

## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## This week's theatre

■ **Life x 3 - Gulfshore Playhouse** presents "Life x 3" by Yasmina Reza, author of the Tony Award-winning hit comedy "Art," runs through Oct. 13 at the **Alliance for the Arts** as part of the first "Season of the Foulds." As witty and acerbic as "Art," the delightful "Life x 3" contrasts man's deft ability to analyze the far reaches of the universe, with his total inability to respond rationally to a trivial domestic mishap. For more information and to order tickets, go to [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org), or call toll free 866-811-4111.

■ **Buddy Holly - Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** presents the dynamic international hit "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story." It runs through Nov. 17. The award-winning celebration tells the brief, but spectacular musical career of the legendary Buddy Holly. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Beginning Oct. 30, performances are Tuesday through Sunday with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$52 with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com), or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **Stop Kiss - Florida Gulf Coast University** presents Diana Son's "Stop Kiss" in the Theatre Lab on campus. The performance runs from Oct. 17 through Oct. 28. "Stop Kiss" was a New York Times Best of 1999 pick, described as a "sweet, sad and enchantingly sincere play." Tickets for the Obie Award-winning play go on sale Monday, Oct. 1 at the Theatre Lab Box Office: 590-7268. General Admission is \$10, FGCU students, faculty and staff \$5. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

■ **I Love You - Off Broadway's longest running musical — I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!** — runs through Nov. 3 at the **Sugden Community Theater** in Naples. This hilarious musical comedy delves into dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws. The four person cast will perform over twenty characters in the tricky tango known as the modern-day mating dance. The universal themes of the frustrations and pleasures of dating, marriage and love have gained the show lasting popularity and have made it a hit across the country. For information call the Sugden at (239) 263-7990.

## This week's symphony

■ **Chamber No. 3 - Bach to Broadway** will be performed by the Brass Quintet with Percussion at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts** on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. and on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. Featured will be Bach's dramatic Toccata and Fugue in D Minor is one of his most beloved – and best-known – works. Paired with this early 18th-century masterwork will be music from your favorite Broadway shows, including Memory from Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Cats and selections from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein. For information or tickets call (239) 597-1900 or online at [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

## Thursday, Oct. 11

■ **Lecture - Mark Hosler** of Negativland, a band famous for being sued by U2, will lecture at 4 p.m. on "Creating Media Resistance and Negativland" in conjunction with FGCU's art show "inAppropriations: Contemporary Artists that Beg, Borrow and Steal" at the **FGCU art gallery**.

## Friday, Oct. 12

■ **Festival - Opening Ceremonies and Round I of 75th Duck Stamp Judging at BIG ARTS** Sanibel Island begins at 2 p.m. It's all part of the "Ding" Darling Days that runs through Sunday, Oct. 14.

## Saturday Oct. 13

■ **Block Party - Drive on into the River District** in downtown Fort Myers for the Cruise-In Block Party Car Show from 5 p.m. until 8 at First and Hendry streets. Choose from a dozen restaurants to dine, shop or view more than 500 show cars. Admission is free. For information contact Tony Allen at 229-8526.

## Tuesday, Oct. 16

■ **Clint Black - Country music star Clint Black** will perform at the **Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts** at 8 p.m. Ever since his first single, A Better Man, went to No. 1 in 1989, Clint Black has been among the most dynamic singers and songwriters in the world of country music, with a unique ability to create music that is both artful and commercial. Tickets are \$69 and are on sale at the Box Office or call (239) 597-1900 or (800) 597-1900.

## Ongoing events

■ **Artists call - ArtFest Fort Myers "Art Under 20" High School Art Competition and Exhibit** is accepting applications through Dec. 10. A large gallery tent provides the opportunity for participating students to exhibit their artwork, in a professional setting, to 55,000 ArtFest Fort Myers patrons. Cash prizes totaling \$6,000 will be awarded to the winners of this student competition. Contact Kristin Woolam 768-3602.

