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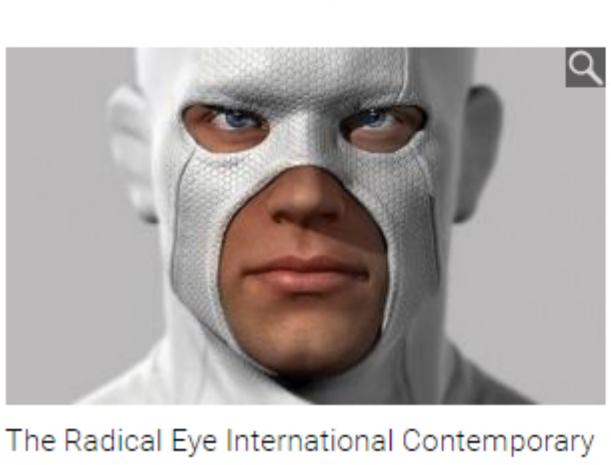

The Radical Eye International Contemporary Photography Exhibit runs March 16-April 29 at the Aldo Castillo Gallery at Miromar Design Center. The exhibition is open to the public Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit includes diverse photography works by world acclaimed artists and is curated by Aldo Castillo. Pictured: "Super Man" by Shelley Lake. 10800 Corkscrew Rd, Suite 390, Estero. (312) 375-8887 www.aldocastillogallery.com.

— Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to events@floridaweekly.com. Email text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of fliers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Saturday.

THEATER

Disney's The Little Mermaid - At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall March 15-19. Show times vary. $33- $88. 13350 FSW Pkwy. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - By Florida Repertory Theatre March 21-April 12. 2267 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

The Sanibel Music Festival continues its 31st consecutive season of bringing outstanding repertoire and artists to the island with a performance by the Daedalus String Quartet at 8 p.m. March 11 at Sanibel Congregational U.C.C. $45. 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. www.sanibelmusicfestival.org

Nice T!ts - The one-woman autobiographical comedy makes its Southwest Florida debut at the Alliance for the Arts March 17-19. Performances are at 8 p.m. March 17, at 2 and 8 p.m. March 18 and at 2 p.m. March 19. $22 members; $24 non-members; $11 students. 10091 McGregor Blvd. 939-2787, desiree@artinlee.org or www.ArtInLee.org.

Play On! - By the Laboratory Theater of Florida through April 1 at the Kiwanis Hall. Performances are on March 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and April 1 at 8 p.m. and at 2 p.m. March 19, 26 and April 1. $25 adults; $12 students. 1634 Woodford Ave. laboratorytheaterflorida.com or 218-0481.

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Things My Mother Taught Me - At Broadway Palm Theatre through April 29. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Nunsense - At the BIG ARTS Strauss Theater March 16-April 15. 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island. 472-6862 or www.bigarts.org.

Shear Madness - By Florida Repertory Theatre through April 2 in the Art-Stage Studio Theatre. 2267 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

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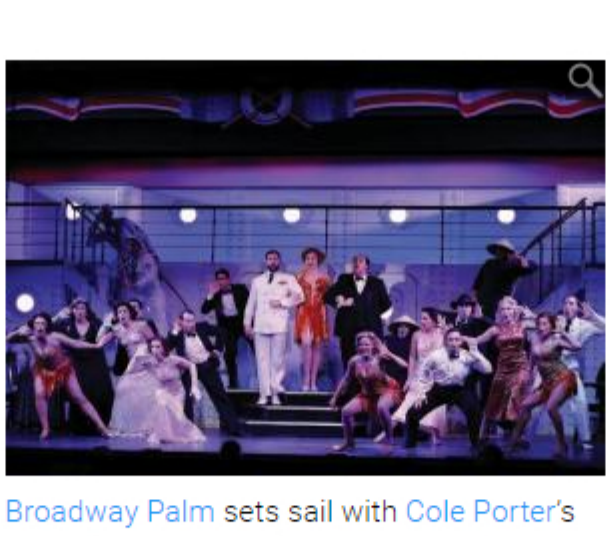
Anything Goes - By Broadway Palm Theatre through April 1. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

My Fair Lady - By The Naples Players through April 2 at Sugden Community Theatre, Naples. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Something Rotten! - At Artis— Naples March 15-19. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

9 to 5: The Musical – By TheatreZone through March 19 at the G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966- 3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.



