

Festival of the Arts Boca announces lineup

Among the performers and authors recently announced as part of the lineup for the 10th annual Festival of the Arts BOCA are: Herb Alpert and his wife; violinist Joshua Bell conducting the Lynn Philharmonia in Vivaldi's "Four Seasons"; a cirque act and "Raiders of the Lost Ark," each with a live orchestra; and CNN's Fared Zakaria.

The festival will take place March 4 through 16 in the Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, and the black box theater in the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real.

Also on the bill are an English translation of Mozart's "The Magic Flute"

and 12-year-old jazz pianist Joey Alexander, who performed at Lincoln Center and the Apollo Theater last year.

Zakaria will speak on global hot spots at the festival's Authors & Ideas series, among other authors and a new addition, Irwin Stovroff, according to Joanna Marie Kaye, festival director. A World War II POW and bombardier, Stovroff started Vets Helping Heroes and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an honorary doctorate by Florida Atlantic University.

Zakaria was already booked in the larger venue when the Paris attacks happened Nov. 13.



DREAM TEAM Herb Alpert and his wife, singer Lani Hall, will perform at the 10th annual Festival of the Arts BOCA, March 4-16. SUBMITTED PHOTO

"We knew he would bring in a big crowd and especially now with what's going on in the

world," Kaye said. "Being here in New York, I have my ear to the ground," said Charles

Letourneau, a veteran arts producer who has worked with the festival for 10 years to book the talent.

A remastered 1981 film "Raiders of the Lost Ark" with the John Williams score will open the festival at 7 p.m. March 4 with the 90-piece Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra at University of Miami's Frost School of Music.

"The film travels, but this is only the second performance" with an orchestra, Letourneau said.

A 90-minute version of "The Magic Flute" in English, in costume and in front of a live orchestra is set for 7:30 p.m. March 5, the festival's first opera, he said.

Jazz great Herb Alpert

and his wife singer Lani Hall will perform at 7 p.m. March 6.

"I heard them at The Carlyle Hotel and he has a new album out," Letourneau said about "Come Fly With Me." "He doesn't do many shows and has a great dialogue with the audience."

Bell will wrap up the festival when he performs and conducts the Lynn Philharmonia with Lynn's University theater impresario Jan McArt narrating at 7 p.m. March 16.

In the author series, Dr. Robert Sapolsky, who wrote "Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers," and is a professor at Stanford

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for later this year. He's been a customer of Experimac in West Palm Beach for years.

"Jim and his sons can solve problems the Apple Geniuses can't or won't," he said. "They're friendly, but professional. They're great guys."

Galvin said he is happy about the Boynton Beach location.

"It's nice to have them close by to spread the Mac good will," he said.

Muir's sons are college educated and his older son, Jimmy, is a pastor at the Family Church in Lake Worth.

The company has sponsored the Race for Faith in Lake Worth at John Prince Park for the past few years.

John, the second-eldest son is purchasing manager for the franchise; the

third son, Joseph, is the general manager; and the youngest, Josh, is the operations manager for the United Franchise Group.

Muir joined the UFG and is franchising his operations. Their first franchise store opened this year in Sandy Springs, Ga. Ray Titus, CEO of UFG, which also franchises Signarama and EmbroidMe, has high expectations for Experimac.

"As a partner with Jim Muir, we believe Experimac will be as highly successful as a franchise, as Jim has been successful for the last five years with his store in West Palm Beach," he said. "He targeted Boynton Beach as his new location and we think it's a great locale."

"We're excited to build and grow and be a part of the community," said Titus, whose parents wintered in Ocean Ridge for

many years.

Since franchising, Experimac has opened 43 stores across the country, with plans for 50 by year's end. Next year, the goal is to open 100 Experimac stores.

According to Muir, Apple is the most valuable company in the world today.

"Anybody can be successful with a bit of effort. Use your head; be careful with your investment, but keep trying," he said. "You never know what's around the next corner."

What does he think is around the next corner?

"Maybe an Apple electric car," Muir said.

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University School of Medicine will talk about "The Biology of Good and Evil."

"He's supposed to be very fun and entertaining," Kaye said.

Laila Lalami, a Pulitzer Prize finalist this year, will speak about her novel, "The Moor's Account." Kaye described the book as "historical fiction based on the first black explorer who came over as a Moroccan slave and what would have been his memoir."

Dr. Jay M. Winter, a professor of history at Yale University, will explore World War I.

"Cynthia Brown [au-



FAREED ZAKARIA

thor series chairwoman] met him on a trip to Normandy this summer and said he was engaging and interesting," Kaye said.

Festival co-chairman, producer and founder Charles Siemon called the 10th anniversary, "a real milestone and a legacy for the future."

"Our plan was to have

a major sponsor by the fifth year and that didn't happen because of the Recession," he said. "We have smaller but significant gifts... and this is an opportunity to celebrate and say thank you and reach back to the people who were key."

The audiences in Boca "are people who come from all over and have a cultured environment and we think that is part of the attraction," he said.

New this season is a free Festival of the Arts BOCA app, according to the festival. Tickets are available at festivalofthe-artsboca.org or by calling 866-571-2787.



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