<i>Your Alien</i>
Feb. 24–25	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favorites</i>
April 14	<i>Stuart Little</i>
April 29	Golden Dragon Acrobats

The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System

Friday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger

The City of Aventura presents Smart Stage Matinee performances of *The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System*, a new musical adaptation of the original book series published by Scholastic. When the class gets lost on the way to the planetarium, Ms. Frizzle saves the day by blasting into outer space for an epic inter-planetary field trip. When rivalries threaten to tear the students apart, our young heroes must learn to pull together or risk getting forever lost in the solar system. Theaterworks USA's production is suggested for students K–5. For group sales, please call 954.660.6307 or email groups@BrowardCenter.org. Single tickets are limited.

Giggle, Giggle, Quack

Saturday, October 20 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 and \$18 on the day of the show with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger

The 2018–19 Family Fun Series presented by Hoffman's Chocolates and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center presents *Giggle, Giggle, Quack*, a musical from Lifeline Theatre. In this hilarious sequel to the barnyard blockbuster, *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*, good ol' Farmer Brown has left his city-slicker brother in charge of his farm while he takes a vacation. But when the instructions fall into the wrong hands (or wings!), the animals take the opportunity to do a little rewriting. Each show in the series includes free pre-show face painting and arts activities along with a complimentary post-show sweet treat from Hoffman's Chocolates. These performances are made possible in part through support from the Miami Salon Group, Inc.

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: The Nutcracker

Friday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger

Note: There are performances of The Nutcracker on Friday, December 7–Sunday, December 9. Please see page 21 for details.

The City of Aventura presents a Smart Stage Matinee performance of Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida's *The Nutcracker* set to Tchaikovsky's popular score based on the tale of Ernest Hoffmann. The critically acclaimed performance is choreographed and directed by renowned Ballet Master Vladimir Issaev, with an enthusiastic ballet company featuring its team of professional dancers performing the principal roles, as

well as a community cast made up of local character artists and children for the party scene. A true holiday tradition and a wonderful introduction to the ballet for grades 4-12. For group sales, please call 954.660.6307 or email groups@BrowardCenter.org. Single tickets are limited.

Your Alien

Sunday, January 27 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 and \$18 on the day of the show with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger

The 2018–19 Family Fun Series presented by Hoffman's Chocolates and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center presents Arts Power's newest musical, *Your Alien*. When a stranded alien strikes up a fabulous friendship with a boy who finds him they go to school and have loads of fun together. As evening approaches, the alien grows homesick and the boy must figure out how to help in this tale of how the power of true friendship can last a lifetime. Each show in the series includes free pre-show face painting and arts activities along with a complimentary post-show sweet treat from Hoffman's Chocolates. These performances are made possible in part through support from the Miami Salon Group, Inc.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favorites

Sunday, February 24 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Presented as part of the 2018–19 Family Fun Series presented by Hoffman's Chocolates and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets are \$16 and \$18 on the day of the show with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger

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Monday, February 25 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Presented by the City of Aventura as Smart Stage Matinees

Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia offers this imaginative production with striking bold images of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favorites*. Young audiences, K-2, will enjoy the tale of the voracious caterpillar's progress through an amazing variety of food towards his eventual metamorphosis into a butterfly as well as stories of the Little Cloud who changes into various shapes of things he has seen and an adventurous trip to the zoo with the Mixed-Up Chameleon. Each show in the 2018–19 Family Fun Series presented by Hoffman's Chocolates and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Aventura includes free pre-show face painting and arts activities along with a complimentary post-show sweet treat from Hoffman's Chocolates, and is made possible in part through support from the Miami Salon Group, Inc. Single tickets to Smart Stage Matinee performances are limited. For group sales, please call 954.660.6307 or email groups@BrowardCenter.org.

Stuart Little

Sunday, April 14 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 and \$18 on the day of the show with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger

The 2018–19 Family Fun Series presented by Hoffman's Chocolates and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center presents *Stuart Little* staged by Virginia Rep on Tour. From the loving heart of E. B. White, author of *Charlotte's Web*, comes this merry musical about a noble mouse that jumps headlong into adventures big enough to match any imagination. By turns funny, tender and exciting, *Stuart Little* mixes gorgeous child-size puppets with live actors to work theatrical magic. Each show in the series includes free pre-show face painting and arts activities along with a complimentary post-show sweet treat from Hoffman's Chocolates. These performances are made possible in part through support from the Miami Salon Group, Inc.

Golden Dragon Acrobats

Monday, April 29 at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger

Note: There are performances on Sunday, April 28 at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Please see page 16 for details.

The City of Aventura presents Smart Stage Matinee performances of The Golden Dragon Acrobats representing the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than twenty-five centuries ago and is recognized throughout the United States and abroad as the premier Chinese acrobatic touring company of today. World-renowned producer Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty. For group sales, please call 954.660.6307 or email groups@BrowardCenter.org. Single tickets are limited.

Nova Southeastern University's Lifelong Learning Institute Speaker Series

- Nov. 13 Charles Zelden, PhD.: A Postmortem of the 2018 Midterm Elections
Jan. 29 Vincent Toscano, PhD: Roots of Racism and the Civil Rights Revolution
Feb. 26 Armando Droulers: Affairs of the Heart - Picasso's Women
Mar. 26 Missy Dore, EdD: 50 Years of Marine Science in South Florida

Charles Zelden, PhD: A Postmortem of the 2018 Midterm Elections

Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Free admission; reservations required

The City of Aventura and the Nova Southeastern University Lifelong Learning Institute launch a new speaker series with this free evening with Dr. Charles L. Zelden, professor of history and political science at Nova Southeastern University as he dissects the outcomes and lessons of what many argue will be the most consequential midterm election in a generation. A legal-Constitutional historian, Zelden has published seven books on civil rights, voting rights and the judicial process and is a regular commentator on politics and current events for local and national media outlets.

Vincent Toscano, PhD: Roots of Racism and the Civil Rights Revolution

Tuesday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20

The City of Aventura and the Nova Southeastern University Lifelong Learning Institute present Vincent Toscano, PhD: Roots of Racism and the Civil Rights Revolution. Toscano examines the history of racism in America from the colonial era through the end of World War II as well as the forces, events and personalities, which fueled the challenges to the Jim Crow laws beginning in 1945. He also presents a summary conclusion on the state of racism and civil rights in contemporary America. With major fields of study that include modern American history, the American presidency and the Civil War, Toscano was named Heritage Professor of History at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York where he taught for more than 33 years.

Armando Droulers: Affairs of the Heart - Picasso's Women

Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20

The City of Aventura and the Nova Southeastern University Lifelong Learning Institute present art historian, lecturer and art tour operator Armando Droulers who discusses Affairs of the Heart – Picasso's Women. The numerous women in Pablo Picasso's life served as muses, models and lovers. It seems that with almost every innovative style, there was a new woman to inspire him. The strong emotional bond that he held over those who loved him translated into an experimental visual language that defied pictorial conventions. Droulers studied at Bard College, Academia de Arte Federico Brandt, New World School of the Arts and the University of Florida.

Missy Dore, EdD: 50 Years of Marine Science in South Florida

Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30

Tickets are \$20

The City of Aventura and the Nova Southeastern University Lifelong Learning Institute present Dr. Melissa Dore, director of NSU's Haloes College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography, discussing 50 Years of Marine Science in South Florida. Dore worked her way down the eastern seaboard from her native Maine to Florida and her research projects include areas of the Gulf of Mexico, South Florida, San Salvador and Bahamas marine habitats.