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In today's demanding world, it has become increasingly significant to reflect on activities you deem important. It's time to treat yourself to a night of the ballet, symphony, live theater performance, or rock concert...whatever pleases you culturally! In almost every metropolitan area, enriching attractions are found... have fun soaking up more than Florida's sun!

Those who haven't had the fortuity of experiencing the Opera, there's no better destination. One of the oldest performing arts organizations in the state is the **FLORIDA GRAND OPERA**. Presenting five main-stage productions annually in the Ziff Ballet Opera House at Carnival Center for the Performing Arts in Miami, and at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, the opera takes pride in having featured some of the world's leading singers, including Regina Resnick, Roberta Peters, Joan Sutherland, Luciano Pavarotti, Beverly Sills, Renata Scotto, James Morris, Sherrill Milnes, and Nicolai Gedda.

After performing in chamber-sized repertoire on the grounds of Sarasota's Ringling Museum of Art, the **SARASOTA OPERA** purchased its current home in downtown Sarasota in 1979. Recently the Sarasota Opera House completed a multi-million dollar renovation and restoration, to restore the historic 1926 theater to its original luster, while creating a venue for the 21st century. Decorative details were restored, seating replaced, and the orchestra pit enlarged to allow for an expansion of the repertoire. A backstage system was updated and public areas and amenities expanded and enhanced.

ORLANDO OPERA COMPANY has produced the magic and grandeur of live opera in Central Florida since the company's first performances at the Orlando Municipal Auditorium in 1958. Through the years, the company has built a national reputation for presenting first-class singers and producing vivid theatrical productions. The Orlando Opera performs three main stage (Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre) productions each season and Resident Apprentices perform in one second stage production.

Additional Opera Companies include: Florida State Opera (Tallahassee), Miami Lyric Opera (Miami), Palm Beach Opera Company (Palm Beach).

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achievements in classical and contemporary dance. It is considered one of the few dance companies in the country to perform such richly diverse repertoires, which include works from the worlds leading contemporary and classical choreographers. It is also home to one of Florida's most highly acclaimed dance schools, the Academy of Ballet Florida.

In 2000, world-renowned dancer and director, Vasile Petrutiu, along with "Orlando ballerina" Heather Fryxell (formerly Heather Sanders), created **CENTRAL FLORIDA BALLET**. Mr. Petrutiu had come to Orlando to direct Southern Ballet Theatre (now Orlando Ballet), where Ms. Fryxell was the principal dancer. Their common artistic goals led them to start their own dance organization made up of a school, the Ballet Academy of Central Florida, and a ballet company, Central Florida Ballet. As Central Florida Ballet and the Ballet Academy of Central Florida enter their 7th season, the companies, academy, and programs continue to offer the best in dance performance, instruction, and opportunities to Central Florida residents and to dance lovers world-wide. **Additional Ballet Companies include:** Sarasota Ballet (Sarasota); the Florida Ballet (Jacksonville); Northwest Florida Ballet (Fort Walton Beach); South Florida Ballet Theater (Hollywood); Miami City Ballet (Miami).

For aficionados of the theater, Florida is a leader among Performance Arts Halls. **THE TAMPA BAY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** is located downtown on a picturesque nine-acre site along the east bank of the Hillsborough River. As the largest performing arts complex south of the Kennedy Center, the 335,000-square-foot Center provides an environment for a wide variety of world-class events. It boasts one of the nation's leading Broadway series and is nationally respected for producing grand opera, as well as presenting a wide variety of concerts, performances, and events. The performing arts complex consists of five distinct theaters, a performing arts Conservatory, a rehearsal hall, boutiques, and three on-site restaurants and banquet facilities. The five individual theaters at TBPAC are Carol Morsani Hall (2,610 seats), Ferguson Hall (1,042 seats), the Jaeb Theater (268 seats), the TECO Energy Foundation Theater (250 seats) and the Shimberg Playhouse (130 seats).

THE NAPLES PHILHARMONIC CENTER for the Arts is unique among arts centers in that it features both the performing and visual arts in a single complex and hosts a resident orchestra. In addition to the 1,425-seat main hall and a 200-seat black box theater, the Phil has four museum-quality art galleries,

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which showcase traveling and exclusive exhibitions. Each season, the Phil is host to more than 400 individual events. Although the heaviest season is between October and April, the Center hosts events year-round, including summer children's presentations. The Center also provides programs for groups and schools.

ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE is Florida's premier professional theatre and one of the most important cultural forces in the Southeastern United States, crafting the highest quality productions of classical, contemporary, and newly commissioned work all performed in the rarest form of rotating repertory. With an accomplished resident company, complemented by distinguished guest artists, and the charming ambiance of its turn-of-the-century main-stage theatre, Asolo Rep provides enchantment extraordinaire for visitors to the Sarasota area. The 2008-2009 Season is especially momentous as Asolo Rep celebrates its 50th anniversary. Audiences will enjoy a unique and dynamic theatre experience with a dazzling production of the award-winning musical *Barnum*, followed by nine other productions; including Shakespeare, another musical and a world premier. Under the skillful leadership of Producing Artistic Director Michael Donald Edwards and Managing Director Linda DiGabriele this world-class institution has gained national acclaim, yet remains dedicated to its core mission-Entertain, Engage, and Inspire audiences of all kinds!

Sarasota's **GOLDEN APPLE DINNER THEATRE**, the longest continuously running Equity dinner theatre in the country, has opened its 38th season with the hilarious musical "Goldiggers of 1633," which had its world premiere at the theatre and is being considered for an Off-Broadway production. It will run through November 22, followed by "La Cage aux Folles," "Sugar-The Some Like it Hot Musical," and the immortal "Phantom."
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Come as you are. Leave different. For more than 60 years, the **SARASOTA ORCHESTRA** has been entertaining music lovers from around the region, and visitors from around the world. With Artistic Director Leif Bjaland and President and CEO Joseph McKenna at the helm, the 80-member Orchestra has something for everyone. Performing more than 100 classical, pops and family concerts from September through May, the Orchestra thrives as the oldest continuing symphony in Florida. It is also home to the internationally renowned Sarasota Music Festival, held each June. For more information and tickets visit their Website.
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also on view: **JON DAVIS: Lost Luggage**

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Additional Performing Art Centers Include: Broward Center for the Performing Arts (Fort Lauderdale); Jackie Gleason Theater for the Performing Arts (Miami); Raymond E Kravis Center For The Performing Arts (Palm Beach); Maxwell C. King Center For The Performing Arts (Melbourne); Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall (Fort Myers); Ruth Eckerd Hall at the Richard B. Baumgardner Center for the Performing Arts (Clearwater); Van Wezel Performing Arts (Sarasota); The Bayfront Center/Arena/Mahaffey Theater (St. Petersburg); Dr. Phillips Center For Performing Arts (Orlando).

If you prefer your culture in the form of paint or sculpture, Florida's Museums are the home to one-of-a-kind pieces and highly sought exhibits shown worldwide. Initially built to display the collection of the late Arthur I. Appleton, the **APPLETON MUSEUM**, Ocala, owns more than 16,000 objects ranging from ancient Egyptian artifacts to international contemporary fine art. As an architectural tour de force, the Appleton has been a regional landmark for more than 20 years and offers outstanding exhibits, lectures, films, workshops, tours, concerts, trips, and school-related programs. As one of the largest museum/university complexes in the Nation, The **JOHN AND MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART**, Florida State University, preserves the legacy of John & Mable Ringling, in addition to educating and enabling a large and diverse audience to experience a world-renowned collection of fine art. In addition to its permanent exhibits, the museum is proud to offer the exhibition *To Live Forever: Egyptian Treasures from the Brooklyn Museum*, from Oct. 18/08 through Jan. 11/09. The Brooklyn Museum's collection of ancient Egyptian art is

one of the largest and finest in the United States. As one of the largest private, regional history museums in the country, **MIAMI'S HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA** is recognized for excellence in programming and management by the Florida Department of State and national museum services organizations. The **HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA** tells the stories of South Florida and the Caribbean, while promoting understanding of the past in order to inform the present and create a better quality of life. The **VERO BEACH MUSEUM OF ART** is the largest accredited art facility on Florida's Treasure Coast. Opening in 1986, the Museum remains the most celebrated cultural gem in the region with art exhibitions admired and appreciated by community, state, national, and international visitors. Exhibitions are open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4:30 p.m. Current exhibitions include *GLASS FROM THE ANCIENT WORLD* and *CONTEMPORARY REFLECTIONS: Glass from the Permanent Collection* (\$5 admission) and free exhibitions *JON DAVIS: Lost Luggage* and *BILL VIOLA: The Greeting*, all on view through December 28, 2008.

THE CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART houses the world's most comprehensive collection of the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933) including Tiffany jewelry, pottery, paintings, art glass, leaded-glass windows, lamps, and the chapel interior he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The Museum's holdings include a major collection of American art pottery and representative collections of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century American paintings, graphics, and decorative arts. *

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