Broadway Palm sets sail with Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," playing through April 1. This Tony Award-winning revival takes audiences on a fun filled trip aboard the SS American that is packed with Cole Porter classics, lively tap dancing and a boatload of laughs. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Ticket range from $40-$65. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Shear Madness - By Florida Repertory Theatre through April 2 in the ArtStage Studio Theatre. 2267 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

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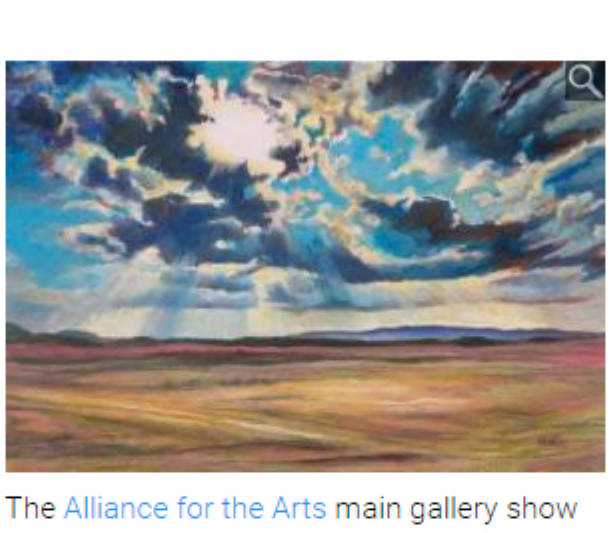
Shell Ambassadors - The Bailey Matthews National Shell Museum holds training for future Shell Ambassadors volunteers from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Ambassadors are trained to answer questions and identify shells on Sanibel beaches. Once they've completed the class, ambassadors can volunteer whenever they want, with no set hours. $90; includes advance and in-class study materials, a continental breakfast, lunch and beverages. 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. 395-2233 or www.shellmuseum.org.

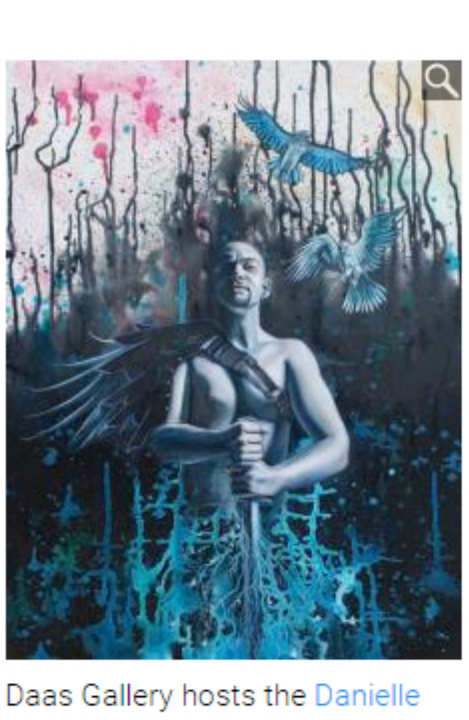
FGCU Concert - The FGCU Bower School of Music and the Arts presents a French Music for Piano Duo Faculty & Guest Artist Series Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the U. Tobe Recital Hall. $10 for the public; $7 for students. www.fgcu.edu/ CAS/BSMA.

Job Fair - Keiser University holds a Job Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The event features 35 employers offering employment opportunities. 9100 Forum Corporate Pkwy., Fort Myers. 277-1336 or www.keiseruniversity.edu/fort-myers/.



The Alliance for the Arts main gallery show "Art Beyond Boundaries" is on exhibit through March 25. Pictured: "The Glory of God" by Celeste Borah. 10091 McGregor Blvd. 939-2787 or www.ArtInLee.org.

Tall Ships - The Marina at Edison Ford presents the Columbus replica ships the Nina and the Pinta today through Sunday at the Marina at Edison Ford. Walk-aboard, self-guided tours are available from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily; no reservations needed. $8 adults; $7 seniors; $6 ages 5-16. 2360 West First St. (787) 672-2152 or www.ninapinta.org.



Daas Gallery hosts the Danielle Branchaud exhibit "Synchronicity" through April 1.

Sacred Sound - The Happehatchee Center hosts Sacred Sound Meditation with Nathan Dyke from 7-8:30 p.m. Participants relax into the expressions of native flutes, didgeridoo, drums, strings, crystal bowls and more. Bring blankets or pillows. $20 donation. 8731 Corkscrew Road, Estero. 992-5455, happehatchee@gmail.com or www.Happehatchee.org.

Audubon Program - Audubon of SWFL presents "Using banding to reveal the amazing journeys of shorebirds & seabirds" with Adam DiNuovo at 7 p.m. at Tropical Lodge 56. The speaker has been working with shorebirds and seabirds across the U.S. and beyond for more than 15 years. Free; the public is welcome. 10868 Metro Pkwy. https:// www.audubonswfl.org/.

