



## JANUARY - MARCH 2009

### ONGOING

#### DAILY SUNSETS AT PIER 60

Artisans, street performers, musicians and more perform two hours before sunset and two hours after. Artisans must display their own handcrafted work. [www.sunsetsatpier60.com](http://www.sunsetsatpier60.com). 727-449-1036.

#### THROUGH JAN 4 HOLIDAY GARDEN LIGHTS FLORIDA BOTANICAL GARDENS

Celebrate the season and see how more than 425,000 colorful lights can transform Florida Botanical Gardens into a holiday wonderland. Florida Botanical Gardens will be all decked out in a blanket of glittering holiday lights that showcase the beauty of the Gardens' plants and landscapes. 12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo. [www.fbg.org](http://www.fbg.org). 727-582-2100.

#### THROUGH JAN 25 CHRISTOPHER STILL: COMING HOME GULF COAST MUSEUM OF ART

Tampa Bay native Christopher Still is best known for his fascinating and artful representations of Florida life, history and culture. This retrospective exhibition brings Still back to his roots with a culmination of masterpieces that spans Still's artistic career from a gifted young boy frequenting the studios of the Gulf Coast Art Center in Belleair, to his most recent projects with the Tampa International Airport and Sandpearl Resort. 12211 Walsingham Rd., Largo. [www.gulfcoastmuseum.org](http://www.gulfcoastmuseum.org). 727-518-6833.

#### SATURDAYS WEEKLY THROUGH APR 18 PINELLAS COUNTY MARKET IN THE PARK UF/IFAS PINELLAS COUNTY EXTENSION

9am-1pm. Market in the Park brings together healthy, farm-fresh local produce, delicious gourmet foods, beautiful plants and much more. As a unique touch to the market experience, County Extension experts and Master Gardeners hold educational seminars on gardening, nutrition and cooking during market hours. There is fun for the whole family with many children's activities. Market booths are set up adjacent to the Florida Botanical Gardens. 12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo. <http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu>. 727-733-4215.

### JANUARY

#### JAN 7 MARSHALL TUCKER BAND LARGO CULTURAL CENTER

The Marshall Tucker Band is one of the pioneers of American Southern Rock. Their hits include "Heard it in a Love Song," "Can't You See," and "Fire on the Mountain." 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

#### JAN 8 BRYAN ADAMS RUTH ECKERD HALL

Celebrate the Summer of '69 as you rock out with the classic songs from the multi-platinum, Grammy® Award-winning artist. You won't want to miss hearing Billboard chart-topping hits such as "Straight from the Heart," "Cuts like a Knife," and "(Everything I do) I do it for you." 1111 N McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 9 LINDA EDER RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. Linda Eder possesses the rare ability to take the music of such legends as Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand and make it her own. At home on Broadway (Jekyll & Hyde), she also shines with standards, pop hits and original songs. She is joined by Internet sensation, instrumental composer/performer Willliam Joseph. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 10 PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE RUTH ECKERD HALL

2pm & 8pm. In this Tony® Award-winning musical comedy, six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grownups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. Audience members have an opportunity to participate as on-stage spellers. The New York Times says, "...remarkably ingenious - gold stars all around." 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 10 & 11 DUNEDIN FINE ARTS FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN DUNEDIN

Held outdoors on Main Street in downtown Dunedin, this beautiful area is a perfect setting for a perfect show. The show will feature more than 100 crafters in a variety of mediums. 319 Main St., Dunedin. [www.delightfuldunedin.com](http://www.delightfuldunedin.com). 727-298-3198.

