

Season highlights, picks, must-sees

Arts and events we think you'd like to know about...

Mote's Newest Exhibit is Trashy

★ Greta the Great White Shark, Natasha the Turtle and their oceanic friends will arrive at **Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium** on Dec. 9 as part of



Greta the Great White Shark (*WashedAshore.org*)

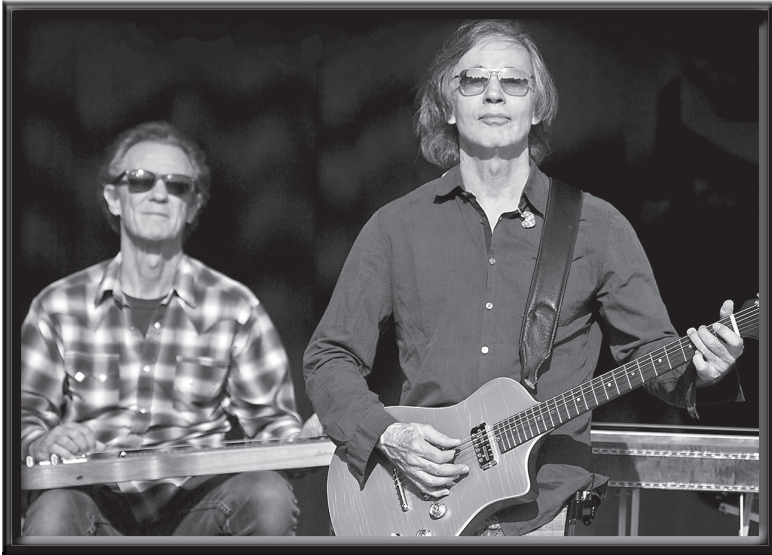
Mote's newest exhibit, "Sea Debris: Awareness through Art," featuring "Washed Ashore."

"Sea Debris" will be on display through early June 2018 and include larger-than-life, marine-inspired sculptures made entirely out of plastic gathered from the Oregon coastline. These handmade pieces will range from 15 feet long and 10 feet wide to seven feet long and eight feet high. More than seven of these realistic but whimsical sculptures at Mote will fascinate and educate children, the young at heart and all those who seek creative solutions to environmental challenges.

You can enjoy marine debris related events such as a beach clean up, science cafes, a film festival and special lectures. Visit www.mote.org/seadebris. Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota. Info: 941-388-4441.

Jackson Browne Makes His Sarasota Debut

★ Singer songwriter, **Jackson Browne**, makes his Van Wezel debut



Jackson Browne

joined by pedal steel and multi-instrumentalist Greg Leisz on **January 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** Browne was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 2007.

His most recent studio album, *Standing In The Breach*, is a collection of ten songs, at turns deeply personal and political, exploring love, hope, and defiance in the face of the advancing uncertainties of modern life.

Browne is known for his advocacy on behalf of the environment, human rights, and arts education. In 2002, Browne was the fourth recipient of the John Steinbeck Award. He has received Duke University's LEAF award for Life-

time Environmental Achievement in the Fine Arts, and both the Chapin-World Hunger Year and NARM Harry Chapin Humanitarian Awards.

Tickets: VanWezel.org, the Box Office, or by calling 941-953-3368.

"Nosh & Knowledge" with Carl Bernstein

★ "Nosh and Knowledge," has investigative journalist and author **Carl Bernstein** on **January 23, 2018** at Michael's on East. Bernstein is an American investigative journalist and author. While a young reporter for *The Washington Post* in 1972, Bernstein was teamed up with Bob Woodward; the two did much of the original news reporting on the Water-gate scandal.