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Concert Series - The Fine Arts Concert Series presents the Naples Philharmonic at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. $35. 9751 Bonita Beach Road. 597-1900.

Sharp Dressed Men - ZZ Top and Edgar Winter Band perform at 7 p.m. at Germain Arena. $50-$100. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Chamber Jazz - A classical jazz quartet featuring flute, violin, viola and cello performs from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495- 8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Lonely Boy - Paul Anka performs at 8 p.m. at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $125. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Fair Play - Collier County Agricultural Fair and Exposition returns with livestock competitions, carnival rides, musical guests and much more today through March 26 at Collier County Fairgrounds. Check website for full schedule. 455-1444 or www.collierfairgrounds.com.

Eco Cruise - Salty Sam's Marina and Sight Sea-R Cruises offer an interactive eco tour cruise from 9 a.m.-noon every Thursday. Hosted by Capt. Phil, the tour includes an island visit, a touch tank and a chance to see marine life. $35 adults; $25 children; upgrades available. 765-7272 or www.sightseaflorida.com.

Comedy Show - Alex Elkin and Luke Trotta perform tonight through Sunday at the Laugh In Comedy Café. Show times vary. 8595 College Pkwy. 479-LAFF or www.laughincomedycafe.com.

Live Music - Dan Miller and the Lew Del Gatto Quartet perform at 7 p.m. at The Barrel Room. 2210 Bay St. 333-2225 or www.barrelroomfortmyers.com.

Funny Guy - Darren Carter "The Party Starter" performs tonight through Sunday at the Off the Hook Comedy Club. Tickets start at $22. Show times vary. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389- 6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

Paint Sessions - Vino's Picasso hosts Paint What You Want from 3:30- 6 p.m. ($15) and a guided paint session themed "Sanibel Window" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ($36). Includes all art supplies. No experience needed. 15250 S. Tamiami Trl., #109. Register at VINOSpicasso.com or 288-6953.

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St. Pat's Cruises - Pure Florida offers a St. Patrick's Day cruise on the Caloosahatchee River aboard the M/V Edison Explorer from 2-4 p.m. A sunset cruise departs at 6:30 p.m. $32. The cruises depart from The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 W. First St. www.PureFL. com or 919-2965.

Author Event - Evening with the Authors starts at 5 p.m. at the Marina at Edison Ford. Meet dozens of best-selling authors headline the SWFL Reading Festival the following day and enjoy dockside cocktails, a buffet dinner and a dessert reception. $55; reservations required. 2360 West First St. www.readfest.org/events or 479-4636.

Flower Show - The Garden Council hosts a free flower show themed "Celebration" today and Saturday at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council headquarters. Hours are 1-6 p.m. today and 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Saturday. The show feature 48 designs, exhibitor awards and more than 100 exhibits. Donations for the council are welcome. 2166 Virginia Ave. 233-1166, bhamera@outlook.com.

Frankly Funny - Comedian and actor Frank Blocker performs monologues, improv, songs and more in an interactive performance at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 395-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Water & Wheels - Fathoms Restaurant & Bar and The French Press host the 11th annual Water & Wheels festival, featuring car and boat shows, art, entertainment, food, drink and fun, today through Sunday. Free admission. The fun all starts at noon with St. Patrick's Day festivities beginning at 6 p.m. www.facebook.com/fathomsrestaurant or 542-0123.

Cape Party - The South Cape St. Patrick's Day Trolley Event kicks off at 7 p.m. in Cape Coral. Participants take trolleys to 12 nightspots to enjoy specialty drinks and more. Advance tickets are $10 and Designated Driver tickets are available only at BackStreets Sports Bar. Check-in booths are open from 6-7:30 p.m. Booths are located at Club Square. www.facebook.com/SouthCapeHospitalityAndEntertainmentAssociations.

Downtown Party - A St. Patty's Day Block Party runs from 4-10 p.m. in downtown Fort Myers. www.myriverdistrict.com.

Irish Party - A real St. Patrick's Day Party is set for 5-10 p.m. at St. Columbkille's Iona Hall. The show features Ireland's own Brian Bonner, Irish step dancers and a sing-along with Lee Van Asten, plus a corned beef and cabbage dinner and beer and wine setups. $35. 12171 Iona Road. 489-3973.

