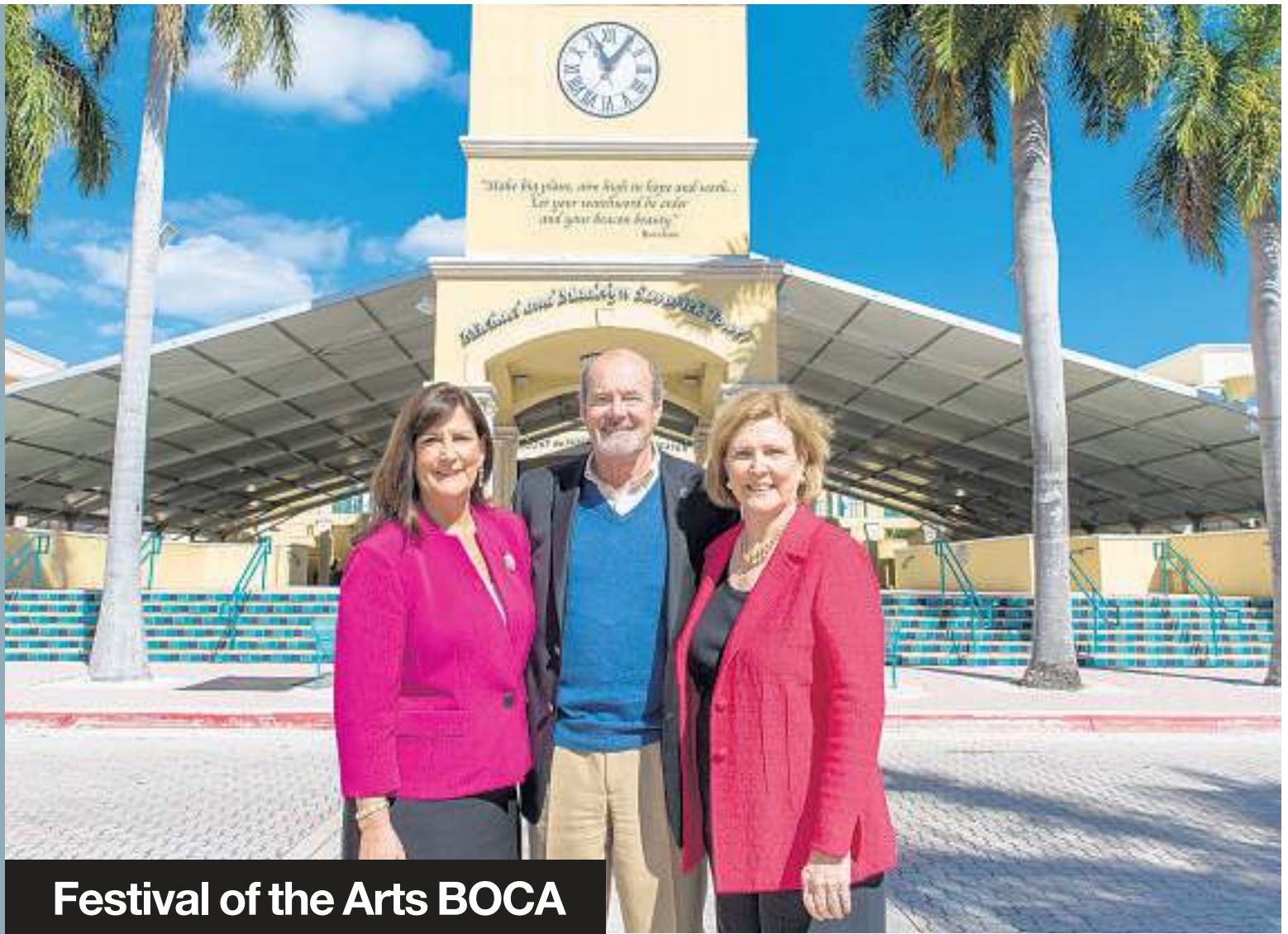


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# Celebrating the arts

## International superstars, performers and thinkers highlight 12-day festival

Music from “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” a 12-year-old musical prodigy and a violin superstar will highlight this year’s “Festival of the Arts BOCA.”

The event runs March 4-16 at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, and Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, 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 event. “We are thrilled and humbled to welcome a full line-up of international superstars, thinkers, authors and performers.”

This season’s festival will open March 4 with the Florida premiere of “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” presented with a live orchestra. Digitally re-mastered, Indiana Jones is back and better than ever. John Williams’ epic score will be performed live by the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra from the University of Miami’s Frost School of Music and conducted by Constantine Kitsopoulos. Concert-goers are invited to participate in a fun Raiders-themed treasure hunt with prize packages at Mizner Park Amphitheater prior to the show.

Headlining the festival 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.

Other highlights include jazz trumpet legend Herb Alpert and his wife, Grammy Award-winning singer Lani Hall; Cirque de la Symphonie; 12-year-old jazz piano phenom Joey Alexander; and Mozart’s “The Magic Flute” in a new family-friendly, semi-staged 90-minute English translation by festival music director Constantine Kistopoulos.

This season’s “Authors & Ideas” program welcomes some of the world’s brightest intellectuals. CNN host Fareed Zakaria will talk about “Global Hot Spots and Trends: The Next Security Crisis.” Dr. Robert Sapolsky, a MacArthur “Genius” Fellow, will present “The Biology of Good and Evil.” Laila Lalami will talk about her novel, “The Moor’s Account.” Dr. Jay M. Winter, an award-winning author and specialist on World War I, will explore its history and impact on the 21st century. Irwin Stovroff, U.S. veteran and founder of Vets Helping Heroes, will present “An Extraordinary Life, Gone to the Dogs.”

New this season is a free official “Festival of the Arts BOCA” 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.

“Festival of the Arts BOCA” is presented by Schmidt Family Centre for the Arts. Sponsors include Schmidt Family Foundation, the City of Boca Raton and Downtown Boca, Mizner Park Amphitheater, Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, Discover the Palm Beaches Florida, Palm Beach County, Gray Robinson, Publix Super Markets Charities, Janice Middlebrook, Investments Limited, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation and Rosemurgy Properties.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$225 per person. Multi-event and full festival packages are also available. Purchase tickets at [www.festivalboca.com](http://www.festivalboca.com) or call 866-571-2787.



Howard Guggenheim, left, Margaret Mary Shuff and Jim A. Ballerano



Per-Olof Loof, left, and Cynthia Brown



Greg M. Gryczan, left, and Cindy Wohlleb

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Donna Richter, left, Alexandra Blye Abrahamy and Donna Robins



Howard Guggenheim, left, Margaret Mary Shuff and Jim A. Ballerano



Cynthia Brown, left, Charlie Siemon and Wendy Larson



City Councilman Jeremy Rodgers, left, Mayor Susan Haynie, Deputy Mayor Robert S. Weinroth and City Councilman Scott Singer