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CAPA season features lively new musical collaborations and debut performances

Naples, FL — The Cultural and Performing Arts Center (CAPA) announces another edgy, eclectic and extraordinary season with 13 concerts scheduled from November 2017 through May 2018. Three distinctly different series include the *Spectrum Series*, *Jazz & Blues Series* and *Rising Stars Series*. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Wang Opera Center, 2408 Linwood Avenue, Naples.

Uniquely configured small ensembles featuring memorable combinations of instrumentation and performance styles will present a wide range of musical genres punctuated by close-up artist and audience interaction made possible by the intimate setting of the Wang Opera Center. Several newly-formed groups will present debut performances ranging from classical music, jazz and blues to “hoedown” style.

CAPA Spectrum Series concerts are scheduled on November 17, December 13, February 9, February 16, March 17 and April 3. A very special addition to the February 16 and March 17 concerts will be the overlay of interpretive dance performed by Naples Ballet. **CAPA Jazz & Blues Series** concerts — complete with dance floor for audience participation — are December 2, January 10, January 19 and March 2. **CAPA Rising Stars Series** performances featuring the outstanding young stars of tomorrow are March 23, April 28 and May 2.

The CAPA season kicks off on November 17 with an international salute featuring *Russian & Italian Art Songs* performed by pianist Milana Strezeva and baritone Anton Belov. The season concludes on May 2 with a swing to sonic evening entitled *Fresh Sounds of Jazz* with The Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra.

Series tickets for the six-concert Spectrum Series are \$240 for adults, \$60 for students/children and \$300 for VIP seating. Series tickets for the three-concert Rising Stars Series are \$120 adults, \$30 students/children and \$150 VIP. Tickets for the four-concert Jazz & Blues Series are \$160 for adults, \$40 for students/children and \$200 for VIP seating. VIP seating includes preferred seating as well as a meet-the-artists reception following each concert, with appetizers, wine and beer. Purchasers of both the Spectrum Series and Jazz & Blues Series will receive the Rising Stars series at no charge.

Individual tickets for Spectrum, Rising Stars or Jazz & Blues concerts are \$40 for adults, \$10 for students/children and \$50 for VIP seating. Tickets can be ordered at www.CAPACenter.org or by calling (239) 775-2800. Tickets should be ordered early, as seating is limited.

The mission of the Cultural & Performing Arts Center (CAPA) is to provide the community affordable cultural, educational and performance opportunities while developing a new arts center to better serve the audiences and artists of Collier County.

(See scheduled performance details next pages.)

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CAPA 2017-2018 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT ADD ONE

CAPA SPECTRUM SERIES

This innovative, audience-interactive approach to classical and crossover performance features uniquely partnered musicians in refreshingly different small ensembles as well as the added element of interpretive dance.

***Russian and Italian Art Songs* — Pianist Milana Strezeva and Anton Belov, baritone Friday, November 17**

Pianist Milana Strezeva breaks new ground for CAPA by teaming up with Baritone Anton Belov. Milana, a founding member of the award-winning Manhattan Piano Trio, has performed across the United States, Australia, South Africa and Italy. Belov is a native of Russia and graduate of the Juilliard Opera Center.

***Holiday Brass* — Naples Chamber Brass Wednesday, December 13**

Naples Chamber Brass brings to the stage a lively holiday spirit with Aaron McCalla, principal tuba, Matthew Sonneborn, principal trumpet, Liam (William) Day, assistant principal trumpet, Tracy Leonard, assistant principal horn, Michael Zion, principal trombone.

***Classic Barbershop Harmony* — The Paradise Coastmen Chorus Friday, February 9**

The Paradise Coastmen Chorus has entertained Southwest Florida audiences for more than 40 years with a repertoire ranging from traditional barbershop classics, country/western and gospel to contemporary.

***Virtuoso Violins, Jazz and a Hoedown* — Violinists Glenn Basham and Daniela Shtereva Friday, February 16**

Glenn Basham has been a member of the artist faculty at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami since 1992 and the concertmaster of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra since 1994. Shtereva, born in Bulgaria, performs full time with the Naples Philharmonic and is a frequent guest performer in many Southwest Florida recital series. The Naples Ballet adds the exciting element of interpretive dance.

