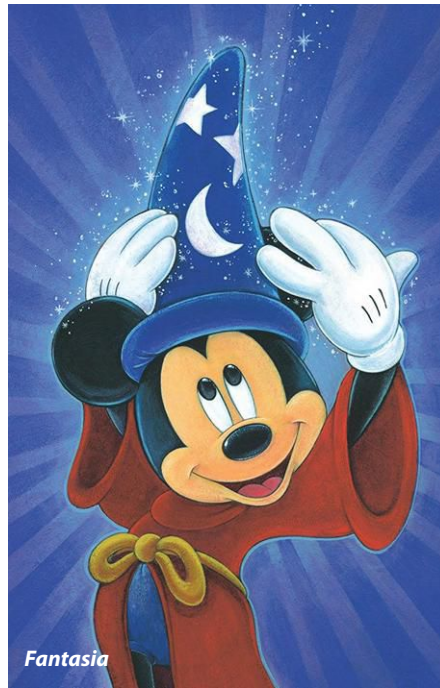




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Fantasia



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Festival of the Arts Boca

A reverie of eclectic events

By Greg Carannante

You're breathing some seriously rarified air if you've been the subject of a Martin Scorsese documentary. Fran Lebowitz has had that distinction twice, in the 2021 Emmy-nominated *Pretend It's a City* and 2010's *Public Speaking*.

Acerbic wit personified — “Success didn't spoil me, I've always been insufferable” — Lebowitz is one of the highlights of next month's Festival of the Arts Boca. Espousing her unique takes on contemporary life, Lebowitz will be interviewed by WLRN anchor and reporter Christine DiMattei on March 8.

The 17th-annual festival opens March 3 with a screening of the Disney classic *Fantasia*, remastered and projected on a giant screen with its classical-hits soundtrack performed live by Festival Orchestra Boca. It closes climactically on March 12 with a concert by Brazilian musical legend Sergio Mendes, whose six-decade career has encompassed three Grammy Awards and 45 albums, the most recent being 2020's *In the Key of Joy*.

In between is an art-lover's reverie of eclectic events, including:

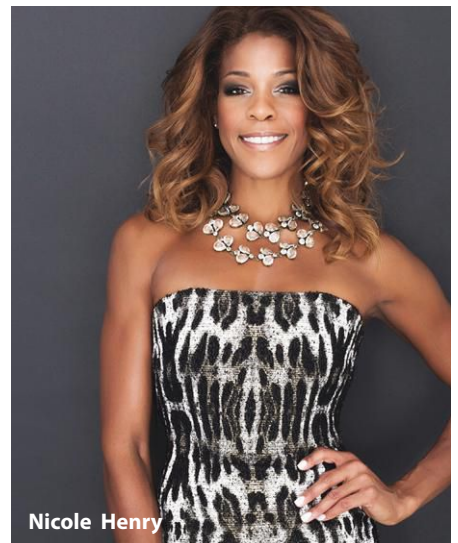
The acclaimed Young People's Chorus of New York City, featuring Broadway rising star Christina Maxwell and the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches (March 4).

“A Night at the Ballet,” including principal dancers from New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theatre performing excerpts from cherished classical ballets and contemporary works set to Rolling Stones songs (March 5).

Esteemed history author Lynne Olson, speaking on “Women in the Resistance in WWII” (March 6).

And the soulful jazz stylings of vocalist and stage artist Nicole Henry, performing selections from her latest album, *Time to Love Again*, accompanied by a seven-piece band (March 10).

All events are at Mizner Park Amphitheater. Tickets are available in a range of prices, from \$10-\$150, depending on the event. For more information, visit festivalboca.org.



Nicole Henry



Sergio Mendes

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