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HISTORY

The StayInMay Festival (formerly The ArtsNaples World Festival Inc.) has now produced five world-class festivals with over 60,000 attendees featuring the best of the cultural arts from around the globe. Throughout multiple and unique venues across Naples, The StayInMay Festival has presented concerts and events spanning art, chamber music, cinema, culinary, dance, opera, fashion, theater and orchestra. The StayInMay Festival combines the best of the arts in Naples with amazing talent from around the globe.

Previous Festival highlights include:

- Famed Grammy winning virtuosos, Arturo Sandoval and Sylvia McNair
- The Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine, the Jerusalem Symphony, the Belarusian State Chamber Orchestra, and the National Orchestra of Cuba (their first US concert since 1959)
- Art and photography exhibitions by internationally renowned artists, Alexander Anufriev, Giovanni Lunardi and Bernard Villemot
- Virtuoso classical and jazz pianists Pavel Nersessian, Philipp Kopachevsky, Nachito Herrera, Michael Berkovsky and Antonio Madruga
- Famous string quartets, Aizuri String Quartet, Jasper String Quartet and the "Declassified" from the Carnegie Academy
- Operas by Tchaikovsky (Eugene Onegin), Verdi (Nabucco) and Georges Bizet (Carmen-the Peter Brook adaptation)
- The Inspector General by Gogol
- Concerts and seminars with the Boston Brass
- The dynamic Quartetto Gelato
- The celebrated violin virtuoso Nadir Khashimov

The 2017 StayInMay Festival will continue this great tradition of bringing an array of young and seasoned world-class performers from around the globe to the city of Naples.

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From Shanghai to Naples: Exhibition Opening Featuring the Art of Deena Gu

**Tuesday, April 25
6:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$17
Watson Gallery, Naples Art Association
585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102



Deena Gu Laties is a renowned international artist who melds aspects of western art with her Chinese training. From Shanghai to Naples will feature some of Deena Gu's favorite early works, including The 87 Mortals: a thirty-foot handscroll that is a copy of a scroll from the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.). The exhibition will also display many of Deena Gu's contemporary works, in which recognizable elements of land, sea, and sky appear to merge into diaphanous, atmospheric tableaus.

Health & Wellness Series: Mindfulness Meditation with Angela Sanders of Mindful Mindz



**Wednesday, April 26
10:00 a.m.**

Tickets: \$25
Shangri-La Spa, Octagon Room
27750 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Angela Sanders is a mindfulness meditation instructor, and is dedicated to delivering engaging and effective programs to help individuals experience the benefits of mindfulness and a positive mindset in their daily lives. The first workshop in the health and wellness series is in an engaging and interactive format, that introduces the practice of mindfulness. Participants will learn meditation techniques and experience the benefits of present moment awareness. We invite you to learn this life changing practice and join our Mindfulness Workshop.

2 O'Clock Series: More than a Little Night Music Featuring Gülsin Onay, pianist

**Wednesday, April 26
2:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$37
Watson Gallery, Naples Art Association
585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102



Gülsin Onay, native of Turkey, is a formidable pianist who possesses a remarkable sense of dramatic lyricism. Her recent performance at Cambridge brought rave reviews from the audience and critics. Her performance at the StayInMay Festival will feature Beethoven's beloved "Moonlight Sonata" and Ravel's rhapsodic "Gaspard de la Nuit".

The DePue Brothers: An Evening of Bluegrass, Rock, and Classics.

**Wednesday, April 26
7:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$39
Hilton Hotel, Naples
5111 Tamiami Trail N, Naples, FL 34103

Presented in Partnership with Hilton Naples

Blending rock rhythms and classical styles, the DePue Brothers Band tears up the stage with their bluegrass infused anthems. The five brothers are classical violin virtuosos in their own right - beginning at the early ages of 4 and 5. Natives of Bowling Green Ohio, the group has two brothers who are members of the Philadelphia Orchestra; and Alex who is rated as one of the top 10 fiddle players in the country. Truly American treasures - you don't want to miss this unique adventure in music.

Spring in Watercolor: Chinese Painting Workshop with Artist Deena Gu

**Thursday, April 27
10:00 a.m.**

Tickets: \$22
Naples Art Association
585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102

Deena Gu Laties is a renowned international artist who melds aspects of western art with her Chinese training. Join Deena Gu as she demonstrates her varied approaches to Calligraphy and Sumi ink brush painting.

