

Falling slowly

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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 Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, 1300 Biscayne Blvd. Miami

Cost: \$50 and \$55

Contact: 305-949-6722 or ArshtCenter.org



T. CHARLES ERICKSON/COURTESY

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Candide

Voltaire's novella comes to life in the operetta 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 operetta 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 PBopera.org; 561-832-7469 or Kravis.org

Festival of The Arts

Boca

For its 12th year, the festival will

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 Amphitheater, 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



MATTHEW MURPHY/COURTESY

The national touring cast of "The Color Purple." The story centers on black women dealing with racism, sexism, poverty in the South.

on black women dealing with racism, sexism, poverty in the South during the height of Jim Crow.

When: Feb. 27-March 4; 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday; 2 p.m. matinee Saturday; 1 p.m. matinee Sunday

Where: Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, 1300 Biscayne Blvd. Miami

Cost: \$29-\$145

Contact: 305-949-6722 or ArshtCenter.org

Once

Based on the 2006 Irish indie film of the same title, the stage musical "Once" tells the story of two street musicians whose unlikely friendship helps them heal and move on. The winner of eight Tony Awards in 2012, including for Best Musical, the show fea-

tured the Oscar-winning acoustic score of Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova, the stars of the film. And the musical comedy is known for requiring a triple-threat cast who not only sing and dance but play their own instruments, as well, often simultaneously.

When: Feb. 28-March 25; 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. 3 p.m. matinee Sundays; 2 p.m. matinee Wednesday, 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

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THEATER

Professional

Cirque Italia European-style water circus. Palm Beach Kennel Club, 1111 N. Congress Ave., West Palm Beach. 941-704-8572, cirqueitalia.com. 7:30 pm Fri.; 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 pm Sat. & Sun., Mon., Thu. \$10-\$70.

The Color Purple Musical drama, opens Tue. Arsht Ziff, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. 305-949-6722, arshcenter.org. 8 pm Tue.-Thu. \$29-\$145.

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

The Fantasticks Musical comedy. Curtain Call Playhouse at Sunrise Civic Center, 10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd. 954-747-4646. 7 pm Sat., 2 pm Sun. \$18.

If I Forget Drama, through March 4. GableStage, Biltmore, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. 305-445-1119, gablestage.org. 8 pm Thu.-Sat.; 2, 7 pm Sun. \$42-\$60.

Imagine - A Beatles Retrospective

Musical, through March 11. Stage Door Theatre, 8036 W. Sample Road, Margate. 954-344-7765, stagedoortheatre.com. 8 pm Fri., Sat.; 2 pm Sat., 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. 855-448-7469, mysonthewaiter.com. 7:30 pm Thu.-Sat.; 2 pm Sat., Sun. \$45-\$65.

On Golden Pond Through Sun. Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. 561-514-4042, Palm-

BeachDramaworks.org. 8 pm Fri.; 2, 8 pm Sat.; 2 pm Sun. \$75.

Once Musical comedy, opens Wed. Actors' Playhouse, 280 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables. 305-444-9293, actorsplayhouse.org. 8 pm Wed., Thu. \$40-\$57.

Original Florida Follies Musical review, "Age is Just a Number" w/singer Don Stansfield, doowop group The Paradons. Olympic Heights Theater, 20101 Lyons Rd., Boca Raton. 954-445-4232, theoriginalfloridafollies.com. 2 pm Sun. \$30.

700 Wives Musical comedy. Empire Stage, 1140 N. Flagler Drive, Fort Lau-

derdale. 954-678-1496, empirestage.com. 8 pm Fri., Sat., Tue., Thu.; 5 pm Sun. \$35.

Small Mouth Sounds Comedy, through March 4. Arsht Studio, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. 305-949-6722, arshcenter.org. 7:30 pm Fri., Sat., Wed., Thu.; 4 pm Sun. \$50.

Wicked Musical, through March 4. Broward Au-Rene, 201 SW 5th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-462-0222, broward.org or Ticketmaster. 8 pm Fri., Sat., Tue.-Thu.; 2 pm Sat.; 1, 6:30 pm Sun. \$44.25-\$154.25.

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