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Whether it’s film, literature, music or dance that turns you on, the Ninth Annual Festival of the Arts Boca, presented by the Schmidt Family Centre for the Arts, promises 10 days of diverse cultural experiences for every inclination. The event is scheduled to take place March 6-15 at the Mizner Park Amphitheater and Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center.

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The festival opens on March 6 with the Florida premiere of the 10-time Academy Award-winning film, “West Side Story.” Festival Orchestra Boca will play Leonard Bernstein’s electrifying score, while the newly re-mastered film is shown in glorious high-definition on the big screen with the original vocals and dialogue intact. Other highlights will include performances by husband-and-wife banjo duo, Abigail Washburn and 10-time Grammy winner Bela Fleck; international ballet stars, featuring principal dancer and choreographer Guillame Cet from the National Ballet of Canada & Friends and a Mozart Gala featuring Sir James Galway on flute, Conrad Tao on piano, and Arnold Sassmann on violin, with the Festival Orchestra Boca led by Constantine Kitsopoulos.

This season’s Authors & Ideas program will feature an impressive lineup, including Janice Bernstein, daughter of composer Leonard Bernstein; Michael Grassi, bestselling author, senior staff writer for Parade magazine and Time contributor; and Richard Ford, best-known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “Independence Day.”

“The Festival will close with a spectacular concert featuring the Young People’s Chorus of New York in Beethoven’s immortal Ninth Symphony,” Siemon revealed. For more information, call 866-571-2787 or 561-368-8445, or visit bocaarts.com.

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