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A festival exhibition of Deena Gu's works opens at Naples Art Association with a reception at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

STAY IN MAY

Fest digs into food, fitness, fugues, films



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Stay in May refers to one county, but it's all over the map with event options, from food to health to dance and music.

Consider that an app-ed description. This year the festival of arts and culture is offering an iPhone and iPad app on its website, so you're never more than a click away from events that are spread from Marco Island to Bonita Springs, including:

- » A regionally known artist painting to the tunes of cabaret favorites at a "A Night in Paris" (May 11, Rose History Auditorium on Marco Island)
- » A morning of "Mindfulness Meditation" (Wednesday at the Shangri-La Spa in Bonita Springs).

There's even a festival within a festival: the Stay in May International Short Film Festival (7 p.m. April 30, May 3 and 7 in the Sheffield Theatre, 120 Moorings Park, \$15 each night).

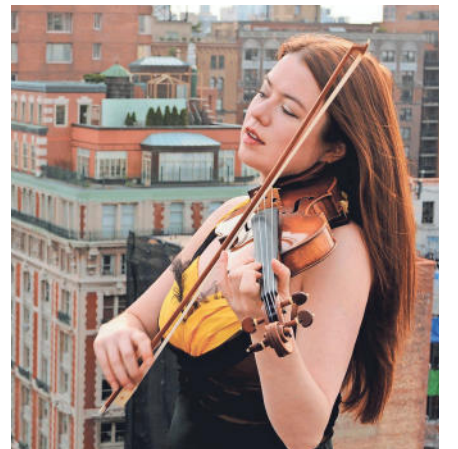
"This is what we like. The essence of the festival is we want to offer new, different things across the broad spectrum of the arts," said Trey Farmer, president of the festival.

The film festival is part of that expansion, he said. Even its location, the Sheffield Theater at Moorings Park, will be new to festival goers because it is generally used

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Chef Brian Roland will be the host for a "High School Top Chef" showcase.



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Canadian-born violinist **Lara St. John** stars in two of the concerts at the Stay in May festival.

From country to classical, music is here

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Music has been the cornerstone of the Stay in May Festival since its founding seven years ago, and it continues to be a big part of the music program, which actually launches in April, on Wednesday.

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Let summer gold enrich yard



THE BUTTERFLY GUY
 MIKE MALLOY

When it comes to summer in southern Florida, the first and most colorful flowering plant that comes to mind is the allamanda, known as summer gold because of its brilliant yellow color. Just like the forsythia announces spring to our northern neighbors, the allamanda heralds spring in southern Florida.

Allamanda (*Allamanda cathartica*), usually a shrub or vine, starts blooming in the spring and continues blooming throughout the year, except for its winter break. It is one of Florida's summer-blooming plants that are easy to get established and that will grow in the sunny parts of our gardens. It is very showy with its bright yellow trumpet-



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This is a pink mandevilla. One of the differences between allamanda and mandevilla is sun tolerance. Mandevilla likes some shade.

shaped flowers.

Allamanda's growth is regulated by pruning, just like everything else. It

tolerates our sandy so-called soil, and pests are usually not a problem. The only things allamanda does not like are frost and shade. It's drought-tolerant, salt-tolerant and can survive neglect. It comes in a shrub form and can be used as a ground cover or hedge. It is perfect for a fence or almost any sturdy structure.

One of my favorites is called cherries jubilee, with its pinkish-purple large trumpet-like flowers. It often is found growing around mailboxes. It is truly a showstopper — mine has been for almost 20 years.

All allamandas can be grown as container plants or spotted throughout a garden. There have been several new hybrids developed in the past couple of years, such as the deep red and purple flower, as well as one with a smaller

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Festival

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for private events. The films, chosen by local filmmaker-writer-director Judy Copeland, are still going through film festival competitions before their general release. One is concurrently in the Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

"These are films you can't see anywhere else except a major film festival," Farmer said. "Each will have a filmmaker to talk about the process. It's a really unique event."

A new event is the pipe organ "crawl." Beginning at noon May 4, it will take people to four different buildings around the city to view some of its grandest pipe organs and hear their music. It's hosted by Michael Barone, star of the nationally syndicated radio program "Pipe Dreams."

Participants will get to talk to Barone and hear both him and church organists produce music that shows off each instrument. According to organizer Claudia Polzin, communications liaison for the festival, lists of the stops (the distinct sound sets) are offered for each, so the mysteries of something like a "spitzflöte" can be explained on request.

Another event Polzin is particularly excited about is the "Top Chef High School" showcase, 7 p.m. May 2, that charges high school culinary teams to create an appetizer, a main course and a dessert under the watchful eye of their own culinary director and with helpful critiques from Chef Brian Roland. All of them this year will be built around the theme of a jazz song and explained to the audience, much like TV chef shows.