Steve McCurry's Afghan girl

National Geographic's '50 greatest photographs' exhibition

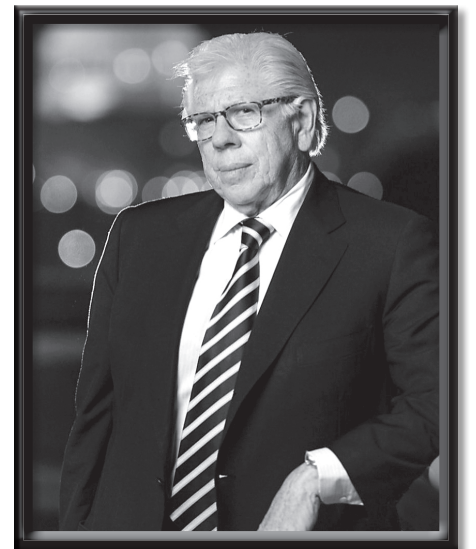
★ **The South Florida Museum** has the nationally touring exhibition of **National Geographic's "50 Greatest Photographs,"** which is organized and traveled by National Geographic and showcases many of the most compelling images published in the history of the magazine.

From Steve McCurry's unforgettable Afghan girl to Nick Nichols' iconic image of Jane Goodall and chimpanzee to Thomas Abercrombie's never-before-seen view of Mecca, the exhibition includes some of the most remembered and celebrated photographs from the magazine's nearly 130-year history.

In addition to seeing the photographs as they appeared in *National Geographic*, visitors will learn the stories behind the photos and more about the photographers themselves. For some images, visitors will be able to see the "near frames" taken by the photographer: the sequence of images made in the field before and after the perfect shot.

The Museum encourages visitors to share selfies with their favorite image from the "50 Greatest Photographs" exhibition on Facebook and Instagram with the hashtag #50GreatPhotos and tag @NatGeo and @SouthFLMuseum.

Visit www.SouthFloridaMuseum.org for hours, info and admission details or call 941-746-4131. The South Florida Museum, P, 201 10th Street West, Bradenton.



Carl Bernstein

Cost: \$175/person, dinner included. Tickets for "Nosh & Knowledge" are available by contacting the Jewish Housing Council Foundation office at 941-203-6237 or by emailing Director of Development Johnette Cappadona at jcappadona@jewishhcf.org. Jewish Housing Council Foundation supports the mission of Aviva – A Campus for Senior Life. Together we can enrich the lives of our seniors and the greater community.

Sarasota Contemporary Dance

★ **Sarasota Contemporary Dance** has "Dance Makers" (their 12th Annual concert) on **January 25-28, 2018**. This performance will be the main event of the season, featuring new dance pieces by nationally acclaimed contemporary choreographers Millicent Johnnie of Brazil, Lucy Bowen McCauley

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Sarasota Contemporary Dance

of DC, Rosanna Tavares of CA, and Crystal Edwards of FL.

In season 12, this annual concert will feature dance pieces by these internationally acclaimed contemporary choreographers. Also featured is a solo from the 1920s by pioneer of modern dance, Ted Shawn, as re-staged by Historical Modern Dance Specialist Jack Clark.

Sarasota Contemporary Dance was formed in 2002 as Fuzión Dance Artists, Sarasota's first contemporary dance company, by Co-Founders Leymis Bolaños Willmott and Rachael Inman. Now approaching its 12th season, the company was renamed in 2015. Tickets: www.sarasotacontemporarydance.org.

Key Chorale has Franz Joseph Haydn and Beethoven

★ In February, **Key Chorale** will present Franz Joseph Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* for piano, soloists, and chorus. Joining Key Chorale for the Choral Fantasy is guest pianist Jeffrey Biegel, one of the most respected and prolific artists of his generation in performance and recordings, as well as a chamber



Jeffrey Biegel

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7 Conductors 7 Concerts: Finding Maestro

★ **The Venice Symphony's 44th Season** runs to May 2018 and all concerts take place at the Venice Performing Arts Center at One Indian Ave. This season, audiences will have the opportunity to see seven renowned conductors from across the country, each lead The Symphony's musicians in concert they designed specifically for The Venice Symphony. Audience feedback will help decide who is named Music Director/Conductor of The Venice Symphony for 2018-19.