Journey Through American Song: Folk, Spirituals, & some of your Favorite Composers - Copland and Barber - Featuring Steffanie Pearce, Soprano

**Thursday, April 27
7:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$27
Bower Chapel, Moorings Park
120 Moorings Park Dr, Naples, FL 34105

Presented in Partnership with Gulfshore Opera

Join StayInMay Festival and Gulfshore Opera as we explore works of Aaron Copland and Samuel Barber plus a variety of favorite traditional American folk songs and Spirituals with exciting new arrangements for piano, violin and cello trio by SW Florida resident composer, William Dawson. The evening features Steffanie Pearce with guest vocalists, piano, violin, and cello.

To purchase tickets visit
www.StayInMay.com
Ticket Hotline: 239.390.2788

2 O'Clock Series: Hit Tunes from the '30s Featuring Dick Hyman, pianist

Friday, April 28
2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$37

Watson Gallery, Naples Art Association

585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102



Hit Tunes from the '30s brings back a Naples favorite — Dick Hyman. Hyman is truly an American musical treasure — pianist, organist, music director and composer. His vibrant piano stylings on April 28 will feature a repertoire that include: "All the Things You Are", "I'm in the Mood for Love", and "Stormy Weather". This is a wonderful and delightful trip down memory lane.

Chinese Theme Chef Dinner with Artist Deena Gu

Friday, April 28
7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$90

Sur La Table

Mercado, 9105 Strada PL, Naples FL 34108

Cook, eat, enjoy getting to meet Deena Gu — renowned international artist born in Shanghai. Her exhibit will be featured during the festival at the Naples Art Association. This unique evening will feature a special menu that you will prepare and eat, while getting to meet this extraordinary artist.

Calligraphy and Sumi Ink Brush Painting Workshop with Artist Deena Gu

Saturday, April 29
12:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$22

Naples Art Association,

585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102

Deena Gu Laties is a renowned international artist who melds aspects of western art with her Chinese training. Born in Shanghai, Deena Gu studied under famous Chinese painters Cheng Shifa and Tse Chen-Na. She continued her art studies at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts when she moved to the U.S. in the 1980s, fusing Chinese tradition with a western approach in terms of space, color and relationship. Join Deena Gu as she gives an in depth workshop on calligraphy and Sumi Ink brush.

Dixieland Celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Norris Gardens Featuring the Naples Dixieland Jazz Band

Saturday, April 29
4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$17

Norris Gardens at Naples Historical Society

137 12th Ave S, Naples FL 34102

**Presented in Partnership with
Naples Historical Society**

Celebrating a Naples treasure in a truly American fashion - music that was born in New Orleans in the 20th century - Dixieland. Toe-tapping, flag-waving music that celebrates the American spirit. Enjoy the "happiest of all music" at the Historic Palm Cottage - enjoy the beautiful Norris Gardens and relax with the happiest music in the world.

Short Film Festival

Sunday, April 30
7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15

Sheffield Theatre, Moorings Park

120 Moorings Park Dr, Naples FL 34105

All shorts - All award winning - All currently touring the film festivals Judy Copeland (The StayInMay Short Film Fest Director and Naples' own actor & film producer) brings the best new independent films and filmmakers to Naples for the 2017 StayInMay Festival. Join us in discovering emerging talent and celebrating the cutting edge of cinematic story tellers.

- RATED - Directed by John Fortson
- MOTHER OF THE WEEK - Directed by Lee Davis
- HAPPY FAMILY - Directed by Mark Stolzenberg

Mozart Violin Concerto #5 & Mozart Symphony #25 Featuring Lara St John, violin

Monday, May 1
8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$65

First Methodist Church

388 1st Ave South, Naples FL 34112

St. John was born in Canada and began playing the violin at age two and had her first solo performance with an orchestra at age four and was accepted into the Curtis Institute at age 13. St. John took a disruption in her studies and traveled throughout the former Soviet Union where she encountered the Romani people that have influenced her experiences that are reflected in an album "Gypsy". Join Maestro William Noll and the 5th Avenue Chamber Orchestra for this spectacular evening of Mozart!

To purchase tickets visit

www.StayInMay.com

Ticket Hotline: 239.390.2788

2 O'Clock Series: Fusion of Enchantment
Featuring Lara St. John, violin
and Matt Herskowitz, piano

Tuesday, May 2
2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$37
Watson Gallery, Naples Art Association
 585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102



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Top Chef High School Featuring young
artists from Collier County Public
Schools culinary programs



Tuesday, May 2
7:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$25
Venue Naples

13240 Tamiami Trl. N., Naples, FL 34110

Presented in Partnership with Collier County Public Schools, FGCU Hospitality Program, Culinary and Hospitality Education Foundation of SW Florida, and Chef Brian Roland

Culinary students from 5 Collier County high schools partner with musicians and celebrity chefs for an evening of culinary masterpieces!