Music & More - Music Walk runs from 6-10 p.m. in downtown Fort Myers. Enjoy music at a variety of venues plus dining and shopping. www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

World Premiere - The Michael Shirtz Quartet presents the world premiere of "In Finding Faith" at 7 p.m. at Cypress Lake United Methodist Church. The show uses traditional hymns, jazz tunes and new features to tell a story of struggles and finding faith. Michael Shirtz is a pianist, composer and conductor known for his versatility. Donations welcome. 8570 Cypress Lake Dr. 482-1250, clumc@cypresslakeumc.com or www.cypresslakeumc.com.

Art & Poetry - An Art & Poetry Networking Event runs from 8-10 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Cen- ter. $10. 2301 First St. 333-1933 or www.sbdac.com.

St. Pat's Event - The Shell Factory & Nature Park holds St. Patrick's Day Celebration from noon-7 p.m. The event includes live entertainment by Chuck Peterson and authentic Irish Dancers plus green beer, corned beef and cabbage, and more. An adult costume contest starts at 6 p.m. Free admission. www.shellfactory.com.

Irish Fare - A St. Paddy's Day Dinner Festival runs from 6-11 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. $25. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

Lecture Series - The "Ding" Darling Friday Lecture Series presents Julie Zickefoose discussing her book "Baby Birds: An Artist Looks into the Nest," at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center Auditorium at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island. A book signing follows. Free, but seating is limited. 472-1100, ext. 241, or www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

Paint Sessions - Vino's Picasso hosts guided paint sessions themed "Mandala Dreamcatcher" from 4-6 p.m. ($36) and "Celestial" from 7-9 p.m. ($36). Includes instruction and materials. No experience needed. 15250 S. Tamiami Trl., #109. Register at VINOSpicasso.com or 288-6953.

Blues Tunes - Deltaphonic perform performs from 9 p.m.-midnight tonight and Saturday at The Barrel Room. $5 cover. 2210 Bay St. 333-2225 or www.barrelroomfortmyers.com.

SATURDAY3.18

Get Your Engine Running - Koreshan State Historic Site hosts an antique engine and quilt show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today and Sunday. Free with entry fee. 992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Arts & Crafts - An Art & Craft Show is set for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Pelican Sound Golf and River Club. Lunch is available. 4561 Pelican Sound Blvd., Estero. ID required at gate. 247-2729 or A.delacroix@comcast.net.

Benefit Event - Roadhouse Promotions presents the SWFL Nationals Car Show & Classic Car Auction from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Sunday at the Lee Civic Center. Proceeds benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Organization of Southwest Florida. The show features hundreds of original and custom cars, an automotive swap meet, vendors, a food court, music and a 50/50 raffle. Admission is $10; parking is $5. www.roadhousepromotions.com or 272-1895.

Pickleball Tourney - A Pickleball Tournament starts at 1 p.m. at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center. $5 cash entry fee per member. 27640 Pine Ave. Must register in advance: 992-2556.

Junior Recital - The FGCU Bower School of Music and the Arts presents Victoria Woodcock and Heather Borrelli's Junior Vocal Recitals at 7:30 p.m. at the U. Tobe Recital Hall. Free and open to the public

Pet Painting - Young Professionals for Animal Protection Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, hosts "Painting for Paws" with Masterpiece Mixers Paint & Party Studio from 1-4 p.m. to benefit Big Hearts for Big Dogs Rescue. Professional artists help participants create a masterpiece with a portion of proceeds going to the rescue. $45. 2708 Santa Barbara Blvd. S., Ste. 149, Cape Coral. Advance registration required: www.facebook.com/ events/601673456710046/. yapswfl@gmail.com.

Yoga Workshop - Yoga Bird presents "Discover the Winds of Life: Understanding the Prana Vayus" with Anna from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the five distinct types of prana and experience them in practice. $40. 1400 Colonial Blvd. 936- 6940 or yogabirdstudio.com.

Music Show - "Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience" starts at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Sunday at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. $38-$70. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

Yin Yoga - Yoga Bird presents a "Spring Equinox Yin Yoga Workshop" with Lynda from 3-5 p.m. Participants learn to passively stimulate and balance the liver and gall bladder meridians to support the through the spring transition. $25. 1400 Colonial Blvd. 936-6940 or yogabirdstudio.com.

Tribute Concert - The McCartney Years performs at 8 p.m. at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $45-$55. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495- 8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Nature Walk - Lee County's Conservation 20/20 hosts a guided nature walk from 9-10:30 a.m. at Wild Turkey Strand Preserve. Volunteer naturalists identify and discuss native plants, wildlife and birds. Bring water bottle, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Free. 11901 Rod & Gun Club Road. 204-1125 or www.conservation2020.org.