Guest soloists include Grammy-nominated soprano Angela Brown, recording artist and violinist, Irina Muresanu, pianist Orion Weiss, cellist Jonathan Swensen, and violinist Glenn Dicterow, who held the position of concertmaster for the New York Philharmonic, a record-breaking 34 years.

The Venice Symphony's 2017-18 Concert Season

- **December 15-16 Holiday Pops:** Conductor: Wesley Schulz Soprano Soloist: Johanna Fincher; Guest Narrator: Eric Watters
- **January 12-13, 2018 — Emotional Landscapes:** Conductor, Stilian Kirov Soprano Soloist: Angela Brown
- **February 16-17, 2018 — Beethoven to Broadway:** Conductor: Steven Jarvi
- **March 16-17, 2018 — A Symphonic Journey:** Conductor: Janna Hymes Violin Soloist: Irina Muresanu
- **April 13-14, 2018 — Taking Flight:** Conductor: Silas N. Huff Piano Soloist: Orion Weiss
- **May 4-5, 2018 — A Tribute to Music in Cinema:** Conductor: Troy Quinn Violin Soloist: Glenn Dicterow

Performances are **Fridays at 7:30 p.m.** and **Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.**



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with an additional concert, **December 16 at 7:30 p.m.** Buy tickets at 230 S. Tamiami Trail, #3A, Venice, or call 941-207-8822. Tickets can be purchased at TheVeniceSymphony.org.

Israel's 70th Anniversary of Statehood

★ The **"We Love Israel Shuk"** celebrates Israel's 70th anniversary of statehood with entertainment, activities for children, food trucks, opportunities to purchase products made in Israel, including jewelry and artwork, educational opportunities and more. Held on **January 14, noon-5 p.m.**, on the Federation campus, 580 McIntosh Road, Sarasota. The event is free and open to the public.

As part of the year-long celebrations, two-time "Chopped" winner Israeli chef Einat Admony, owner of Balaboosta, Bar Bolonat, and the Taim restaurants in New York City, will host a chef's dinner featuring the best of Israeli cuisine. There will be two seatings to ensure as many as possible can attend this event. February 26 at Louie's Modern in Sarasota. Tickets: \$150. For more information, call Jessi Sheslow at 941-343-2109 or visit www.jfedsrq.org/israel70.

Warhol at Selby Gardens



★ In February, the Jean and Alfred Goldstein Exhibition Series features the Gardens' major exhibition for 2018, **"WARHOL: flowers in the factory."** This interdisciplinary, multi-sensory experience combines dramatic horticultural displays and original, botanically-themed artwork by the artist Andy Warhol who had a surprising interest in exploring and celebrating the natural world. See the feature on this exhibit in this issue. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 900 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota. Info: 941-366-5731.



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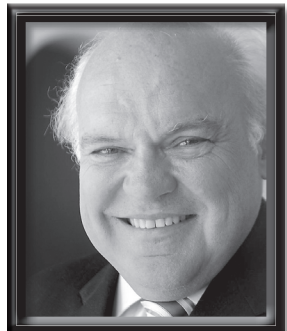
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Art, Math and Orange Peels: The Legacy of Dr. William Thurston on Math & Fashion

★ **Dr. William Thurston '67** was a world-renowned expert in the mathematical field of topology and a New College of Florida graduate. Join New College President Donal O'Shea and Anne-Marie Russell, executive director of the Sarasota Museum of Art, as they tease out the beauty and complexity of math and fashion using Dr. Thurston's collaboration with the House of Miyake as a point of departure on **March 1 at 5:30 p.m.**

Celebrate the interdisciplinary thinking that lay at the heart of New College and find out how peeling an orange



Donal O'Shea



Anne-Marie Russell

can lead to revelations about the shape of the universe. New Topics is a collaboration of the New College Foundation and New College of Florida. All programs are complimentary and are in the Mildred Sainer Auditorium, 5313 Bay Shore Road. For seat reservations and more information, contact the New College Events Office at 941-487-4888 or go to donate.ncf.edu/events.



Women Laughing Alone With Salad

★ Did the title get your attention? **Women Laughing Alone With Salad** by Sheila Callaghan is making its regional premiere at **Urbanite Theatre April 6 - May 6**.

