

JAN/FEB WHERE TO GO & WHAT TO DO

FAMILY FUN

Family Movie Night: Alvin and the Chipmunks, The Road Chip (Jan. 20, 6:30pm) Through a series of misunderstandings, Alvin, Simon and Theodore come to believe that Dave is going to propose to his new girlfriend in Miami ... and dump them. Starts at dusk, suggested \$5 family donation. Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 239-939-2787, artinlee.org

Family Movie Night: Ice Age, Collision Course (Feb. 17, 7pm) Manny the mammoth starts to worry when his daughter, Peaches, announces her engagement. Still unlucky in love, Sid the sloth volunteers to plan the couple's wedding. Starts at dusk, suggested \$5 family donation. Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 239-939-2787, artinlee.org

SWFL LIVE

Bluegrass in the Theatre (Jan. 8, 2pm) Three hours of great live music by bands from Southwest Florida and beyond. Presented in partnership with palmgrass. org, the Acoustic Music Society of SWFL. Doors open at 1pm. Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 239-939-2787, artinlee.org

Screaming Orphans, presented by the Rotary Club of Fort Myers (Jan. 14, 6pm) A Celtic band combining original melodic old-school pop songs with a modern twist on traditional Irish music. Joan, Angela, Grainne and Marie Thérèse Diver are sisters, Irish-born and incredible musicians. Includes Pop the Cork Wine

Game and a 50/50 drawing. Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 239-939-2787, artinlee.org

Fort Myers Music Walk (Jan. 20 and Feb. 17, 7pm) Third Fridays, more than a dozen participating venues feature music by local and regional talent. 855-732-3836, fortmyersmusicwalk.com

Pink Martini at Barbara B. Mann (Jan. 20, 8pm) Drawing inspiration from music from classical, jazz and oldfashioned pop, and hoping to appeal to conservatives and liberals alike, Thomas Lauderdale founded the "little orchestra" Pink Martini in 1994. It provides "more beautiful and inclusive musical soundtracks" for political fundraisers aiding causes such as civil rights, affordable housing, the environment, libraries, public broadcasting, education and parks, Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers. 239-481-4849, bbmannpah.com

Masterworks 2: Cellobration, with Zuill Bailey (Jan. 21, 8pm) Zuill Bailey, considered one of the premier cellists, is a distinguished soloist, recitalist, artistic director and teacher. Bailey will perform Edward Elgar's "Cello Concerto," accompanied by the Southwest Florida Symphony, Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers, 239-481-4849, bbmannpah.com

Stars of the Sixties at Barbara B.

Mann (Feb. 2, 7:30pm) Stars of the 1960s include The Association, Gary Lewis & The Playboys, and Lou Christie. The Classics open the show, Original members. Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers. 239-481-4849, bbmannpah.com

Southwest Florida Symphony presents Pops I: A Big Band Spectacular (Feb. 3-4, 8pm) Take a trip back through time with some of the best of Big Band music. The Southwest Florida Symphony is joined by Steve Moretti on drums, with guest conductor Matt Catingub, Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers. 239-481-4849, bbmannpah.com

Joe Bonamassa at Barbara B. Mann

(Feb. 13 and 17, 8pm) Beginning in 1989 at the age of 12, when he opened for B.B. King, Bonamassa has been hailed as one of the greatest guitarists of his generation, with 15 solo albums in the last 13 years, all on his own label, J&R Adventures. Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers, 239-481-4849, bbmannpah.com

Masterworks 3: Let's Dance (Feb. 18, 8pm) The Southwest Florida Symphony, conducted by Nir Kabaretti with Gilad Karni playing viola, will perform Handel's "Water Music," Suite No. 2 in D major; Rozsa's Concerto for Viola and Orchestra, op. 37; Stravinsky's "The Firebird" and Ravel's "Bolero." Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers. 239-481-4849, bbmannpah.com

ON STAGE

The House of Blue Leaves, by John Guare (Jan. 3-25, Tuesdays-Sundays, evening and matinee shows available) Artie Shaughnessy aspires to be a famous songwriter, but what his downstairs mistress, Bunny, won't tell him, and his wife, Bananas, (who is) tries to impart, is that Artie's songs stink. But today is different because the pope is coming to town, miracles are in the air and anything is possible, or so they all think. Mature audiences. Historic Arcade Theater, 2267 First St., Fort Myers. 239-332-4488, floridarep.org

Shear Madness, by Paul Portner (Jan. 17-Feb. 28, Tuesdays-Sundays, evening and matinee shows available) Madness erupts at a not-so-typical hair salon when the old lady upstairs gets mysteriously murdered and everyone's dying to know "whodunit." Unlike other murder mysteries because the audience combs through the clues and questions the suspects! Studio Theater, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 239-332-4488, floridarep.org

The Book of Mormon (Jan. 24-29, evening and matinee shows available)

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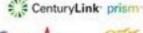
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