#### JAN 15 THE KINGSTON TRIO LARGO CULTURAL CENTER

7:30pm. Their trademark three-part harmony and clean, crisp sound keeps them touring. Biggest hits include "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "Tom Dooley," and "Goodnight Irene." 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

#### JAN 15 CAROL BURNETT RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. Carol Burnett's abundant talents are legendary. The Carol Burnett Show was the longest running musical comedy variety show in television history and garnered three Emmy® Awards. Carol says, "I love the spontaneity of these evenings. I never know what anybody is going to say or do or ask." Bring your questions and don't miss the opportunity to spend an evening with this American icon. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 16 '70S SOUL JAM RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. Celebrating the sweet and sultry sounds of soul, TV personality/standup comedian Jimmy "JJ" Walker hosts the smooth sound of the Stylistics, Heatwave's cosmopolitan fusion of disco beat with a rich funk groove, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, and The Main Ingredient featuring Cuba Gooding, Sr. Some of the greatest balladeers of the early '70s create an evening of soulful nostalgia. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 16 HIGH OCTANE LARGO CULTURAL CENTER

8 pm. A tribute to Maynard Ferguson. Relive the music of one of Jazz's greatest trumpet players by Grammy®-nominated artist Dan McMillion and his high-energy band. 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

#### JAN 18 CLEARWATER HALFATHON COACHMAN PARK AND ROADWAYS

5am-noon. Watercross International competitive running events and non-competitive fitness events including Half Marathon, one-mile and three-mile fitness walks. 727-347-4440.

#### JAN 18 ROY CLARK RUTH ECKERD HALL

2pm. One of country music's best, Roy Clark shares his favorites and shows us why he has won a Grammy®, "Entertainer of the Year," "Comedy Act of the Year," "Best Country Guitarist," "Picker of the Year," and many other awards. Bob Hope described this 25-year host of Hee Haw and first National Ambassador for UNICEF as a "consummate entertainer." 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 19 GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA RUTH ECKERD HALL

1pm. The perennial favorite returns! Always one of the first shows to sell out, Larry O'Brien and the Glenn Miller Orchestra get everyone swinging with iconic favorites like "In the Mood," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Moonlight Serenade" and more. It's easy to understand why Glenn Miller received a Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award. Show sponsored by Moffitt Cancer Center. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 19 MLK CELEBRATION COACHMAN PARK

Keep the dream alive as Clearwater commemorates the civil right leader's life and dreams at this event that's always a sure source of inspiration. 301 Drew St., Clearwater. 727-562-4804.

#### JAN 20 JOSHUA BELL & JEREMY DENK RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. Classical music superstar Joshua Bell is known for his bold, charismatic artistry, poetic musicality, multifaceted interests and restless curiosity. Sharing this tour is American pianist Jeremy Denk, one of today's most compelling young artists, known for his freshness and rethinking of musical interpretations. This acclaimed duo is an equal partnership of two superb musicians. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 23 THE SAUCE BOSS - BILL WHARTON LARGO CULTURAL CENTER

8pm. Bill Wharton (The Sauce Boss) mixes his own spicy Florida Blues and hot sauce right into the gumbo on stage, and at the end of the show everybody eats for free! The Sauce Boss has cooked gumbo for over 150,000 people around the country. 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

#### JAN 24 LIVE AND LET DIE LARGO CULTURAL CENTER

8pm. A tribute to Paul McCartney and Wings and includes music of the Beatles. 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

#### JAN 24 VERDI'S AIDA RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. Aida explores a love triangle including the Pharaoh's daughter, a captured Ethiopian princess and an Egyptian army commander. When Radamès is condemned to death as a traitor,

Aida must choose between living or dying for her love. The power of this timeless opera classic is enhanced by lavish costumes, elegant sets, strong voices and stirring interpretation. (in Italian with English supertitles). 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 25 THE FOUR FRESHMEN LARGO CULTURAL CENTER

2pm. The Four Freshmen are an American vocal band that pioneered a new style of open-harmony vocals which builds on the barbershop tradition. The quartet accompanies itself on guitar, trumpet, bass, and drums, now in their 60th year of performance. 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com) or 727-587-6700.

