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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Center for the Arts Bonita Springs Announces  
**AUDITIONS FOR TWO THEATRE PRODUCTIONS**  
***THE DIVINE SISTER* by Charles Busch and**  
***Funny Shorts LIVE!: Best of the Best***

**Tuesday & Wednesday, January 17 & 18, 6pm**

Performing Arts Center, Moe Auditorium & Film Center  
10150 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, Florida  
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BONITA SPRINGS, FL, JANUARY 10, 2023—CFABS Performing Arts Center on Bonita Beach Road is holding auditions on January 17 & 18 for two productions that will premiere back-to-back in March. As part of the mainstage season, **Charles Busch's *The Divine Sister*** will run from March 23-April 2, for 10 performances over two weeks. The titular role of Mother Superior, originated by the playwright himself, finds herself trying to save the school she helms, St. Veronica's of Pittsburgh, from financial and moral ruin. A send-up of the popular nun movies that were ubiquitous in the 1940s all the way into the 1970s.

Busch's best-known plays include the very recent *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* and edgy comedies *Red Scare on Sunset*, *Die Mommy Die*, and *Psycho Beach Party* to name a few of his prolific library. Known for taking the lead in many of his drag-centric works, his plays are wildly entertaining and often have the feel of nostalgia and a nod and a wink to classic movies that shaped our culture.

The Center will also audition actors for multiple roles in the upcoming ***Funny Shorts LIVE!: Best of the Best*** event that takes place March 10, for one night only. The Center specializes in the short play format through their international *Stage It! 10-Minute Play Festival* and this special performance will revisit the most popular comedies from the past six years.

Local actors should contact the Performing Arts Center to make an appointment. Auditions begin at 6pm on both January 17 & 18 (Tuesday and Wednesday). Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Sides are available in advance by visiting the website or calling the Center at 239-495-8989. [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Auditions:** January 17 & 18, 6pm

**Rehearsal period for *THE DIVINE SISTER*:** Jan 30-March 22, weekday evenings, some weekends

***THE DIVINE SISTER* performance:** March 23-April 2, Thurs-Sat @ 7pm and Sat-Sun @ 2pm

**Rehearsal period for *Funny Shorts LIVE!*:** Jan 23-March 9, once a week until showtime

***Funny Shorts LIVE!* performance:** March 10, 7:30pm



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### ABOUT THE CENTERS FOR THE ARTS BONITA SPRINGS:

Founded in 1959, the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs (CFABS) is committed to enriching the lives of the community by providing opportunities for artistic expression, education, and appreciation. **CFABS has two campus locations—each dedicated to the visual or performing arts.**

**The Visual Arts Center, 26100 Old 41 Road**, is a 10-acre, four-building campus, which consists of multiple fine art galleries, fully equipped art studios, a gift shop, an art resource library, beautiful sculpture gardens, and a nature preserve. A variety of classes are offered at this center including painting, drawing, clay, sculpture, glass, mixed media, and more. This center offers unique, year-round art exhibitions and other special events.

**The Performing Arts Center, 10150 Bonita Beach Road**, is a 4-acre, two-building campus, which is home to the 400-seat Hinman Auditorium and Gallery in the Round; the 200-seat Moe Auditorium & Film Center/Dance Studio; fully equipped art studios; and edible garden/teaching kitchen. At this diverse center, patrons can enjoy an ongoing array of live concerts, theatre, comedy, film, lectures, youth and adult dance classes, music lessons, and art classes, as well as multicultural events featuring visual and performing arts from around the world.

**ARTS FOR ALL**—Seeking to serve the educational and cultural needs of the diverse community, CFABS offers year-round programming, plus, three top-rated Art Festivals in January, February, and March, which draw hundreds of remarkable artists from around the world to beautiful, historic Downtown Bonita Springs, Florida.

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