Award-winning playwright Sheila Callaghan breaks all the rules of our image-obsessed culture in this raw, audacious comedy about the unreasonable expectations demanded of women



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and their bodies. Gleefully vulgar, bitingly poignant and raucously unafraid, **Women Laughing Alone With Salad** is a gender-bending feminist fantasia with balls. Approximately 120 minutes, with one intermission. Info and tickets: / www.urbanitetheatre.com.

PMP Sarasota Winter Residency

★ **The Perlman Music Program/Suncoast** will offer a wide array of opportunities to experience classical music at various venues and community organizations in Sarasota and Manatee counties throughout the 2017-2018 Season.

The 14th Annual Perlman Music Program (PMP) Sarasota Winter Residency returns to the campus of University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, for the 10th year, from **December 21 through January 6, 2018** with a special kick-off event on **Wednesday, December 20**. Featuring 35 PMP students from around the globe, ages 12-20+, the Winter Residency will present approximately 20 musical events, most of them free of charge. The Perlman Music Program String Orchestra is under the direction of internationally acclaimed violinist and conductor, Itzhak Perlman.

Super Strings, on **December 30 at 7 p.m.**, will feature 54 string players, ages 8 to 17, from



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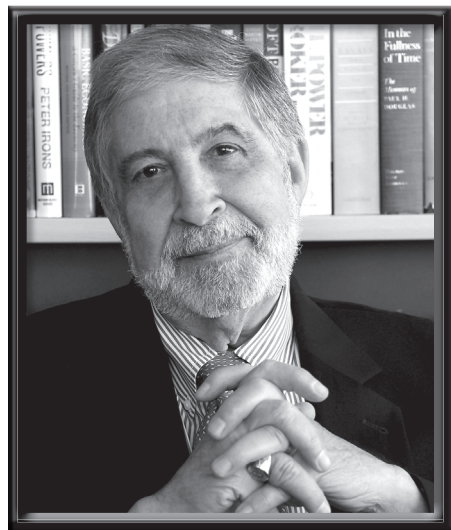
14 counties across Florida who will perform side-by-side with the PMP String Orchestra under the baton of Perlman. The complete PMP Sarasota Winter Residency schedule is at PMPSuncoast.org.

Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning "Global Issues" Series

★ **Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning** launches its **47th season** with its hard-hitting Global Issues series in Sarasota, Venice and Lakewood Ranch. Internationally acclaimed experts explore the challenges and dilemmas we face at home and around the world in this series of lectures and conversations.

Internationally renowned experts discuss a vast range of domestic and global issues as part of Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning's (SILL) 2018 "Global Issues" series. The new season features 72 programs in Sarasota, Venice and Lakewood Ranch, and **runs from January through March**. Speakers will explore dozens of topics, including the opioid crisis, artificial intelligence, America's volatile politics, and topical issues in China, Korea, Russia and the Middle East.

This year's headliners include: Hedrick Smith, the bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter; Martin Walker, senior fellow of the Global Business Policy



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Council, and a senior scholar of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; James Collins, former U.S. ambassador to the Russian Federation and diplomat in residence at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Dennis Ross, former Special Envoy for Middle East Peace and the William Davidson Distinguished Fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and Mickey Edwards, vice president of the Aspen Institute, director of the Aspen Institute's Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership and a former U.S. congressman.