ACMA Concert - The Americana Community Music Association presents Acoustic Blues at 7 p.m. at All Faiths Unitarian Church. Suggested donation $15. 2756 McGregor Blvd. 691-4069 or www.americanacma.org.

Estero Event - The 14th annual Celebrate Estero is set for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. The event includes games, activities, demonstrations, displays and raffle drawings. 948-3766.

Reading Fest - The 18th annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Centennial Park. The event includes author talks, the latest library technology, contests, booksellers, book signings, activities for teens and children, a free book for every child and teen and the Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands. www.readfest.org or 479-4636.

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Paint Sessions - Vino's Picasso hosts guided paint sessions themed "In Bloom" from 4-6 p.m. ($36) and "Octolove" from 7-9 p.m. ($36). Includes instruction and materials. No experience needed. 15250 S. Tamiami Trl., #109. Register at VINOSpicasso.com or 288-6953.

Beach Yoga - Becky Lang teaches yoga from 8:30-9:30 a.m. every Saturday in March on Fort Myers Beach. The Level One Flow Yoga practice is suitable for most levels and is held on the sand just north of the pier. Bring a yoga mat, sunscreen and water. In the event of inclement weather, cancellation info is posted at beckylang.com. Suggested donation: $10. 791-6538 or beckylang@comcast.net.

Blues Tunes - A Backyard Bluesfest featuring The Jeff Jensen Band, TBA, and Tommy Lee Cook & The Heathens with Panache runs from 2-11 p.m. at the Buckingham Blues Bar. $10; no coolers or pets. 5641 Buckingham Road. 693-7111 or www.buckinghambar.com.

Live Music - Hector Anchondo performs from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at The Barrel Room. $5 cover. 2210 Bay St. 333-2225 or www.barrelroomfortmyers.com.

Tribute Show - An ABBA Tribute Show starts at 7:30 p.m. at The Stage. 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 405-8566 or www.thestagebonita.com. For reservations: infothestagebonita.com.

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Car Show - A car show is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. as part of the 11th annual Water & Wheels festival at Cape Harbour. Enter for a chance to win one of 46 trophies in 16 categories. Waterand-Wheels.carregister@gmail.com or 542- 0707. www.fathomsrestaurant.com.

Junior Recitals - The FGCU Bower School of Music and the Arts hosts Lissette Garcia's Junior Euphonium and Alex Burden's Junior Saxophone Recitals at 3 p.m. in the U. Tobe Recital Hall. Free and open to the public.

Free Recitals - The FGCU Bower School of Music and the Arts hosts Courtney MacDonald and Nick Contreras' Junior Clarinet Recitals at 7:30 p.m. at the U. Tobe Recital Hall. Free and open to the public.

Spring Equinox - The Happehatchee Center hosts a guided meditation in the Peace Pavilion to celebrate the Spring Equinox. The event includes labyrinth walking, herbal tea and light refreshments. 8731 Corkscrew Road, Estero. 992-5455, happehatchee@gmail.com or www.Happehatchee.org.

Yoga Workshop - Yoga Bird presents "Flowing Through: Exploring your Vinyasa Options" with Chip from 4-6 p.m. The workshop teaches techniques that are appropriately challenging, with emphasis on correct alignment. $25. 1400 Colonial Blvd. 936-6940 or yogabirdstudio.com.

Author Events - New York Times bestselling author Randy Wayne White celebrates the kickoff of his national book signing tour for the 24th installment in his Doc Ford series, "Mangrove Lightning" with book signings from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. today and Monday at the new Doc Ford's Sanibel Island location. The event includes a Q&A with the author. 2500 Island Inn Road, Sanibel. 472-8311.

Paint Sessions - Vino's Picasso hosts Sunday Funday 11-12:30 p.m. ($26) and Paint What You Want" from noon- 2:30 p.m. ($15). Includes instruction and materials. No experience needed. 15250 S. Tamiami Trl., #109. Register at VINOSpicasso.com or 288-6953.

Dog Day - The Calusa Nature Center hosts Dog Day Afternoons from noon-3 p.m. on Sundays. $5 per human; dogs must be leashed. 3450 Ortiz Ave. www.calusanature.org or 275-3435.

Music Event - The Americana Community Music Association and HBS host a Singer/Songwriter Circle from 2-5 p.m. on Sundays at All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, 2756 McGregor Blvd. Join local singer/songwriters in an open, creative atmosphere. Free; donations welcome. 910-5657 or www.americanacma.org.

Blues Tunes - The Buckingham Blues Bar hosts an Open Stage Blues Jam from 3-6 p.m. on Sundays and from 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays. 5641 Buckingham Rd. 693-7111.

