

Fort Lauderdale Events February 2011

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Huizenga Plaza – 32 E. Las Olas Blvd

Save the Date! The Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival is coming soon! Festivities will be in Huizenga Plaza and the Riverwalk from 12:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th. The parade will be from 12-1:30 p.m. along Las Olas Blvd between SE 8th Avenue and SE 1st Avenue. Mayor Seiler will be painting the parade stripe and greening the fountains on Friday, March 11th, 2011. Many sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available, so get involved! For more info, visit www.ftlaudirishfest.com or http://fortlauderdale.gov/events/st_patricks/index.htm

An Evening with Lucille Ball – Thank you for Asking

Broward Center for the Performing Arts -201 SW Fifth Ave

An Evening with Lucille Ball -- Thank You for Asking, directed by Lucie Arnaz, is a touching, funny and uplifting one-woman play created and performed by Suzanne LaRusch and written by LaRusch and Arnaz. Lucy guides us through the lifetime of personal memories inspiring her timeless sketches on "I Love Lucy," her 30-year television career and some never-before heard personal recollections about her tempestuous and complicated marriage to Cuban bandleader turned impresario, Desi Arnaz. Crafted in the spirit of the amusing lectures Lucy enjoyed giving throughout her career, the evening recreates the comic genius and the magic behind the "Queen of Comedy." It's an evening with the REAL Lucy, as you've never seen her before.

February 17-20, 2011

Price: \$25-\$35

954-462-0222

Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra

Parker Playhouse – 707 Northeast 8th Street

Joining the Orchestra for their South Florida debut will be the Russian-born violin sensation, Phillippe Quint, a Grammy nominated artist whom critics have called "a legend in the making," "flawless," "dazzling," "extraordinary" and "astonishing." The celebrated Cape Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO) is known as South Africa's "orchestra for all seasons" -- a dynamic orchestra delivering a world-class musical experience to communities of the Western Cape and beyond. Under the baton of its renowned conductor Martin Panteleev, who is considered one of the most exciting rising stars of a new generation of European conductors, the CPO has quickly gained fame as both versatile and active, complementing their traditional symphony repertoire by pairing with the Cape Town Opera, Cape Town City Ballet, and appearing with world class solo artists from across the globe.

February 17, 2011

Price: \$35-\$55

954-468-3285

Black & White

Gallery 101 – 3354 NE 33rd Street

Come out and enjoy an evening of art, all in Black and White. Exhibit includes sculpture, 2-D, paintings, drawings and more. Support the art and artists in the community. Free and open to the public. Presented by the Broward Art Guild, a not-for-profit arts organization dedicated to promoting the arts and the artists in Broward County.

February 19, 2011; 6:30pm – 9:00pm

954-882-1861

Turandot

Broward Center for the Performing Arts -201 SW Fifth Ave

Nessun dorma, have made *Turandot* more popular than ever. The story of the conversion of an ice princess through the power of love, placed in ancient Peking, provides the essential elements for grand opera - passion, dramatic tension, an exotic locale. Puccini gifts us with one glorious aria and ensemble after another. The richness of melody and the sumptuousness of the orchestral music are the stuff that creates opera fans for life.

February 24, 2011

Price: \$55-\$60

954-462-0222

Ella

Parker Playhouse – 707 Northeast 8th Street

It's a life lived out loud in this exhilarating new musical about "The First Lady of Song," Ella Fitzgerald. This theatrical event weaves myth, memory and music as it tells the uplifting and poignant story of one of the greatest jazz/pop vocalists of 20th century music. It's 1966 and the fabled songstress is preparing for one of the most important concerts of her career. As she jams with the musicians (including famed trumpeter Louis Armstrong) and gets ready to meet the audience, Ella reflects on her life, her secrets and the love of music that made her soar.

February 24-27, 2011

Price: \$30-\$50

954-468-3285

A Ukrainian Montage 2011

Broward Center for the Performing Arts -201 SW Fifth Ave

An afternoon of authentic Ukrainian folk dance and song, featuring the Ukrainian Dancers of Miami, celebrating their 61st season in South Florida.

February 27, 2011

Price: \$20

954-462-0222

Itzhak Perlman

Broward Center for the Performing Arts -201 SW Fifth Ave

See why the Toronto Star says, "Itzhak Perlman wows the crowd... the applause was thunderous... for warmth of tone and generosity of spirit he remains without peer."The world falls in love with music when Itzhak Perlman takes up his violin. A superstar by any standard and a rarity in the classical field, Perlman has taken hold of the public

imagination as few violin virtuosos ever have, bringing joy to millions with his playing. Beloved for his charm and humanity as well as his flawless technique, Perlman never fails to bring audiences to their feet. His adventurous repertory encompasses everything from the major classical works for the violin to some of the most challenging and exciting music of today. A master of baroque, classical, romantic and modern music, he also has lavished his intensely joyful string sounds on everything from the brave old world of klezmer to the limitless frontiers of jazz and beyond, with a mastery that moves classical music lovers and new audiences alike. Now, the 4-time Emmy® and 15-time Grammy Award winner returns to the Broward Center stage as part of the Broward Center's 2010-11 Classical Series with a solo recital of audience favorites.

