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'West Side Story' to open arts fest

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Jamie Bernstein knows the Festival of the Arts BOCA audience wants to hear her reminisce about growing up with her late famous father, the maestro and composer Leonard Bernstein.

She's been here before.

"I know Boca is my father's core audience," Bernstein said by phone from New York. In fact, she was guest of honor for maestro Aaron Kula's concert version of Bernstein's "On the Town" last June.

This time she'll speak at 7 p.m. March 4 at a festival pre-event in the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center. The re-mastered 1961

movie version of the 1957 musical "West Side Story" with a full orchestra will open the festival at 7:30 p.m. March 6 in the covered and seated Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. Performances and a famous author series runs through March 15.

The movie captured 10 Oscars, after "West Side Story" opened on Broadway in 1957. Bernstein wrote the music with Stephen Sondheim as lyricist, no small feat as it turns out.

"When it comes to 'West Side Story,' people want to know how it was

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Candidates ask for endorsements, funds

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With just a few weeks to go before the March 10 Municipal Election, the three candidates for one seat are racking up endorsements and asking for campaign contributions on their Facebook pages and websites.

Endorsements mean bragging rights for candidates running for Deputy Mayor Constance Scott's seat, vacated for term limits.

"I'm honored to have the support of our local heroes," City Council candidate Jamie Sauer said

on her Facebook page.

In fact, both the city police and firefighters/paramedic unions announced

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FIRE SAFETY Boca Raton firefighters extinguish a simulated house fire during a free Fire Expo on Jan. 31 at the Town Center Mall in Boca Raton. The Boca Raton Fire Expo is a free event full of informative activities for kids and the family. Fire simulations were put on by the department to show the audience just how intense the job can be. STAFF PHOTO/TODD ROLLER

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