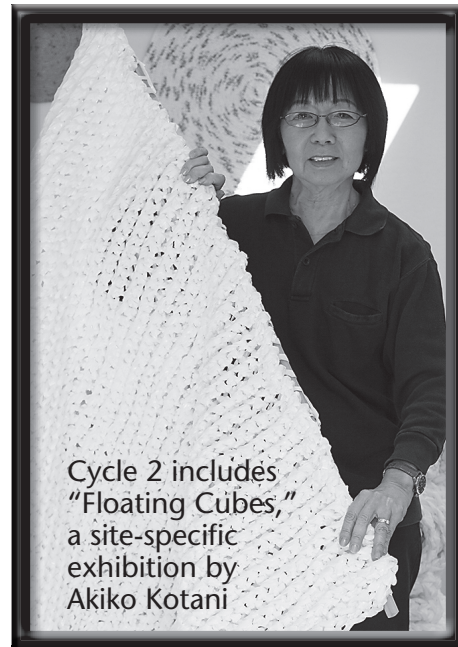
The Sarasota Institute of Lifetime

Learning (SILL) is a non-profit organization that offers an expert lecture series to provide information on and discussion of the arts and contemporary global issues. SILL is guided by an all-volunteer board. Visit www.sillsarasota.org.

Art Center Sarasota

★ **Their season runs through October 5, 2018**, and comprises seven exhibition cycles, most encompassing up to four exhibits. Galleries One and Two are reserved for exhibits by premier solo artists, art groups and themed curated shows. Gallery Three hosts special projects and community group shows. Shows in these galleries are selected based on cultural and artistic merit and broadest audience appeal. Gallery 4 exhibits work in a juried competition with awards juried by selected independent professionals in the visual arts.

Cycle 2 (December 14-January 19) features "Interior" by Jeff Schwartz, curated by Anne-Marie Russell; "Floating Cubes," a site-specific exhibition by Akiko Kotani; and the ASC Instructors Show. "New and Now," an open, juried exhibition is **December 14-January 12**. The opening reception for all four exhibits is **December 14, 5-7 p.m.**



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Art Center Sarasota is located at 707 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. For more information about Art Center Sarasota, call 941-365-2032 or visit www.artsarasota.org.

Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota

★ **Artist Series Concerts' 22nd season** features 41 performances and covers a wide variety of musical offerings, including classical recitals, pops, jazz and cabaret concerts, a Bach festival, chamber soirées and the popular Lunch & Listen series.

The season's classical recital highlights include rising violinist star Bella

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Hristova (January 21); the renowned tango group Pablo Ziegler Quartet (January 28); Mr. Ho's Orchestrotica Quintet, a group known for taking classical works and transforming them into jazz arrangements (February 25); Sarasota Orchestra's first chairs, Joshua Horne, Daniel Jordan, Natalie Helm, and Bharat Chandra with Joseph Holt, piano, in a program entitled "Principally Brahms" (March 22); and Narek Arutyunian, clarinet, and Steven Beck, piano (March 4). For more information, visit www.artistseriesconcerts.org.



State College of Florida Chamber Choir and Presidential Vocal Ensemble conducted by Melodie Dickerson perform on March 28



Artist Series Concerts' Pablo Ziegler Quartet



Ken Peplowski

2017-2018 Music Matinees Series

★ **Sarasota Concert Association's** free lunchtime concert series offers regional artists offering a variety of musical styles. Since 1938, the Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) has brought the world's finest classical musicians to Sarasota with its "Great Performers Series." In addition to the Great Performers Series, the organization offers a free "Music Matinees" series.

This long-running, community outreach program features accomplished, regional musicians who perform a vast array of musical styles, including classical, folk, jazz and pop. All concerts except one (December 11) are on Wednesdays.

The 2017-2018 Music Matinees noontime concert season features the return of the Bridge Trio with Cheryl Tschanz, piano, Alfred Gatta, cello, and Felicia Brunelle, violin (Monday, December 11); Sarasota Orchestra principals and EnsemblenewSRQ co-founders George Nickson, percussion, and Samantha Bennett, violin (Wednesday, January 17); Sarasota Orchestra principal bassist John Miller, in swing mode with the John Miller Jazz Trio (Wednesday, February 7); the State College of Florida Chamber Choir and Presidential Vocal Ensemble conducted by Melodie Dickerson (Wednesday, March 28); and "keyboard tour de force," pianist Tom Purviance (Wednesday, April 18).

All Music Matinees performances are at free and at noon at the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center, 709 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Seating is open; no reservations accepted. For more information about Music Matinees, visit www.scasarasota.org.

