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SCULPTURE AT THE MOUNTS**

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IN THE PALM BEACHES**

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INTERPRETING
CLIMATE CHANGE**



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MUSIC, LITERATURE & FILM FESTIVALS

ENRICH YOUR MIND, EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS, AND ROCK OUT AT THESE ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZAS

Action!

The newly launched Donald M. Ephraim Palm Beach Film Festival will screen more than 50 films at six theaters across the county. There are plenty of opportunities to watch the films, with each playing up to four times as well as a curated selection that will play in a virtual festival following the live version. Attendees are privy to features, documentaries, and shorts in all genres. *January 26 to February 16, theaters throughout Palm Beach County, palmbeachfilmfestival.org*

All Things Entertainment

The high caliber of the participants representing classical music, jazz, art, film, and literature at the Festival of the Arts Boca never ceases to amaze. Itzhak Perlman, Renée Fleming, Edward Albee, Salman Rushdie, and Doris Kearns Goodwin are just a few of the talents who have participated in previous years. For 2023, performances and panels include Disney's classic film *Fantasia* with a live orchestra; *A Night at the Ballet* featuring dancers from the New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, and more; and authors Fran Lebowitz, Lynne Olson, and Charles Fishman. *March 3-12*.



Mitner Park Amphitheater, Boca Raton, festivalboca.org

Page-Turner

The ninth annual Palm Beach Book Festival will bring acclaimed authors to the area. This year the festival, which partners with Florida Atlantic University, will also host a series of one-off events throughout 2023. *March 14, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, palmbeachbookfestival.com*

Come Together

Peace, love, and books could be the mantra of BAM Festival. The nonprofit event brings books and authors into kids' lives through engaging events. Dozens of authors and ar-



ists—representing all backgrounds, experiences, and voices—gather for workshops, Q&As, and panels. BAM also organizes vendors on the 400 block of Clematis Street to provide free entertainment, including live music, arts and crafts, STEM activities, story times, and its "Illustrator Smackdown," where illustrators street paint for the "Crayon Crown." In conjunction, students from Dreyfoos School of the Arts will host an art fair. *April 15, Mandel Public Library and 400 Block of Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, bamuph.org*

Soak Up the Sun

Entertainment runs amok at SunFest. Think three major stages hosting local, national, and international musicians and bands, plus dozens of vendors and food options, party barges, and a waterfront backdrop. It takes a village to bring it all to life, with more than 2,300 volunteers and a combined 27,000 hours of work. *May 4-7, Downtown West Palm Beach, sunfest.com*



THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: APEROL SPRITZ LOUNGE AND CHECKIN-STUFFED PINEAPPLE AT SUNFEST; BOCA FEST; PALM BEACH FINE CRAFT SHOW; THE PALM BEACH SHOW; ARTIGRAS. OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM FAR LEFT: NICOLE HENBY, SERGIO MENDES, AND FRAN LESBOWITZ AT THE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS BOCA; CHILDREN ATTENDEES AT BAM'S ILLUSTRATOR SHACKDOWN; STAGE AND FIREWORKS AT SUNFEST; ATTENDEES AT THE PALM BEACH BOOK FESTIVAL.

Insider Tips & INFO

• ArtGras has an overwhelming amount of affordable art. Saturday is perfect for browsing. See something you like? Go home, measure your walls, and make sure the piece works in the space. Return Sunday to confidently purchase.

• Sibling festivals ArtFeat by the Sea, Downtown Delray Beach, Downtown West Palm Beach, and Boca Fest require the artists to be on-site throughout the weekends. It's an opportunity to speak to the artists and learn about their work.

• Two shows for the price of one! Purchase a ticket to The Palm Beach Show and receive access to the Palm Beach Fine Craft Show taking place the same weekend.

• Stroll the Street Painting Festival at sunset on Sunday to see the completed works.

• \$2 Tuesdays will return to the 2023 South Florida Fair. Visit January 17 or 24, when admission is just \$2 at the gate, kids 10 and younger are free, all food vendors will have a food item for \$2, and most rides are \$2 as well.



• Over the past 16 years, Festival of the Arts Boca has introduced more than 10,000 young people to its artists through educational outreach and master classes. The festival also donates more than 1,000 tickets to students and teachers.

• Navigate SunFest like a pro by downloading the music festival's app. Users can schedule alerts for their must-see bands and have easy access to a map, the schedule, and the lineup. And if you love the bands but dislike the crowds, then the VIP option is the way to go.

• Surprise! MorseLife Health System is behind the launch of the Donald M. Ephraim Palm Beach Film Festival. During the pandemic, the health care and residential services organization worked with Donald Ephraim to create a virtual film festival for its residents. It was such an enriching program, the team decided to offer it to all Palm Beach County residents. †