Come hungry, Polzin said. The audience will get to try it all. The event is a partnership among Collier County Public Schools, the FGCU Culinary Program, the Culinary and Hospitality Foundation of Southwest Florida and Roland, who has offered his own Venue



Michael Barone, shown doing an interview with Barbara Dennerlein on one of his nationally syndicated episodes of "Pipe Dreams," comes to Naples on May 4 for a pipe organ crawl.

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Naples, 13240 U.S. 41 N., North Naples, for the event (\$25).

Polzin said she was impressed with the program in the county schools.

"They're all run by individuals who are graduates of culinary institutes, so I can't wait to see what they're coming up with."

The schools participating this year are Barron Collier, Gulf Coast High School, Immokalee, Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology and Palmetto Ridge High School.

Some of the events are learn-it-yourself. Deena Gu, whose contemporary brush works take over a segment of the exhibition space at Naples Art Associa-

tion, 585 Park St., Naples, beginning Tuesday, will teach workshops there:

» using bamboo brushes and sumi ink there at 10 a.m. Thursday (\$22)

» calligraphy using bamboo brushes at noon Saturday (\$22)

Susan Clayton, of Gold Coast Dance, will give you some quick lessons, and your feet will do the rest during "Dancing With the Stars: An Evening of Dance and Music," at the Jewish Family and Community Services activities hall, 5025 Castello Drive, at 7 p.m. May 8 (\$15).

Plan on some impromptu dancing when the Tokens take the stage at Naples Zoo to sing, appropriately, their hit,

"The Lion Sleeps Tonight," along with other '50s and '60s gems at 5:30 p.m. May 12 (\$37). The festival is partnering with the zoo to make this event a fundraiser for lions, which are an endangered species, Polzin said.

"So prior to concert opening, they will have keepers down by the lions. A painting is done by a lion that will be raffled off, and proceeds will go to conservation program for the lions," she said.

No word yet on whether the lions plan an expressionist or cubist look. See stayinmay.com or call 239-390-2788, the festival office, or 888-613-8488, the ticket hotline.

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Music

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A wider range this year will include pop genres:

» The DePue Brothers, who can jazz up everything from "Orange Blossom Special" to the "Linus and Lucy" theme, bring their red-hot fiddles to the Hilton Naples, 5111 U.S. 41 N., Naples, at 7 p.m. Wednesday (\$39).

» The Naples Dixieland Jazz Band holds forth in a Norris Gardens concert to celebrate the Garden's 10th anniversary at Palm Cottage, the public landmark of the Naples Historical Society, 137 12th Ave., at 4 p.m. Saturday (\$17).

» "Rockin' the Library" at 6 p.m. May 5 in the South Regional Branch Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, where the 18 professional musicians of Naples Big Band stage a show of the classics from bygone eras in its auditorium. There's plenty of room to dance there, too. (\$37)

There's also a healthy component of the classical music that was the foundation of this festival, and its popular 2 O'Clock series has five of them in its six programs. All are at 2 p.m.; ticket price for each is \$37, and all are at the Naples Art Association, 585 Park St.

» "More than a Little Night Music," with Turkish-born pianist Gülsin Onay performing Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and Ravel's "Gaspard de la Nuit," among others, Wednesday at the Naples Art Association, 585 Park St.

» "Hit Tunes from the '30s," with popular Naples pianist-lecturer Dick Hyman, on Friday.

» "Fusion of Enchantment," with violinist Lara St. John and pianist Matt Herskowitz with gypsy-influenced works and some surprises.

» "Monumental Sonatas," with



The DePue brothers bring their "grassical" style to the festival this week.

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frequent Classical Chamber Concerts guest, pianist Ilya Itin, performing Schubert and Rachmaninoff on May 3.

» Arturo Sandoval, 10-time Grammy winner, moving from trumpet to his other favorite instrument, the piano (sold out).

» All Chopin: Kevin Kenner, a Gold Medal laureate of the Warsaw International Chopin Competition, performs May 11.

There are more classical concerts in the evenings:

» "Journey Through American Song," 7 p.m. Thursday, with Gulfshore Opera founder Steffanie Pearce and guest artists, along with piano, violin, cello and chorus, at Bower Chapel, 120 Moorings Park Drive, Moorings Park, works by Copland and more (\$27).

» Make Mine Mozart: 8 p.m. May 1. His Concerto No. 5 and Symphony No. 25, with guest violinist Lara St. John and the Fifth

Avenue Chamber Orchestra, William Noll conducting, at First Methodist Church, 388 First Ave. S. (\$65).

» Seraphic Fire Choral Concert: 7 p.m. May 9. Naples United Church of Christ, 200 Crayton Road, featuring work from baroque to Mahler (\$30).

» "A Night in Paris": 5:30 p.m. May 11. Rose Auditorium, Marco Island Historical Society, 180 Heathwood Drive, Marco Island Steffanie Pearce sings French cabaret classics, accompanied by James Cochran, while Florida artist Malenda Trick paints, providing a slice of night life in a Parisian arrondissement (\$32).

The closing concert, an evening with pop group The Tokens at the Naples Zoo, is detailed in the accompanying story.

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