Jazz Brunch - Joe Delaney and Brandon Robertson perform from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. during Jazz Brunch at The Barrel Room. 2210 Bay St. 333-2225 or www.barrelroomfortmyers.com.

MONDAY3.20

National Orchestra - The Royal Scottish National Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The orchestra is celebrating 125 years of bringing classical music to audiences around the world. 13350 FSW Pkwy. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

Jive & Swing - The Jive Aces, "Britain's Got Talent" stars and the UK's No. 1 jive and swing band, performs at 7:30 p.m. at The Village Church Auditorium at Shell Point. $36. 15100 Shell Point Blvd. 454-2067 or http://www.shellpoint.org/index.php.

Author Event - The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center's Famous Author Lecture Series features New York Times bestselling author Hallie Ephron from noon-2 p.m. The event includes brunch and a lecture by the author. A book signing follows. $35. 2301 First St. 333-1933 or www.sbdac.com.

Concert Experience - "DECEMBER '63: The Music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons" takes the stage today and Monday for matinee and evening performances at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The show features favorites from Frankie Valli along with the most popular singles from the Broadway blockbuster musical "The Jersey Boys." 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278- 4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Monday Film - BIG ARTS presents the Monday Night Film "A Man Called Ove" at 7 p.m. in Schein Hall. $10. 900 Dunlop Rd., Sanibel. www.bigarts.org or 395-0900.

Film Series - The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs host a screening of "Closely Watched Trains" at 7 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts – Moe Auditorium & Film Center, Refreshments are available and a discussion follows. $10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Paint Session - Vino's Picasso hosts a guided paint session themed "Everglades" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. $32; includes instruction and materials. No experience needed. 15250 S. Tamiami Trl., #109. Register at VINOSpicasso.com or 288-6953.

TUESDAY3.21

Funny Lady - Carol Burnett returns to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. March 21. During "An Evening of Laughter and Reflection," she takes questions from the audience and shows video clips from her shows. $59-$149. www.bbmannpah.com or 481- 4849.

Quilting Group - The Southwest Florida Quilters Guild holds its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center. 2000 North Recreation Pkwy. www.swfqg.com.

A Poem Is - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts A Celebration of Poetry with nationally recognized poets Dr. Catalina Monterrosa and Abbott Ikeler reading their own works from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Art Dinner - Dinner with Artists is presented by the Naples Art Association from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Shangri-La Springs. $125 per person. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 262-6517.

Music Fest - The Sanibel Music Festival continues its 31st consecutive season of bringing outstanding repertoire and artists to the island with a performance of "Music by George and Ira Gershwin" at 8 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational U.C.C. $45. 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. 344-7025 or www.sanibelmusicfestival.org.

Play Scrabble - The Fort Myers Scrabble Club meets from 6-10 p.m. every Tuesday at Brookdale Senior Living. All ages and all levels are welcome, from beginner to expert. Suggestion donation $2. 8351 College Pkwy.

Davis Gardens - The Berne Davis Gardens are open to the public from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays through May 23. The botanical gardens include bromeliads, hibiscus, rare and tropical fruit, roses, herbs, native plants, orchids and a bonsai display. 2166 Virginia Ave.

Legendary Performer - Chubby Checker performs at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. $48-$75. 11515 Bonita Beach Rd. $35-$55. 389-8901 or wwwswflpac.com.

WEDNESDAY3.22

Grand Opening - RTI Insurance Services holds grand opening festivities for its new location from 3-6 p.m. The event, featuring refreshments, also celebrates the company's 20th anniversary of serving Lee County. The public is welcome. 9681 Gladiolus Dr., Ste. 111.

Juried Exhibit - The juried exhibits "After Rauschenberg" and "Pressing Matters" run from today through April 29 at BIG ARTS Phillips and Founders galleries. An artist reception starts at 5:30 p.m. March 24. 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. 395-0900 or www.bigarts.org.

Calusa Day - The Sanibel Historical Village hosts Calusa Day to share the culture of the Calusa people. The historical village has artifacts from archaeological digs that illustrate Calusa daily life and art. Docents specializing in the Calusa give talks in the museum's Calusa Room. The day includes activities for children. 950 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. 472-4648 or www.sanibelmuseum.org.

Paint Sessions - Vino's Picasso hosts guided paint sessions themed "Upcycled Pallet Decor" from 4-5:30 p.m. ($30) and "Night Owl" from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. ($36). Includes instruction and materials. No experience needed. 15250 S. Tamiami Trl., #109. Register at VINOSpicasso.com or 288-6953.