2 O'Clock Series: 2 Monumental Sonatas
Featuring Russian Pianist, Ilya Itin

Wednesday, May 3
2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$37
Watson Gallery, Naples Art Association
 585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102



Ilya Itin is a gold medal Laureate of the Leeds International Competition and has toured as a soloist throughout Europe, Asia, South America, and the US. He has become known for his ability to capture an audience with his powerful artistry and is a much lauded performer at the Miami International Piano Festival. His Festival concert features Schubert's melodic epic Schubert Sonata in D Major, Opus 53 and Rachmaninoff's Sonata #1 in D Minor, Opus 28

To purchase tickets visit
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Short Film Fest

Wednesday, May 3
7:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$15

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- HAPPY NEW YEAR MR. KATES - Directed by Bob Pondillo
- THE SETUP - Directed by Leah Gottfried
- SHADE OF MUSIC - Directed by D. Mity

Organ Crawl across Naples Featuring 4 Organs
and American Public Media host Michael Barone

Thursday, May 4
12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$37

Bower Chapel • Trinity by the Cove Episcopal Church • First Presbyterian Church • Moorings Presbyterian Church

A dream come true for pipe organ enthusiasts — four different organs, amazing organists all lead by legendary Michael Barone — host of APM's Pipe Dreams. We hear and talk with the organists and Barone at Bower Chapel — the Taylor and Body; Trinity-by-the-Cove — the Casavant, First Presbyterian- the Ruffati and Moorings Presbyterian the Nichols & Simpson. Barone builds on a curiosity which began in his teens and has led him to a fifty year fascination with this unique instrument. Barone is recognized internationally for his outstanding contributions to the world of organ music.

Rockin' the Library: A Night of Big Band

Thursday, May 5
6:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$37

South Regional Branch, Collier County Public Library
 8065 Lely Cultural PKWY, Naples, FL 34113

Presented in Partnership with The Friends of the Library of Collier County

Naples Big Band (formerly known as Music Makers Show Band) is comprised of 18 professional musicians who delight audiences across SW Florida. Their mission is to promote, preserve and perform American big band music of the mid 1900's. Come and enjoy the music that created a special era in this country.

Health & Wellness Series: Positive Emotions & Your Happiness

Saturday, May 6
2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$25

Shangri-La Spa, Octagon Room

27750 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Angela Sanders is a mindfulness meditation instructor, and is dedicated to delivering engaging and effective programs to help individuals experience the benefits of mindfulness and a positive mindset in their daily lives. During this workshop we will explore the ability of positive emotions to improve resilience, curiosity, problem solving, creativity and longevity. In this workshop, experience the power of positive emotions and learn simple techniques for increasing your happiness set point. You will leave this informative and fun workshop with valuable tools for cultivating greater happiness and well-being in your life.

Short Film Festival

Sunday, May 7
7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15

Sheffield Theatre, Moorings Park

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- WANNABE - Directed by Matthew Manson
- A BOX CAME TO BROOKLYN - Directed by Jason Casuto
- SIMPLER TIMES - Directed by Steve Monarque

Dancing with the Stars: An Evening of Dance & Music led by Susan Clayton of Gold Coast Dance

Monday, May 8
7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15

JFCS Community Room

5025 Castello Dr, Naples FL 34103

Presented in Partnership with JFCS

Led by Susan Clayton, Owner and Instructor of Gold Coast Dance — the evening promises to be full of fun and energy. Susan has recently come to Naples from Chicago, where she was a premier instructor for the Summer Dance in Millennium Park for the Mayor's Department of Cultural Affairs. Susan enjoys directing dance programs for groups, country clubs and as a part of wellness programs — see the fine art of ballroom dance and enjoy learning how dance can enhance your life.

2 O'Clock Series: Arturo Sandoval, 10 Time Grammy Award Winner



Tuesday, May 9
2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$37

Watson Gallery, Naples Art Association

585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102

ARTURO SANDOVAL 10 TIME GRAMMY AWARD WINNER — Experience the legendary Arturo Sandoval as he performs a rare solo program on the piano. Sandoval was influenced by jazz musicians Charlie Parker, Clifford Brown and Dizzy Gillespie, who became a mentor and colleague. While touring with Gillespie in 1990 Sandoval defected to the US and became a naturalized citizen in 1999. In 2013 Sandoval received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Obama. This is an extraordinary opportunity to experience the wonder of Sandoval in an intimate setting- it might just be the concert of the decade!

