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The 2018-2019 Season Begins This October at The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center

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AVENTURA, Fla. (August 13, 2018) – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center fall season debuts this October with the best of Broadway, comedy, popular music, international films, dance and family presentations.

Bruce Vilanch kicks-off The Stand-Up Comedy Series' season presented by Black Box Productions on **Friday, October 5 at 8 p.m.** with one of the most sought-after jokesmiths in the entertainment industry. 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. This event may include adult language and content and is not appropriate for children under 12. Tickets are \$36.50–\$46.50

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida begins its season with a renewed production of **Firebird, Le Spectre de la Rose, Pentimento** on **Saturday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, October 7 at 3 p.m.** 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. Tickets are \$35

The Aventura International Film Series begins a new season with **English Vinglish** on **Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m.** by writer-director Gauri Shinde. The film tells 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. Tickets are \$12

The City of Aventura and Brazilian Nites Productions present **Yamandu Costa** on **Sunday, October 14 at 7 p.m.** Costa is a master of the 7-string guitar and composer who makes spectacular 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 three 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. Tickets are \$30–\$35

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, on **Friday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.** 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 and are \$10 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger.

Black Box Productions presents **The Long Run-Eagles Tribute** on **Friday, October 19 at 8 p.m.** Delivering the 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. Tickets are \$36.50–\$46.50

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 on **Saturday, October 20 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** 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. Tickets are \$16 and \$18 on the day of the show with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger.

For one night only, **Saturday, October 20 at 8 p.m.**, ***Three Hysterical Broads...Off Their Medication*** features three of the most talented and hilarious women in stand-up comedy: Sheba Mason, Valerie Storm, and Vanessa Hollingshead. In this hilarious show, they perform together, minus the one thing, their medication, 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. Tickets are \$31.50–\$46.50

It's the Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change!® when G-Four Productions presents ***Menopause the Musical*** on **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.** This musical parody has entertained millions of women worldwide for the past 17 years, and men love it too. 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. Tickets are \$46.50–\$66.50.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Buy tickets online at aventuracenter.org, by phone at 877.311.7469 or 954.462.0222, or in person at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. For Group Sales, please call 954.660.6307.

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura. 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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