■ **Art - The 2D & 3D Fall Exhibition** hosted by the **Art League of Bonita Springs** at the Center for the Arts in Bonita Springs runs through Oct. 25. Southwest Florida artists offer gallery visitors a variety of both 2D and 3D artworks. Paintings, photography, sculpture, clay, glass, and textiles. Center for the Arts is located at 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. For information call 495-8989 or on the Web at [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Art - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month** at the **Harborside Event Center** with a visit to "A Latin Art Affair", the Community Art Showcase fine art exhibition. This cutting edge show features five local Latino artists whose works are as diverse and electrifying as their countries of origin: Doris Ramos, Ernesto Masis, Juan Diaz, Amarilis Veliz and Lidia Dick. This unparalleled exhibition will showcase the rich and varied talents of our own Latino art community. The exhibit runs through Nov. 28 and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information email [info@ArtFestFortMyers.com](mailto:info@ArtFestFortMyers.com) or call 768-3602.

■ **Art - The Art Gallery at Florida Gulf Coast University** is hosting **inAppropriations: Contemporary Artists that Copy, Sample, Beg, Borrow and Steal** through Oct. 13. It features works by regional artist Vyd, Chicago-based video performance group Paul Harvey Oswald and internationally acclaimed artists, Negativland. The exhibition features video, audio and sculptural works by these thought-provoking artists. The artists represented in inAppropriations have the common bond of borrowing news clips, television, music and movie samples and reconfiguring the imagery and sound to achieve their own artistic vision. Many works in the exhibition have socio-political themes, commenting upon our information-bloated culture. Each work in the show has a very biting satire that will definitely grab the attention of the viewer.

■ **Art - The photographs of Jane Calvin** are on display through Oct. 20 at the **Bob Rauschenberg Gallery** on the campus of Edison College in Fort Myers. The exhibit is called "Discontinuum: Photographs by Jane Calvin." Since the early 1980s, Jane Calvin has been developing a personal artistic style that is undeniably her own. The photographs she creates are made by building large installations, often room-sized, where she combines slide projections and physical objects, text found in pulp romance and mystery novels or children's books, and words and letters written out in Calvin's own hand.

■ **Art - The next exhibit rising at the Alliance for the Arts** is exactly what the title implies. The "pots" on pedestals... the "prints and paintings" hung across the gallery walls. But it's the creators behind the pieces that will really grab the viewers' attention. "Pots, Prints, and Paintings" runs through Nov. 3. Both featured artists, Tim Lienhardt and Barbara Yeomans, share a passion for printmaking, an art form similar in method to silkscreen printing. The Alliance is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard. Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for more details.

■ **Photo art - Visions of Florida: The Photographic Art of Clyde Butcher** opens at the **Center for the Arts in Bonita Springs** and runs through Oct. 27. Butcher is often called the "Ansel Adams of Florida". His photography records the undisturbed paradise that is fast disappearing here in Southwest Florida. Center for the Arts is located at 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. For information call 495-8989 or on the Web at [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Art - The Watson Gallery in The von Leibig Art Center in Naples** features **Awarding Pictures: The Art of Children's Book Illustration** through Oct. 28. Focusing on award winning artists working in the field of children's literature, this exhibition will showcase historic and contemporary artwork in media ranging from painting to video. The exhibition will highlight the significant impact that children's illustrations have had on the art world and the field of children's literature both nationally and internationally. For information call (239) 262-6517 or on the Web at [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

## Upcoming events

■ **Sam Donaldson - Appears at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Oct. 18. As a 40-year ABC News veteran, Sam Donaldson has served two appointments as chief White House correspondent for ABC News. He also co-anchored, with Diane Sawyer, Prime-Time Live until it merged with 20/20 in 1999. Mr. Donaldson is the recipient of many awards, among them four Emmy Awards and three George Foster Peabody Awards. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com). Groups of twenty or more, please call (239) 489-3033 extension 3122.