Blues Tunes - The Buckingham Blues Bar hosts an Open Stage Blues Jam from 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays. 5641 Buckingham Rd. 693-7111.

UPCOMING

Nature Chat - Humorist and natural history author Charles Sobczak will discuss the changing face of nature and sign some books while guests enjoy beer and ceviche from Coastal Peruvian at 6:30 p.m. March 23 at Everglades Wonder Gardens. $15 for members, $25 for others. 27180 Old 41 Road. 992-2591 or www.evergladeswondergardens.org.

Concert - Jonathan Edwards performs at 8 p.m. March 23 at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. $30-$40. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Juried Exhibit - The ninth annual Student Juried Exhibition Opening Reception and Awards Presentation start at 6 p.m. March 23 at the FGCU Main Gallery. Free and open to the public. 745-4268.

One-Woman Show - Actress and playwright Janina Birtolo presents "Amelia Earhart: Daring to Dream" at 2 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Lakes Regional Library. 15290 Bass Road. Registration is required: 479-4636.

Full of Grace - Late Nite Catechism returns with Sister's riotous and righteous take on sins and sensibilities at 6 and 8 p.m. March 24-25 at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Bonita Party - Celebrate Bonita! takes place with family activities, food vendors and musical performances by four-time Grammy nominee Joe Nichols, The Ben Allen Band, Sarah Hadekah and more from 2-9 p.m. March 25 at Riverside Park. Free. 949-6262 or www.cityofbonitasprings.org.

Pet Party - Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida hosts GoldenFest VIII from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 26 at Doggy Heaven at the Shell Factory & Nature Park, 2787 N. Tamiami Trail, N. Fort Myers. Events include pet vendors, dog dock diving, pet portraits, a grooming booth, raffles, auctions, a GRRSWF Korean dog reunion tent and more. All breeds of well-mannered, leashed dogs are welcome. Admission and parking are free. Dog-related vendors are welcome., info@grrswf.org or 369-0415.

ONGOING EVENTS

Art Show - The Mano 3: Down and Dirty exhibit, featuring 2D and 3D contemporary works as well as visual art projections, runs through March 20 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. 2301 First St. 33-1933 or www.sbdac.com.

DAAS Exhibit - The Danielle Branchaud exhibit "Synchronicity" runs through April 1 at the DAAS Co-Op Art Gallery. 1400 Colonial Blvd., Ste. 84. 590-8645 or daascoop.com.

Art Event - Harbour View Gallery presents work by March Featured Artists Zdenka Fiala, stained glass jewelry, and Jean Stanish, palm fronds, through March. 5789 Cape Harbour Drive, Suite 104, Cape Coral. 540-5789 or art@harbourviewgallery.com.

Art Exhibit - Arts for ACT Gallery presents work by Peter Stilton and new works by co-op artists through April 3. 2265 First St. http://www.artsforactgallery.com or 939-2553.

Featured Artist - Linda Steele is the Arts of the Inland featured artist for the month of March. Her photographic art is on display in the Lehigh Regional Gallery from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 1500 Lee Blvd., Lehigh Acres. artsinland@gmail.com or 303-5849.

Sanibel Exhibit - The "Audubon Inspiration" exhibit, curated by Cello Bennett, widow of the late artist Gale Bennett (1939-2008), along with artists Marcy Calkins and Jane Hudson, can be seen at the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge visitor & Education Center on Sanibel through April 30. The exhibit features the work of a group of local fine artists. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. 472-1100. dingdarlingsociety.org.

Typography Exhibit - The Florida Gulf Coast University Art Galleries of the Bower School of Music & the Arts present the "Visual Language: The Art of Typography and Creative Writing" exhibition through March 30 in the Art- Lab Gallery. The exhibit is co-curated by graphic design instructor Sasha Minsky and writing instructor Jesse Millner. 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors. artgallery.fgcu.edu, 590-7199 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu.

Comedy Night - Gulf Coast Comedy presents nationally touring comedians at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa through April 5. $15. gulfcoastcomedy.com or 542- 3869.

Cool Cars - The Shell Factory & Nature Park hosts a Classic Cruise In from 4-7 p.m. every Thursday in the front parking lot adjacent to U.S. 41. Live entertainment and Capt'n Fishbones discounts are available during the show. 2787 Tamiami Trl. N. Fort Myers. 292- 9360.

Fine Art - "The Itty Bitty Art Exhibit" is on display through March 18 in the BIG ARTS Founders Gallery. The exhibit features tiny 2-D treasures of wide and varying mediums. The Petticoat Painters of Sarasota exhibit is on display through March 18 in the Phillips Gallery. 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. 395-0900 or www.bigarts.org.