Health & Wellness Series: Music, Mindfulness & the Brain With Angela Sanders of Mindful Mindz

Wednesday, May 10
7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10

Auditorium at East Clubhouse at Bentley Village

810 Retreat Dr, Naples, FL 34110

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This year's StayInMay Health and Wellness Series includes an informative and entertaining look at the ways our brain function is enhanced through music, mindfulness and a positive mindset. Join Mindfulness Instructor, Angela Sanders and Professional Musician, Glen Estrin, as they share groundbreaking data and learn how mindfulness, music and a positive mindset can: Boost working memory, improve concentration and focus, increase joy and creativity, and enhance our mood and well-being. This lecture will inspire and delight you with possibility!

Seraphic Fire, Choral Masterpieces



Tuesday, May 9
7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$30

United Church of Christ

200 Crayton Rd., Naples, FL 34103

Presented in Partnership with United Church of Christ

Entering into their 15th season performing throughout South Florida and on national tours, Seraphic Fire is regarded as one of the preeminent professional vocal ensembles in the United States. Led by Founder and Artistic Director Patrick Dupré Quigley, Seraphic Fire brings top ensemble singers and instrumentalists from around the country to perform repertoire ranging from Gregorian chant and Baroque masterpieces, to Mahler and newly commissioned works by this country's leading composers. Two of the ensemble's recordings were nominated for 2012 GRAMMY® awards, making Seraphic Fire the only choral ensemble in North or South America to be nominated that year and the only classical ensemble in the world to be nominated for two separate projects.

To purchase tickets visit
www.StayInMay.com
Ticket Hotline: 239.390.2788

2 O'Clock Series: All Chopin in an Afternoon Featuring Kevin Kenner, pianist

Thursday, May 11

2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$37

Watson Gallery, Naples Art Association

585 Park St, Naples, FL 34102

Kevin Kenner is an American born pianist who is a Gold Medal laureate of the Warsaw International Chopin Competition as well as a finalist in both the Tchaikovsky and Van Cliburn competitions. He has been described as a "player of grace, subtle variety and strength, with a mature grasp of dramatic structure and proportion." Kevin Kenner's festival program will provide us with his favorite piano gems of an all Chopin concert- works included are Barcarolle, Heroic Ab Polonaise, and the B-minor Scherzo.

A Night in Paris: Painting & Cabaret Classics Featuring Malenda Trick, artist, & Steffanie Pearce, voice

Thursday, May 11

5:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$32

Rose Auditorium, Marco Island Historical Society

180 S Heathwood Dr, Marco Island, FL 34145

Presented in Partnership with Marco Island Historical Society

Malenda Trick, is an internationally recognized artist who paints with a touch of the old masters and 19th century impressionists. A special evening of Malenda painting before your eyes in the style of Toulouse Lautrec; while Steffanie Pearce sings favorite cabaret songs to accompaniment by Dr. James Cochran. Enjoy all of these treasured artists who make up part of the fabric that represents the wonderful world of the arts in Collier County. A night you won't want to miss and will not forget - the setting is the beautiful Rose auditorium at the Marco Island Historical Society - three artists in one room creating a magical evening.



Malenda Trick, artist



Steffanie Pearce, voice

The Tokens, Rocky and the Rollers Live at the Naples Zoo

Friday, May 12

5:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$37

Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens

1590 Goodlette-Frank Rd, Naples FL 34102

Presented in Partnership with the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens

The Best of Doo Wop and Rock and Roll live at the Naples Zoo - including their chart-topping 1961 single, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". The legendary Tokens are joined by Rocky and the Rollers to bring you back to the world of Doo Wop and Rock 'n Roll - all at the Naples Zoo. You will remember the Tokens from their legendary hit "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" - what better setting to relive that timeless song than at our very own Zoo. You will be dancing in the aisles or at least tapping your toes and probably singing along to the lyrics of familiar songs from the 50's.



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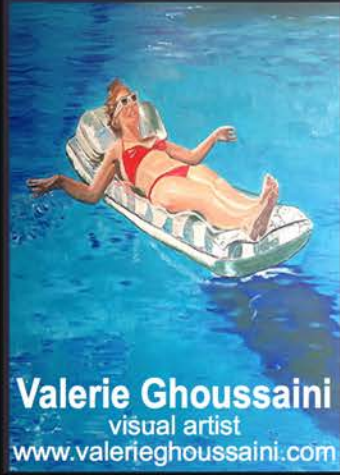
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