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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## Arts Bonita Unveils Eclectic Lineup of Summer Shows

Featuring Renowned Artists, Local Favorites, and Unforgettable Performances

Performing Arts Center, 10150 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs



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**Bonita Springs, FL—June 23, 2023**—Arts Bonita, the leading performing arts center in the heart of Bonita Springs, is thrilled to announce an exhilarating lineup of summer shows that will captivate audiences of all ages and entertainment tastes. From jazz and Latin rhythms to soulful blues and rock 'n' roll, this eclectic series promises to be a musical journey like no other.

The summer concert series at Arts Bonita will feature an extraordinary array of world-class performers, including renowned artists Loston Harris, Rose Max, Chuck Bergeron, Nanny Assis, Jesse Jones JR, The Blues Beatles, Zachary Bartholomew, and many more. These exceptional talents will grace our stage and deliver unforgettable performances throughout the summer.

Loston Harris, a mesmerizing jazz vocalist and pianist known for his smooth and soulful interpretations of The Great American Songbook, will set the stage ablaze with his remarkable talent and magnetic stage presence on July 29. Rose Max, the enchanting Brazilian vocalist, will transport the audience to the vibrant streets of Rio de Janeiro with her infectious rhythms and expressive voice on August 5.

On August 12, world-renowned bassist and composer Chuck Bergeron will lead an ensemble that effortlessly blends jazz, Latin, and contemporary sounds, creating a captivating fusion of genres. Nanny Assis, the charismatic Brazilian percussionist, guitarist, and vocalist joins us on August 19. Nanny brings his infectious energy and rich musical heritage with a unique blend of samba and jazz.

The sensational jazz saxophonist and vocalist Jesse Jones Jr. performs on August 26. He will showcase his extraordinary range of musical abilities, spanning from scintillating jazz improvisations to soulful R&B melodies. On September 15, the groundbreaking tribute band The Blues Beatles take



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the stage. They will captivate audiences with their innovative interpretations of classic Beatles songs reimagined with the sound and spirit of the blues.

Arts Bonita continues this eclectic surge into October with the exciting addition of The Travelin McCourys, a powerhouse bluegrass ensemble known for their exceptional musicianship and dynamic performances. Also taking the stage in October are Blair Crimmins & The Hookers. This infectious Dixieland and Ragtime band will transport audiences to the lively streets of New Orleans—promising an unforgettable musical experience that will leave a lasting impression on all who attend. Resident artist Zachary Bartholomew, a rising star piano virtuoso, will dazzle audiences throughout the season with his dynamic jazz performances, plus, on October 30, he brings us the classic animated film “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” on the big screen, while he performs the memorable score live!

"We are ecstatic to present this exceptional lineup of summer shows at Arts Bonita," said Alyona Ushe, Executive Director of Arts Bonita. "From jazz to blues, Brazilian rhythms to rock 'n' roll, we have carefully curated a series that celebrates the diversity and beauty of music. We invite everyone to join us for an unforgettable summer filled with extraordinary performances that will inspire and delight."

The eclectic summer shows at Arts Bonita will kick off on July 11, 2023, with the first of the indefinitely extended and highly attended *A Cracker at The Ritz* performances by local favorites Compton & Bennett and will continue throughout the season. Tickets are available for purchase at [artsbonita.org](http://artsbonita.org) or by calling 239-495-8989. Limited seating is available, so early booking is encouraged.

### Arts Bonita Eclectic Summer Lineup:

7/11/23 Compton & Bennett, *A Cracker at the Ritz*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$30

7/21/23 Youth Theatre: *Bulletproof Backpack*, Hinman Auditorium, 7pm, Students \$10, General \$20, Reserved \$25

7/22/23 Youth Theatre: *Bulletproof Backpack*, Hinman Auditorium, 2pm & 7pm, Students \$10, General \$20, Reserved \$25

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7/24/23 Film as Fine Art: *Paprika*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$8

7/25/23 Compton & Bennett, *A Cracker at the Ritz*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$30

7/29/23 Loston Harris, *Jazz / Great American Songbook*, Hinman Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$42 & \$49

8/5/23 Rose Max, *Bossa Nova*, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35

8/7/23 Film as Fine Art: *The City of Lost Children*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$8

8/8/22 Compton & Bennett, *A Cracker at the Ritz*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$30

8/12/23 Chuck Bergeron, *Jazz*, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35

8/19/23 Nanny Assis, *Latin*, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35

8/21/23 Film as Fine Art: *The Mayberry Effect*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$8

8/22/23 Compton & Bennett, *A Cracker at the Ritz*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$30



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- 8/26/31 Jesse Jones JR, Jazz/R&B, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35
- 9/9/23 James "Blood" Ulmer, Blues, Hinman Auditorium, 7:30pm. Tickets \$42 & \$49
- 9/12/23 Compton & Bennett, *A Cracker at the Ritz*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$30
- 9/14/23 Jalen Baker Quartet, Jazz, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35
- 9/15/23 The Blues Beatles, Blues, Hinman Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$42 & \$49
- 9/18/23 Film as Fine Art: *Entertainment*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$8
- 9/23/23 Marlow Rosado, Latin, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35
- 9/26/23 Compton & Bennett, *A Cracker at the Ritz*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$30
- 9/28/23 Zachary Bartholomew, Jazz, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35
- 10/7/23 Seldom Scene, Bluegrass, Hinman Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$42 & \$49
- 10/10/23 Compton & Bennett, *A Cracker at the Ritz*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$30
- 10/13/23 Elsten Torres, Latin, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35
- 10/14/23 Blair Crimmins & The Hookers, Dixieland/Ragtime, Hinman Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$42 & \$49
- 10/16/23 Film as Fine Art: *The Elephant Man*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$8
- 10/21/23 Chicago Transit, Tribute Band, Hinman Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$42 & \$49
- 10/24/23 Compton & Bennett, *A Cracker at the Ritz*, Moe Auditorium, 7pm, Tickets \$30
- 10/26/23 Zachary Bartholomew, Jazz, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35
- 10/28/23 The Travelin McCourys, Bluegrass, Hinman Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$42 & \$49
- 10/29/23 Latin Fusion, Latin / Opera, Moe Auditorium, 7:30pm, Tickets \$35
- 10/30/23 *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*/Zach Bartholomew, Film/Live Music, Moe Aud., 7pm, Tickets \$35

**ABOUT ARTS BONITA (Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs):**

Arts Bonita is committed to the cultural enrichment of the community by providing year-round opportunities for artistic expression, education, and appreciation. There are two Arts Bonita locations dedicated to the visual and performing arts.

**The Visual Arts Center, 26100 Old 41 Road**, is a 10-acre, four-building campus with multiple fine art galleries, fully equipped art studios, a gift shop, beautiful sculpture gardens, and a nature preserve. This center offers various classes, 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, and fully equipped art studios. At this diverse center, patrons can enjoy an



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ongoing array of live concerts, theatre, comedy, film, lectures, youth and adult dance classes, music lessons, and art classes for all ages and skill levels.

**ARTS FOR ALL**—Seeking to serve the educational and cultural needs of the diverse community, Arts Bonita 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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