

# PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS

at The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel

We have planned our performing art programs to be in-person only. Registrants will be advised of updated pandemic protocols. As of this printing, masks will be optional but encouraged.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

*Delightful Musical Concerts!*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 3 - 4:30 PM**

**PAF1**

### FROM STAGE TO SILVER SCREEN

*Joy Leitner, soprano and John Whittlesey, baritone  
Opera, oratorio, recital, standards, and musical theatre vocalists;  
Lee Dougherty Ross, piano*

Join exceptional vocalists Joy Leitner and John Whittlesey for a celebration of song from the Golden Age of musicals. They will take you on a journey back to the grand era of musical comedy and romance from the Broadway stage to the Silver Screen from the 1930s through the 1960s with selections from great musicals of stage and screen such as *Oklahoma*, *My Fair Lady*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Showboat*, and much more! The Education Center stage will be ringing with the *Sound of Music!*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 3 - 4:15 PM**

**PAF2**

### FAMOUS COMPOSERS AND THEIR MUSES

*Sandra Moulin, storyteller, musician, public speaker*

Sandra Moulin returns this season with her brand-new showcase of highlights from her five one-woman shows featuring live music and fascinating stories of five great composers—Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninov, Gershwin, and Hoagy Carmichael. Each story brought to life by the composer's muse, will entertain and educate, and guests will leave transported and uplifted.

**Per Performance: Members \$20 Non-Members \$25**

## FRIDAY AT FIVE

*Enjoy wonderful music and interact with the musicians.  
Happy Hour wine and cheese is included in the price!*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 5 - 6:30 PM**

**PAF3**

### THE BARBARA JORDAN QUINTET —

#### *The Best of The Great American Songbook*

*Barbara Jordan, vocals; Rodney Rojas, saxophone; Robert Fors, bass;  
Mark DeRose, drums, and percussion; Judi Glover, piano*

Join Barbara and her popular quintet as they perform timeless classics from Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington, and many more, including selections from Broadway musicals, Hollywood films, and Tin Pan Alley.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 5 - 6:30 PM**

**PAF4**

### THE THOMAS CARABASI JAZZ QUINTET

#### *Music by the Great Jazz Legends*

*Thomas Carabasi, drums; James Suggs, trumpet;  
Trace Zacur, saxophone; John O'Leary, piano; Alejandro Arenas, bass*

Tom's quintet will feature such legendary jazz musicians as Charles Mingus, Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Antonio Carlos Jobim, and a few surprise artists who have contributed beautiful music to the jazz tradition. Enjoy some of the top jazz performers in the Tampa Bay/Sarasota area playing great music.

**Per Performance: Members \$25 Non-Members \$30**

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## SUNDAY SHOWCASES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 2 - 3:30 PM

**PAF5**

### SQUABBLES

*The Arts Alliance Play Readers, Lizzie Brown, Alice Cotman,  
Rich Fine, Neil Levine, David Meyersburg*

A smart, insightful, and very funny script tells the story of Abe and Mildred. They each end up having to live in the small Connecticut house of his pregnant daughter Alice and her son Jerry. The older couple squabbles constantly, until Alice goes into labor during a huge snowstorm. Then the sparks stop flying and contention melts into attraction. You will be thoroughly engaged as you listen to the theatrical reading of this very amusing play.

**Note:** The Arts Alliance Playreaders are the former Asolo Rep Theatre Guild Playreaders. They are excited about this new partnership with the Arts and Cultural Alliance. Money earned by the play readers will be used to fund the theatrical education programs in the Arts and Cultural Alliance's organizations, to which the Asolo Theatre, Florida Studio Theatre, and Players Centre for Performing Arts all belong.

**Members \$20 Non-Members \$25**

### *Two Captivating Concerts*

**Presented by Performers of Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota**  
(with co-founder Lee Dougherty Ross)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 3 - 4:30 PM

**PAF6**

### JOYFUL SONGS FOR A JOYFUL DAY —

*Michelle Giglio, soprano; Lee Dougherty Ross, piano*

Enjoy a memorable and uplifting afternoon with Michelle Giglio elegantly and beautifully singing one of Mozart's most loved themes "Alleluia"; well-known arias from Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*, Puccini's *La Bohème* and popular tunes such as "Over the Rainbow," "Look to the Rainbow," "Simple Gifts" and the seductive "Love is Where you Find It."