■ **Styx - The popular 1970s and 1980s rock band** with hits such as "Come Sail Away", "Babe", and "Lady" performs at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Oct. 22. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com). Groups of twenty or more, please call (239) 489-3033 extension 3122.

■ **Theater - The Shoolhouse Theater** on Sanibel Island presents "Forever Plaid." The performance runs from Oct. 18 through Oct. 28. "Stop Kiss" was a New York Times Best of 1999 pick, described as a "sweet, sad and enchantingly sincere play." Tickets for the Obie Award-winning play go on sale Monday, Oct. 1 at the Theatre Lab Box Office: 590-7268. Gen-

eral Admission is \$10, FGCU students, faculty and staff \$5. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

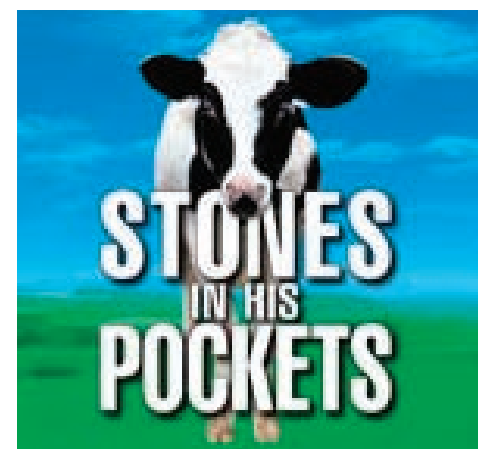
■ **Natalie Cole - Appears at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** on Oct. 19. Natalie Cole has interpreted material from almost every genre including contemporary pop, jazz, as well as R&B classics. A winner of eight Grammy Awards, her stunning new album Leavin' is simultaneously a bold point of departure and a moving return to form for one of music's most accomplished vocalists; and after a decade during which she enjoyed unprecedented global success as an interpreter of the standards. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com). Groups of twenty or more, please call (239) 489-3033 extension 3122.

■ **Art - The annual "Walk Through the Arts"** (this year on Saturday Oct. 20, from 10 to 2 p.m.), will put the galleries, and other creative people and arts organizations on display. This free family event includes artist demonstrations throughout the campus of the **Alliance for the Arts** – plus theatrical, musical, and dance troupe mini-performances in the Margaret Morrow Frizzel amphitheatre. There will be a kid's tent for art activities, and food and beverages will be available for purchase.

All arts and culture organizations in Lee County are invited to attend and distribute information, tickets, memberships, and more. The Alliance is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard. Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for more details.

■ **Theater - "Funny, You Don't Look Like a Grandmother!"** opens at the **Off Broadway Palm Theater** on Oct. 25 and runs through Dec. 22. A humorous, yet heartwarming musical comedy that celebrates modern-day grandmothers in a whole new light. Throw away the granny glasses, shapeless black dresses and Red Cross shoes, and replace them with tennis dresses, skis and a condo in Florida! Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com), or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

■ **Tori Amos - One of the most outspoken, creative singer/songwriters** of our time, **Tori Amos**, will return to Fort Myers on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall**. Amos' first appearance was in 1996. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com). Groups of twenty or more, please call (239) 489-3033 extension 3122.



■ **Theater - "Stones in his Pocket"** opens at the **Florida Repertory Theatre** on Oct. 26 and runs through Nov. 18. A runaway London hit and Olivier Award Winner for Best Comedy, this hilarious acting tour-de-force is set in a small picturesque Irish village overrun by a big-budget Hollywood Film. Charlie and Jake, two of the many locally hired extras, uproariously bring to life the 15 characters from this celebrity-crazed hamlet including the self-centered American star of the movie, the quirky crew and some pretty eccentric townsfolk. But when a stone on the path to the American dream leaves one boy broken, they find themselves at a bittersweet turning point. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Hendry and Jackson in downtown Fort Myers. Tickets are \$34-\$38, \$17 for selected seats. For information call 332-4488.