***From Paganini to Piazzolla* — Violinist Daniela Shtereva and Marco Sartor, classical guitarist Saturday, March 17**

A first for the CAPA Spectrum Series — the pairing of violin and classical guitar — with violinist Daniela Shtereva and classical guitarist Marco Sartor. Bulgarian born, Shtereva, brings a passionate performance style to the stage. Sartor, born in Uruguay, has performed to critical and public acclaim on three continents. His style ranges from lilting and intoxicating classical to sizzling Latin rhythms. The Naples Ballet adds the exciting element of interpretive dance.

***Classics with a Twist* — Apollo Trio — Ming Gao, Si-Cheng Liu and Charis Dimaras Tuesday, April 3**

The Apollo Trio features Ming Gao, Si-Cheng Liu and Charis Dimaras. Gao is associate concertmaster of the Naples Philharmonic and first violinist of the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra of New York. Liu is a faculty member at Florida SouthWestern State College, Florida Gulf Coast University and Community School of Naples, teaching cello and string orchestra. Greek concert pianist and conductor, Dimaras is a faculty member of Ithaca College and holds a doctorate from the Manhattan School of Music and master's degree in piano performance from Juilliard School in New York.

CAPA JAZZ & BLUES SERIES

This eclectic range of thrilling jazz performances is introducing some of Southwest Florida's finest Jazz musicians and vocalists in exciting new musical groups covering the genre from blues to classic to standards. Tapas and wine are available for purchase and a dance area is available – by popular demand!

***Classic Jazz Inspiration* — The Dan Heck Blues and Truth Sextet Saturday, December 2**

Newly formed, the Dan Heck Blues and Truth Sextet features two saxes, trombone, trumpet, bass and drums and promises to deliver an evening of high-energy jazz and swing colored with a soulful, bluesy style. The sextet includes guitarist/bassist Dan Heck, George Mancini on trombone, Brennan Yetter on saxophone, drummer Paul Gavin, Gabriel Wallace on saxophone and trumpeter Dan Miller.

**CAPA 2017-2018 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT
ADD TWO**

***The Sweet Sounds of Jazz — Jazz Simpatico — Bob Zottola & Company with Michelle Amato, vocalist*
Wednesday, January 10**

Jazz Simpatico features Bob Zottola & Company with vocalist Michelle Amato. Jazz trumpeter Zottola has played with them all including Benny Goodman, Peggy Lee, Frank Sinatra, Charlie Barnet, Gerry Mulligan, Maynard Ferguson, and Chick Corea. Vocalist Michelle Amato trained at the University of Miami's School of Music and has toured or recorded with Cirque de Soleil, Quincy Jones, Jon Secada, Liza Minnelli, Al Green, Sandi Patty, Jon Hendricks, Donna Summer, Michael McDonald, Celia Cruz and Rita Marley.

***The Music of George Gershwin — Dan Miller-Lew Del Gatto Quintet*
Friday, January 19**

Trumpeter Dan Miller and saxophonist Lew Del Gatto celebrate the genius and music of George Gershwin. Miller has toured and recorded with Harry Connick Jr., Wynton Marsalis, Maynard Ferguson, Woody Herman and Tom Jones. Del Gatto was a member of the Saturday Night Live Band and toured and recorded with Frank Sinatra, Aretha Franklin, The Rolling Stones and Buddy Rich.

***Jazz Meets the Blues — Rick Howard Quintet featuring Lynn Richardson on vocals*
Friday, March 2**

Rick Howard brings some new band members and exciting new material to the stage with featured jazz vocalist Lynn Richardson, Joe Bilardo on drums, Joe Delaney on piano and Jay Heavilin on bass.

CAPA RISING STARS SERIES

This series features advanced young musicians and vocalists in performances guaranteed to inspire. Audiences will be thrilled to be among the first to applaud *the stars of tomorrow!*

***From Operettas to Pop — Opera Naples Youth*
Friday, March 23**

Members of the Opera Naples Student Apprentice Program present a kaleidoscopic evening of classical songs, folk songs, arias, operettas and musical theater. The program gives local students, ages 7-21, training and public performance opportunities. The program is under the direction of Robin Shuford Frank, director of educational outreach.

***Happy Music from Talented and Trained Young Voices — Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus*
Saturday, April 28**

Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus, directed by James Cochran, brings to the stage an impressive 100-voice chorus that includes outstanding young singers from elementary, middle and high school.

***Fresh Sounds of Jazz — Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra*
Wednesday, May 2**

In its third year, The Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra comprises nearly 20 students from Lee and Collier counties who have auditioned and been accepted to participate in the ensemble. Dan Miller, trumpeter for the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra, is the Youth Jazz Director.

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