February 28, 2011

Price: \$35-\$95

954-462-0222

Gulsin Onay

Broward Center for the Performing Arts -201 SW Fifth Ave

A phenomenal piano virtuoso. Gülsin Onay, impressive not only by the pleasure in her virtuosity but also with her carefree, forceful manner and her spirit, enthuses the public through a rare combination of musical intelligence and perception. Gülsin Onay enjoys an international career spanning over 60 countries across all continents, and has performed with some of the leading orchestras and conductors of the world. Highlights from her previous seasons include appearances with Wiener Symphoniker in Vienna, with the Royal Philharmonic in London and with the conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy in Iceland, Greece and in Turkey. Most recently she recorded with the conductor Jose Serebrier. Her Amaturio Theater performance will feature Haydn, Schubert, Saygun and Liszt to mark the composer's centenary.

March 2, 2011

Price: \$25-\$35

954-462-0222

The Fab Four – Ultimate Tribute

Parker Playhouse – 707 Northeast 8th Street

The Fab Four is elevated far above every other *Beatles* Tribute due to their precise attention to detail. With uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of *Beatles'* songs, *The Fab Four* will make you think you are watching the real thing. This incredible stage show includes three costume changes representing every era of the *Beatles* ever-changing career. This loving tribute to the *Beatles* has amazed audiences around the world, including Japan, Malaysia, France, Hong Kong, The United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico and Brazil. Hear record-perfect live performances of such classics as "Can't Buy Me Love," "Yesterday," "A Day In The Life," "Penny Lane," "Here Comes The Sun," and "Hey Jude."

March 4, 2011

Price: \$55-\$75

954-468-3285

People + Planet Day

Esplande Park – SW 2nd Street and SW 5th Avenue

April is Earth Month! Please join us and enjoy a free outdoor conversation celebration at Esplande Park on Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 10:00am until 3:00pm. There will be energy saving workshops, interactive displays, live entertainment, kids eco-zone, and food vendors. This event is being hosted by Kids Ecology Corps. For more information please contact Kids Ecology Corps at 954-524-0366.

Riverwalk Activities

Yoga in the Park – Saturdays at 10 a.m at the Historic District on Riverwalk. Ali Hecht from Total Wellness Professionals is offering free yoga classes.

Pilates – Mondays at Esplande Park. Terry White leads free sessions in Pilates

Argentine Tango Lessons – First Saturday of every month from 4 – 7p.m at the Gazebo in Esplande Park Yanira Collado teaches this free, fun class.

Riverwalk's Urban Market

Riverwalk – Along the Esplanade, across from the Museum of Discovery & Science
Come and visit the Riverwalk Trust's new Urban Market. Shop for fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, cheeses, pastas and more!

Every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m..

954-205-9648

Paddle Boarding on the Middle River

George English Park – 1101 Bayview Drive

Learn how to paddle board with private or group lessons. Two-hour tours, daily rentals, hourly rentals and beach rentals.

Price: Varies

877-786-5334

Laffing Matterz

Broward Center for the Performing Arts -201 SW Fifth Ave

Laffing Matterz, a live, original, musical comedy revue spoofing current events, returns to Fort Lauderdale at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. *Laffing Matterz* at the Broward Center combines the best of dinner theater with the hilarity of topical satire in a one of a kind evening that everyone will enjoy. The *Laffing Matterz* comedy troupe takes on every subject from the traffic on I-95 to national politics, and everything in between, after you've enjoyed a meal that surpasses any dinner theater fare you've experienced before. Order up a plate of guffaws with a dessert of side-splitting laughs for an evening of unique entertainment perfect for date night, family and corporate gatherings or a good time with friends. *Laffing Matterz* at the Broward Center is a favorite destination for locals and travelers alike. Performances occur every Thursday -- Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

954-462-0222

AutoNation IMAX Theater

Museum of Discovery and Science - 401 S.W. Second Street

Hubble 3D

Under the Sea 3D

Arabia 3D

Call 954-713-0904 for showtimes.

Visible: Fort Lauderdale's Black Community

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society - 231 S.W. 2nd Ave.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday noon to 4:00 p.m..

Price: \$10 per person. Price includes tour of New River Inn Museum and docent led tour of King-Cromartie House.

For more information please contact FLHC at 954-463-4431 ext. 20.

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Stranahan House Tours

335 SE 6th Ave.

Sundays: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Fridays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m..

Price: \$3 - \$6

954-524-4736