ON STAGE

THE WEEK'S BEST

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Here's what's happening in the local theater scene this week.

Small Mouth Sounds
Six people escape the stresses of urban life for a retreat in the woods in this Obie Award-winning play. And it's not just any retreat, but one that evokes a vow of silence.

When: Through March 4; 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays; 4 p.m. Sundays
Where: Adrienne Arsh Center for the Performing Arts, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami
Cost: $50 and $55
Contact: 305-949-6722 or ArshCenter.org

Candide
Voltaire's novella comes to life in the opera by Leonard Bernstein. The Palm Beach Opera presents this comic piece that is known for the coloratura aria “Glitter and Be Gay” in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bernstein's birth. The opera will be sung in English with English supertitles projected above the stage.

When: Today-Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday
Where: Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach
Cost: $20-$240
Contact: 561-833-7888 or PBArtsCenter.org

Festival of The Arts
Spotlight the likes of Bill Murray, Itzhak Perlman and T Bone Burnett. Things get started with opera soprano Kathleen Battle in a rare concert program today. For a detailed schedule, go to FestivalBoca.org.

When: Through March 4; various times
Where: Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton; Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton
Cost: $15-$250
Contact: 866-571-2787 or FestivalBoca.org

John Waters' This Filthy World — 2018
John Water was once called “The Pope of Trash” by William Burroughs, due largely to films such as “Hairspray,” “Serial Mom,” “Polyester” and “Pink Flamingos.” So, as you might well imagine, the filmmaker’s monologue is a sermon against good taste.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday
Where: Sunshine Cathedral, 1480 SW Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale
Cost: $40-$100
Contact: OutlandishFL.com

The Color Purple
Alice Walker's story started as a 1982 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel before becoming a 1985 Steven Spielberg film starring Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey. Winfrey, along with Quincy Jones, went on to produce the Tony Award-winning, stage-musical version on Broadway in 2005. The story, in all its iterations, centers on black women dealing with racism, sexism, poverty in the South.

When: Feb. 28-March 25; 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays; 3 p.m. matinee Sundays; 2 p.m. matinee Wednesdays, March 7
Where: The Miracle Theatre, 280 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables
Cost: $57 and $64 ($40 for preview nights Wednesday, Feb. 28 and Thursday, March 1)
Contact: 305-444-9293 or ActorsPlayhouse.org

Imagine - A Beatles Retrospective
Musical, through March 11. Stage Door Theatre, 8036 W. Sample Road, Margate. 954-344-7765, stageddorettheatre.com. 8 p.m. Fri., Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun., Wed.; $48.

My Son the Waiter – A Jewish Tragedy
Comedy, through March 25. Playhouse Productions at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, One E. Las Olas Blvd. 954-446-7469, mysonthewaiter.com; 7:30 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun., $45-$65.

Disaster! Musical comedy, through Sun. Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, 3385 NE 188th St. 877-311-7469, aventuranccenter.org. 8 p.m. Fri.; 2, 8 p.m. Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun. $45-$49.

The Fantasticks Musical comedy, Curtain Call Playhouse at Sunrise Civic Center, 10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd., 954-747-4646. 7 p.m. Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. $18.
If I Forget Drama, through March 4. GableStage, Biltmore, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. 305-445-1119, gablestage.org; 8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 2, 7 p.m. Sun. $42-$60.

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700 Wives Musical comedy, Empire Stage, 1140 N. Flagler Drive, Fort Lauderdale. 954-678-1496, empirestage.com. 8 p.m. Fri., Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun. $75.


Wicked Musical, through March 4. Broward Au-Rene, 201 SW 5th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-442-0222, broward.org or Ticketmaster. 8 p.m. Fri., Sat.; Tue.-Thu.; 2 p.m. Sat.; 1, 6:30 pm Sun. $44.25-$154.25.