FSW Art - Florida SouthWestern State College presents the "Ann Hamilton: Phora" exhibit through March 18 at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery. The exhibit explores the origins of public speaking from the first forums to ongoing political debate. 8099 College Pkwy. 489-9313 or www.RauschenbergGallery.com.

Public Exhibit - The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW presents a yearlong public exhibition of the artist's iconic triptych, "Autobiography" (1968) in the Humanities Hall (Building L). Measuring more than 12 feet wide, the exhibit highlights seminal events from the artist's life. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. 489-9313 or www.RauschenbergGallery.com.

Butterfly House - The Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife offer hosted tours of the Tom Allen Memorial Butterfly House at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral. Free admission. 549-4606 or www.CapeParks.com.

Historical Village - The Sanibel Historical Village is open for the season, with hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. 950 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. $10 adults. 472-4648 or www.sanibelmuseum.org.

Model Train - Free tours of the 40-foot-by-40-foot miniature train display are offered from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at The Creativity Center on The Island at Shell Point. Spot hundreds of recognizable geographic landmarks representing notable sites throughout Florida during complimentary tours. 15000 Shell Point Blvd. Call 454-2290 for groups of 10 or more.

Dolphin Cruise - Banana Bay Tour Company hosts a 1½-hour Dolphin Nature Search on Sunday, Monday and Friday. $30 adults; $25 children. 5781 Cape Harbour Dr., Cape Coral. 728-8687 or www.bananabaytourcompany.com.

Eco Tour - Banana Bay Tour Company hosts a three-hour half-day Ecological Dolphin & Lunch Cruise on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The outing includes a deli-style lunch while cruising San Carlos Bay. $56 adults; $51 children. 5781 Cape Harbour Dr., Cape Coral. 728-8687 or www.bananabaytourcompany.com.

Sunset Cruise - Banana Bay Tour Company hosts a 1½-hour Dolphin & Sunset Cruise on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. $30 adults; $25 children. 5781 Cape Harbour Dr., Cape Coral. 728-8687 or www.bananabaytourcompany.com.

Home Tour - Banana Bay Tour Company hosts a 1½-hour Homes & Harbour Tour on Sunday and Friday. View estates and yachts while cruising the waterways around Cape Coral. $30 adults; $25 children. 5781 Cape Harbour Dr., Cape Coral. 728-8687 or www.bananabaytourcompany.com.

Haunted Tours - True Tours offers Haunted Tours through the historic Fort Myers River District from 8-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Tours are also offered at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Tours offer glimpses into the unseen, with stories of reputed paranormal activity. Tours leave from the Franklin Shops 2200 First St. $14. For reservations: 945-0405 or (800) 979-3370. www.Truetours.net.

History Tours - True Tours offers River District History Tours from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Tours provide narratives of local history, and acquaint participants with the colorful personalities of the founders of the city. Tours leave from the Franklin Shops 2200 First St. $13. For reservations: 945-0405 or (800) 979- 3370. www.Truetours.net.

Legends & Legacy - True Tours offers a Legends and Legacy Tour at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays. The tour reveals the legacy of civic-minded and philanthropic men and women in the area. Tours leave from the Franklin Shops 2200 First St. $16. For reservations: 945- 0405 or (800) 979-3370. www.Truetours.net.

Matlacha Tour - True Tours offers a Flavors of Matlacha tour at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. The tour is a history, public art, eco and taste adventure covering Matlacha's salty history with the signature tastes of this fishing village that transformed itself into an artist colony. $18. Tours start at The Old Fish House Marina Restaurant, 4530 Pine Island Rd. For reservations: 945-0405 or www.truetours.net

Car Cruise - The Shell Factory and Nature Park hosts Larry Day and his Cruise In from 4-7:30 p.m. every Monday in the front parking lot adjacent to U.S. 41. 2787 N. Tamiami Trl., North Fort Myers. larrycruisinlist-swfl.com.

Historical Site - The Mound House is open to visitors, with Calusa Shell Mound Tours, guided beach walks at Newton Beach Park, shorebirds programs and guided museum tours regularly scheduled. Explore the newly restored historic home, see exhibitions and wander the scenic grounds. 451 Connecticut Street, Fort Myers Beach. www.moundhouse.org or 765-0865.

Flea Market - The Shell Factory and Nature Park holds flea markets at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. 2787 N. Tamiami Trl. shellfactory.com, 995-2141 or 243-7472. ¦

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