KeyCalendar

Nov. 30 – Dec. 10

Island Players presents "Breaking Legs" by Tom **Dulak.** Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$15. Call 778-6878.

Nov. 30 – Dec. 17

The Sound of Music's "Doe-A-Deer" will be at the Players Theater, 838 N. Tamiami Trail. Opening is at 7:30 p.m. Show times are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees scheduled for December 3, 9, 10 and 17. Call 365-2494 or visit www.theplayers.org.

The Sarasota Senior Theater and the Palm Avenue Arts Council are sponsoring a Carnegie Hall fundraiser for the Booker High Wind Ensemble. Stroll down Palm Avenue from 6 to 9 p.m. Entertainment by the Sarasota Senior Theater and the Booker Middle School Jazz **Band**. Donations will pay for their trip to New York.

The **Junior League** will be selling copies of their new cookbook, "Simply Sarasota." Sarasota's favorite local writers and chefs shared tips that make the book especially 'Sarasota'. Sale is at 6 p.m. at Circle Books at 478 Ringling Blvd., St. Armand's Circle. Call 388-2850.

Flu shots will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Selby Public Library. Call 747-1585.

Dec. 1, 2, 3

Cirque Dreams: Jungle Fantasy will take the stage at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are from \$35 and can be purchased through Charge-It Line at 953-3368 or on-line at www.vanwezel.org.

The American Craft Council's Sarasota Fine Craft **Show** will host more than 200 artists presenting jewelry, clothing, decor, furniture and more. Admission is \$10 daily or \$16 for a two-day pass. Children under 12 are free. Show runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Sarasota Bradenton International Convention Center, 8005 15th St. E., Sarasota. Call 355-9161.

Dec. 2

Antique and new violins and pianos will be on sale for one day only at the Allegro Music Academy from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit scholarships to the Academy. Located at 241 Whitfield Ave. Call 358-8511.

St. Boniface Church on Siesta Key is presenting the **Gulf Coast Porcelain Artists Christmas Sale** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$2 donation at the door provides entry and a chance to win a painted door prize every half hour. Refreshments, a raffle and door prizes. The Church is located at 5615 Midnight Pass Rd. Call 953-7638.

A **SCORE Workshop** will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Selby Public Library. Call 955-1029 or visit www.score-suncoast.org.

The St. James United Methodist Church, 2049A N. Honore Ave., will host two former child prodigies and



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local pianists to perform. Mike Markaverich and Sam Lane (who are also blind) will bring their magnificent talent in a concert starting at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. There will be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$9.50 a person.

Book signings at Circle Books at 478 John Ringling Blvd., St. Armand's Circle. Featured authors are Robert Gussin, "Trash Talk," at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m. Alexandra Leclere will sign her book "Seeing the Dead, Talking with Spirits." At 3 p.m. Robert Macomber will sign his novel "An Affair of Honor." Call 388-2850.

Dec. 2, 3

The **Bradenton Ballet Repertory** presents its 13th Annual Holiday Classic "The Nutcracker" at Manatee Community College's Neel Auditorium at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 755-3731 for tickets.

Two book bignings will take place at Circle Books, 478 John Ringling Blvd., St. Armand's Circle. Featured authors are Stan Zimmerman, signing his book "A History of Smuggling in Florida; Rum Runners and Cocaine Cowboys" at 10:30 a.m. and Carl Hiassen will sign his newest novel "Nature Girl" at 1 p.m. Call 388-2850.

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A Rockapella Holiday will perform at 8 p.m. at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Tickets are from \$30. Student/Teacher Rush

Tickets for \$10 are available on day of the show with valid ID. Call the Charge-It Line at 953-3368 for tickets

The Players Theatre invites you to a free event: "How Critics Review" at 7 p.m. Exchange dialogue and a Q&A with renowned reviewers from our Sarasota print and electronic media. Free but reserved seats are on a first call basis. Call 365-2494.

The Gulf Coast Writers will meet at 10:15 a.m. at the Island Branch Library in Holmes Beach. The guest speaker will be Gretchen Edgren, a former senior editor of Playboy Magazine. Visitors are welcomed. Call 761-9036 or 778-3209.

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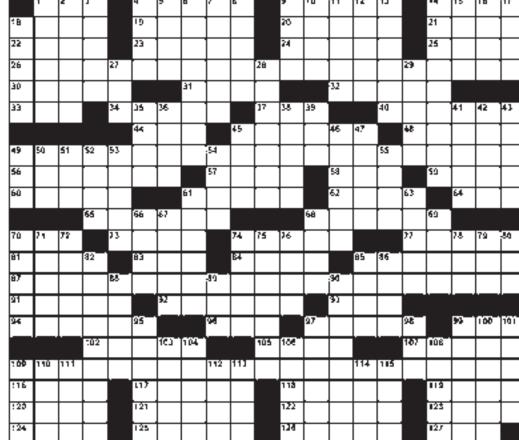
The Annual Longboat Key Center for the Arts Members' Exhibit opens in the Durante Gallery. An Opening Reception will be on Friday, Dec. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. with a \$15 entry fee for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Two entries are allowed. There will be \$1,450 awarded in prize money. Call 383-2345.

The Longboat Key Garden Club is holding their Annual Holiday Party at 6:30 p.m. at the Longboat Island Chapel, 6200 Gulf of Mexico Drive. Meat, beverages and table settings will be provided. Please let us know how many guests and what dish you plan to bring. Must RSVP by calling Jinny at 387-7136 or Barbara 383-0772.

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