



Boca Sweet Home for the Holidays

BOCA RATON, FL – Boca Raton held its annual tree-lighting ceremony at Mizner Amphitheater before Thanksgiving this year, on Nov. 25, with a stage show, games, “snow” and pictures with Santa, but there are still a whole host of holiday activities around town in December. Mark your calendars and don’t miss these other exciting family-oriented festivities:

- **Holiday Mile/Annual Holiday Parade** – Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. (parade from 7:30-9 p.m.) – This year’s parade theme is “Storybook Holiday” and the festivities start with the annual running of the Holiday Mile (hundreds of runners along the parade route) followed by dozens of floats, bands, local dignitaries and heroes (police/firefighters) and much more along Federal Highway from Southeast 7th Street to North Mizner Park Blvd.

- **39th Annual Boat Parade** – Dec. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. along the Intracoastal Waterway – Boats from 10-100-ft. long will light up the waterway for thousands of spectators. The parade begins at the C-15 Canal (Delray Beach/Boca Raton line) and travels south to the Hillsboro Inlet. Public viewing



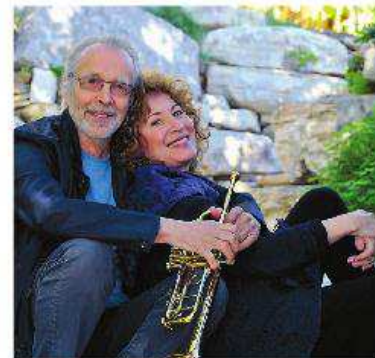
It’s Going to Snow in Boca! “Piles of Smiles Snow Day”

BOCA RATON, FL – Sugar Sand Park Community Center invites families to experience a South Florida rarity...SNOW!

On Saturday, Dec. 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., children ages 4 to 12 will enjoy playing in 25 tons of real snow at the fifth annual “Piles of Smiles Snow Day.” Advance reservations are \$12 (\$15 on the day of the event) and include the snow play, plus wristband access to all the other “cool” winter activities. Reservations can be booked in advance online or at the Willow Theatre Box Office. Space is limited. Adult admission is included with paid child(ren).

This must-do winter event will feature a giant inflatable polar bear slide, bounce house and ride, sock skating rink, obstacle course games, a sweet treat decoration station, Ice Age Excavation activity, holiday themed crafts, music, special character appearances and more. Rides and activities are for children only.

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10th Milestone Season for Festival of the Arts Boca

BOCA RATON, FL – The 10th Annual Festival of the Arts BOCA, presented by the Schmidt Family Centre for the Arts, will have everyone “on their feet,” March 4 – 16, 2016 at the Mizner Park Amphitheater, 500 Plaza Real and Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real (2nd Floor) in Boca Raton.

“The 10th Annual Festival of the Arts BOCA will be our most celebrated and memorable yet,” said Charlie Siemon, Chair and Co-Executive Producer of the Festival of the Arts BOCA. “We are thrilled and humbled to welcome a full line-up of international superstars, thinkers, authors and performers.”

Headlining the Festival of the Arts BOCA will be violin superstar and conductor Joshua Bell, who will be the soloist and conductor in a performance of Vivaldi’s Four Seasons with the Lynn Philharmonia.

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Above: Jazz Trumpet Legend Herb Alpert and Grammy Award Winning Singer Lani Hall

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This season's Festival will open on Friday, March 4, 2016 with the Florida premiere of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, presented with live orchestra. Digitally remastered, the film that gave the world one of its greatest movie heroes, Indiana Jones, is back and better than ever before. John Williams' epic score will be performed live to picture by the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra from the University of Miami's Frost School of Music and conducted by Constantine Kitsopoulos.

Other highlights include jazz trumpet legend Herb Alpert and his wife, Grammy Award winning singer Lari Hall, Cirque de la Symphonie, featuring cirque acts with live orchestra; 12-year old jazz piano phenom Joey Alexander Trio, presenting a night of symphonic jazz with The Symphonia, Boca Raton and Constantine Kitsopoulos; and Mozart's *The Magic Flute* in a new family-friendly, semi-staged 90-minute English translation by Festival Music Director Constantine Kitsopoulos, featuring a star-studded cast of international singers, as well as local students and chorus.

This season's Authors & Ideas program welcomes some of the world's brightest intellectuals. Fareed Zakaria, CNN host, contributing editor at *The Atlantic*, Washington Post columnist and author will talk about *Global Hot Spots and Trends*. The Next Security Crisis, Dr. Robert Sapolsky, a MacArthur "Genius"

Fellow professor of biology and neurology at Stanford University and multiple-award-winning author will present *The Biology of Good and Evil*. Laila Lalami will talk about her travel, *The Moor's Account*, an account of the Spanish exploration of Florida and the Gulf Coast that was a finalist for the 2015 Pulitzer Prize. Lalami is a regular contributor to *The Nation*, *Newsweek* and *The Los Angeles Times*. Dr. Jay M. Winter, former professor of history at Yale University, award-winning author and specialist on World War I will explore its history and impact on the 21st century.

New this season is a free official Festival of the Arts BOGA app, a digital pocket guide featuring GPS directions, schedule of events, ticket purchasing, contests, links to social media channels, videos, sneak previews of upcoming performances and much more. Users will have the ability to enable push notifications for up-to-the-minute schedule changes, emergency information, and traffic updates. To download, visit the app store on your mobile device and search for Festival BOGA.

Festival of the Arts BOGA sponsors include: the Schmidt Family Foundation, the City of Boca Raton & Downtown Boca, Mizner Park Amphitheater, Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, Discover the Palm Beaches Florida, Palm Beach County, Gray Robinson, Public Super Markets Charities, Janice Middlebrook Investments Limited, Boca Raton Regional

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Tickets for the 10th Annual Festival of the Arts BOGA range from \$15 to \$225 per person and are available at www.festivalboca.com or by calling (866) 571-ARTS (866-571-2757). Multi-event and full Festival packages are also available.



Violinist Joshua Bell