

# SUNDAY PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS

at The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel

We have planned our performing arts programs to be in-person only.  
Registrants will be advised of changes.

## THEATRE SHOWCASE

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 2-3:30 PM ★ NEW**

**PAF1**

### CHARTING THE LOST CONTINENT—

*Presented by the Sarasota Jewish Theatre*

This exciting, original, thought-provoking, and humorous production, directed by India Paul, is based on poetry by award-winning Sarasota poet Linda Albert. Albert's poetry is a chorus of heartwarming, lusty, outrageous, poignant, introspective, and thoroughly human stories, exploring the thoughts, feelings, and wit of people as they reflect on the seasons of life and the journey that brought them to the present moment. The play and post-performance discussion is not religious or gender specific, but designed to engage everyone as it stimulates memories, reflects on the experience of aging, and illuminates the passage of life. This staged reading is performed by five professional women actors in an hour-long program followed by a discussion with the audience.

## Enjoy These Enchanting Concerts

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 2:30-4:00 PM ★ NEW**

**PAF2**

### SOLID GOLD!

*Joy Leitner, soprano; Baron Garriott, tenor; Lee Dougherty Ross, piano*

Join exceptional vocalists Joy Leitner and Baron Garriott, with AMICCO (Anna Maria Island Concert Chorus and Orchestra) Music Collaborative for a delightful journey through the Golden Age of musicals. This celebration of song will take you from the grand era of musical comedy and romance from the Broadway stage to the Silver Screen from the 1930s through the 1960s, with selections from great musicals of stage and screen such as *Oklahoma*, *Showboat*, *My Fair Lady*, *Carousel*, and much more! The Education Center stage will be ringing with the *Sound of Music*!

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 3-4:15 PM ★ NEW**

**PAF3**

### THE MAN I LOVE—*The Story of George Gershwin*

*Sandra Moulin, storyteller, musician, public speaker*

Sandra Moulin plays the role of Gershwin's muse and tells the story of their ten-year love affair. Performing such favorites as "Bess, You is my Woman," and "The Man I Love," Sandra weaves the most popular Gershwin tunes into this fascinating story of America's iconic songwriter. Come sing along as you step back into the Jazz Age and enjoy the highlights of George Gershwin's life.

**Per Performance: Members \$30 Non-Members \$35**

**Registration is required.**

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## ALL NEW EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENTS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 3-4:30 PM**

**PAF4**

### **NEIL DIAMOND: *Hitman!***

*Susan Benjamin, musical biographer and performer;*

Jay O'Brien, Cantor from Congregation Makom Solel Lakeside in the Chicago area; Robert Hanson, musical director, symphony conductor and composer. With more than 70 songs on Billboard charts, as composer and performer, Neil Diamond is one of the biggest hitmakers of the last 50 years. His songs range from melancholy to exhilarating. How did he become one of the most popular performing artists of the last century? What forces in his personal life created Neil Diamond? Susan Benjamin, musical biographer; Cantor Jay O'Brien; and Music Director Robert Hanson, who brought you the tremendously popular *Hallelujah—Leonard Cohen* program last season, return to share the stories and music of the ultimate hitman—music icon Neil Diamond.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3 2:00-3:30 PM**

**PAF5**

### **A TRIBUTE TO UKRAINE**

*Steve Kramer, classical cellist; piano accompanist (TBA)*

Steve Kramer, award-winning concert cellist, music pedagogue, and entertainer, who has performed in the most prestigious concert halls and venues in the United States and toured and recorded with internationally known musical greats such as Yehudi Menuhin, will perform a classical music concert featuring Jewish composers such as Reinhold Glière, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Leonard Bernstein and more. Steve is making this concert a tribute to Ukraine in honor of his family, all musicians, and artists, for generations, who are immigrants from Kyiv (Kiev), Ukraine. Please join Steve for this significant occasion and dedication to his heritage embellished with engrossing stories about his musical history.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10 7:30-8:30 PM**

**PAF6**

### **WESTCOAST BLACK THEATRE TROUPE—*SIMPLY THE BEST!***

*Nate Jacobs and WBTT Performers*

Nate Jacobs, WBTT founder and artistic director, will bring his troupe members to deliver their intoxicating talents in a concert filled with the smooth harmonies and beautiful melodies from the 70s, featuring singers and groups like Earth, Wind & Fire, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross and many more. Come and see why everyone says, "Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe—the best of the best!"

**Note:** Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe is one of the most popular theatre groups in town with sold-out shows and rave reviews. We are proud and excited to have this group perform for us every season, despite their busy schedule.

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**An opportunity to meet and greet the artists will follow these performances at a complimentary champagne reception.**

**Per Performance: Members \$45 Non-Members \$55**

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