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 3 - 4:30 PM

**PAF7**

### A SALUTE TO THE FLUTE

*Rick Aaron, flute; Lee Dougherty Ross, piano*

Whatever idiom Rick Aaron is playing, he reminds us what a delight music can be when channeled through a player whose true instrument is his soul. Rick will play from the classical repertoire including cherished pieces from Mozart, Telemann, Bach and Faure and then change the pace with contemporary Spanish music that makes you want to dance, including rousing pieces by Argentine tango composer, Astor Piazzolla.

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### EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENTS

*Simply Stellar!*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 3-4:30 PM**

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#### **HALLELUJAH! Leonard Cohen and Friends**

*Susan Benjamin, musical biographer and performer;*

*Jay O'Brien, Cantor from Congregation Makom Solel Lakeside in the Chicago area; Robert Hanson, musical director, symphony conductor and composer*

Leonard Cohen had several lives as a poet, novelist, songwriter, and singer. In much of his soulful work, he explored deep subjects such as romance, sexual passion, depression, and the essence of humanity. His best-known work, the song “Hallelujah,” took him seven years to complete. Leonard’s boundless creativity and magnetic personality attracted talents such as Joni Mitchell and Judy Collins to collaborate with him and perform his works. For this program Cantor Jay O’Brien returns to the Education Center with Susan Benjamin and Robert Hanson to share the music and the stories of Leonard Cohen and friends. Their program last season titled, Jewish American Composers—*A Force For Uniting America* was tremendously popular. They invite you for another compelling multi-media presentation!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12 7:30-8:30 PM**

**PAF9**

#### **WESTCOAST BLACK THEATRE TROUPE —**

##### **NATE JACOB’S JUKEBOX**

*Nate Jacobs and WBTT Performers*

Nate Jacobs, WBTT founder and artistic director, will bring his troupe members to deliver their signature excitement in a performance that includes a selection of musical highlights from their current and prior seasons. Come and see why everyone says, “Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe—nothing else like it!”

**Note:** Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe is one of the most popular theatre groups in town with sold-out shows and rave reviews. We are proud and excited to have this group perform for us every season, despite their busy schedule.

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**An opportunity to meet and greet the artists will follow these performances at a complimentary champagne reception.**

**Members \$40 Non-Members \$50**

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The Chamber Orchestra of Sarasota

*In Celebration of The 75th Anniversary of the*  
**FOUNDING OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 4-5:30 PM**

**PAF10**

## **JEWISH COMPOSERS AND THEIR ICONIC MUSIC**

*Robert Vodnoy, music director; 16-member Chamber Orchestra of Sarasota; including soloists Anne Stephenson-Moe, piano; Christina Adams, violin; Robert Smith, trumpet*

Robert Vodnoy and the 16-member Chamber Orchestra of Sarasota will perform a concert of music by Jewish composers, presented in the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. The program will feature music by Felix Mendelssohn ("Sinfonia No.10 in B Minor"), Ernest Bloch ("Concerto Grosso No.1 for Strings and Piano Obligato") and George Gershwin ("Lullaby"). Also featured will be music by Israeli composers Boris Levenberg ("Hasidic Scene for Violin and Strings") and Noubar Aslanyan ("Trumpet Concertino"). Anne Stephenson-Moe is the music director/organist at Temple Beth Israel. Christina Adams is the instructor of violin, viola, and chamber music at USF. Robert Smith is the principal trumpet of the Florida Orchestra.

**A complete program will be available at the concert. For an enhanced experience of this concert, please consider attending Dr. Vodnoy's two-part lecture series titled, "A History of Classical Jewish Composers," on page 37.**

Sponsorships are available for this very special collaborative fundraising event. Call Isaac Azerad, executive director of Temple Beth Israel at 941-383-3428, or Susan Goldfarb, program director of The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel, 941-383-8222. We strive to enrich your lives with spiritual, cultural, and educational programs. Your support of our efforts is greatly appreciated.

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**Members & Non-Members \$75 (a dollar for each anniversary year!)**

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