"A World of Jazz" — the 38th Annual Sarasota Jazz Festival

★ Jazz, the uniquely American musical art form, was born in New Orleans in the early 20th century and nurtured on a lively diet of music from around the world—the blues of the American South, rhythms from Africa and the Caribbean, classical music from Europe and France, and more. It's entirely fitting, then, that the **Jazz Club of Sarasota**—one of the most active jazz societies in the nation—will present "A World of Jazz" for its 38th Annual Sarasota Jazz Festival.

The four-day event, from March 7-10, 2018, will feature 14 musicians from seven nations in four concerts, over a dozen locally based musicians for a Pub Crawl by Trolley, and the French art film *Django*. In addition, at one of the concerts the Club will present its highest honor, the Satchmo Award, to a musician for "unique and enduring contribu-

tion to the living history of jazz." Festival activities will be presented in various Sarasota venues including Marriott's new Art Ovation Hotel, downtown Sarasota night clubs and Burns Court Cinema.

Ken Peplowski, an audience favorite, is the festival's music director. Ken will present the world of jazz as interpreted by internationally respected musicians and fast-rising young stars from around the world. Many of them have never played together before. Acclaimed reedman Peplowski, based in New York, will both direct the international cadre and frequently join them on stage.

In addition to Peplowski, several other musicians will make encore appearances with the Jazz Club of Sarasota. These include Houston Person, saxophone; Diego Figueiredo, guitar; and Jeff Hamilton, drums.

To learn more, visit www.jazzclubsarasota.org.

Check out Pops Orchestra

★ **Pops Orchestra:** Their Sunday concerts are 3 p.m. at Riverview High School's Performing Arts Center; Monday concerts are 7:30 p.m. at SCF's Neel Performing Arts Center.

Here's their schedule:

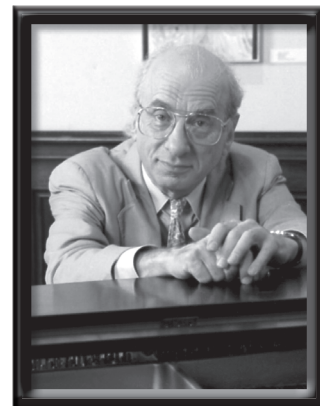
• **Dec. 10-11** – Local superstar soprano Jenny Kim-Godfrey joins the Pops performing Christmas standards in "Holiday Popera." Holiday Popera. Kim-Godfrey rings in the holiday

cheer performing your seasonal favorites with the Pops like Sleigh Ride, My Favorite Things, O Holy Night, I'll Be Home for Christmas, and showing us what she does best with opera arias by Donizetti, Bellini, Verdi, and Mozart. Enjoy a coloratura to kick off your favorite season in red and green.

• **Feb. 11-12** – TV Lifetime Achievement award winner Audrey Landers headlines "From Dallas with Love" singing favorite songs from the Great American Songbook. Who shot JR? Audrey Landers promises it wasn't her. The Pops is very excited to share the stage with your favorite 1980's character actress who starred in *Dallas*, *Love Boat*, *Fantasy Island*, *The Dukes of Hazard*, *MacGyver*, *Hollywood Squares*, *\$100,000 Pyramid*, and *Password*. She has toured with Bob Hope, starred in *A Chorus Line: The Movie*, and has sung with Billy Crystal, Glen Campbell, Rich Little, and now, The Pops Orchestra.

Join the 2012 Florida Motion Picture & Television Association's Lifetime Achievement Award winner and now Sarasota resident, Miss Landers, as they perform her favorite songs from the Great American Songbook.

• **March 25-26** – "Hyman in the House" stars piano legend Dick Hyman per-



Dick Hyman

forming favorite jazz tunes and original compositions. Hyman In The House for their season finale.

He will share his talent

as composer, arranger, and pianist (as well as Emmy Award winner and member of the Jazz Hall) while performing your favorite jazz tunes and some original compositions.

Tickets: 941-926-7677 or visit www.thepopsorchestra.org.