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The “Festival of the Arts Boca,” to take place March 6 through 15, will assemble a parade of stars at the Schmidt Family Centre for the Arts at the Mizner Park Amphitheater in Boca Raton.

“This season’s ‘Festival of the Arts Boca’ promises to be our best ever,” said Charles L. Siemon, chair and co-executive producer. “The stellar line-up, compelling programming and international appeal makes this a cultural attraction anyone in the world would want to attend.”

Violinist Itzhak Perlman will open the festival March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mizner Park Amphitheater, accompanied by Festival Orchestra Boca and under the direction of festival music director Constantine Kitsopoulos. Perlman will return to the stage March 9 for the Florida premiere of his new program of traditional Jewish and Klezmer music, Eternal Echoes: Songs and Dances for the Soul, with celebrated Cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot.

The festival will offer a rich variety of exciting programs exploring the full range of the performing arts including the Bill T. Jones/Arnze Zane Dance Company. Cuban-born trumpeter, Arturo Sandoval will return to the festival in a tribute concert to his mentor, Dizzie Gillespie, with special guest Monica Mancini and the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra.

This year, the event will feature Cirque de la Symphonie, combining the best elements of cirque and symphonic music, with aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers, balancers and strongmen. The Festival Orchestra BOCA, under the direction of Kitsopoulos, will accompany them.

The “Festival of the Arts Boca” will close with the Florida premiere of operatic tenor trio Forte, whose performances on America’s Got Talent launched the group into the national spotlight. Headlining this season’s Authors & Ideas Program is Doris Kearns Goodwin, presidential historian, who will speak about Theodore Roosevelt and her new book “The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism.” Goodwin will be joined by Anna Deavere Smith, James Fallows, Dr. Daniel Levitin, Barbara Schmidt and Geraldine Brooks.

Tickets range from $25 to $125 per person. For more information, call 561-368-8445 or visit www.festivalboca.com.