#### JAN 27 CHICAGO CITY LIMITS LARGO CULTURAL CENTER

8pm. This dynamic improv group uses audience suggestions to create everything from mini musicals to game shows. This show may contain adult language and issues. 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

#### JAN 29 JOHN LEGEND RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. See five-time Grammy® Award-winning American soul singer belt out hits from his multi-platinum debut album "Get Lifted," his second album, "Once Again," and his latest release, "Evolver." 1111 N McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com) or 727-791-7400.

#### JAN 31 PINELLAS FOLK FESTIVAL HERITAGE VILLAGE

10am-4:30pm. Listen to dozens of the Tampa Bay area's premier folk musicians on traditional folk, gospel, country and bluegrass music on stages throughout the Village; historical demonstrations, food court old-time games, storytelling, traditional craft demonstrations, traditional fiber arts show, "Fleece to Shawl" activities, antique cars and more! Free parking and shuttle to event entrance located on 119th St. between Ulmerton Rd. and Walsingham Rd., Largo. 11909 125th St. N., Largo. [www.pinellascounty.org/Heritage](http://www.pinellascounty.org/Heritage). 727-582-2123.

### FEBRUARY

#### FEB 5 B.B. KING & BUDDY GUY RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. Don't miss the chance to see two of the biggest blues legends in history on the same stage together. Over 60 years, King has released over 50 albums and played over 10,000 concerts. Guy is a five-time Grammy® Award-winning blues and rock guitarist known as an inspiration to the biggest names in the business. This show is a must-see. 1111 N McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com) or 727-791-7400.

#### FEB 6 & 7 FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. With more than 100 million record sales under his belt, Frankie Valli is truly an American pop music icon. Hits like "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," and "Oh, What a Night" earned him a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the title of longevity champ of the rock era from Billboard Magazine. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### FEB 12 & 13 HAIRSPRAY RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. It's 1962, and pleasantly plump Baltimore teen Tracy Turnblad has one desire: to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. In Hairspray, winner of eight Tony Awards®, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. Can she use her newfound power to vanquish the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin and integrate a TV network - all without denting her 'do? The New York Times says, "It's irresistible!" 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### FEB 14 NATALIE COLE RUTH ECKERD HALL

8pm. Eight-time Grammy® Award winner Natalie Cole has enjoyed success singing R&B, traditional pop and jazz during her incredible thirty-year career. Film, TV and an autobiography round out her achievements. Her most recent release (Still Unforgettable) includes another "duet" with the legendary Nat King Cole. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

#### FEB 14 & 15 SAN GENNARO FESTIVAL COACHMAN PARK

Whether you are Italian or simply love Italian food and culture, experience the joy and excitement of an old-fashioned street festival. Enjoy continuous live entertainment, meatball- and cannoli-eating contests, children's activities, grape stomping, bocce, cooking demonstrations and genealogy, topped off with the traditional San Gennaro Procession. 301 Drew St., Clearwater. 727-562-4804.

**FEB 19**  
**THE TEMPTATIONS & FOUR TOPS**  
**RUTH ECKERD HALL**

8pm. The Temptations exude flair, flash and class. Their straight-up soul sound became part of the fabric of American music. While the Beatles and the British invasion were sweeping the U.S., The Four Tops were sweeping England. Two Motown giants hit the stage for one unforgettable night! 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

**FEB 21**  
**JERRY LEWIS**  
**RUTH ECKERD HALL**

8pm. Jerry Lewis' films, TV shows, stage performances, recordings, radio programs, books and personal appearances have entertained people around the globe. This show combines music, comedy, question and answer, and film clips to create a special evening with this acclaimed humanitarian and one of the greatest comedians of our time. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

**FEB 21 & 22**  
**SEA-BLUES FESTIVAL**  
**COACHMAN PARK**

Indulge in the tastiest of Gulf Coast treats such as seafood gumbo, crab cakes, oysters, lobster and blackened grouper while listening to delicious world-class blues from big-name artists such as Marcia Ball, Elvin Bishop and Jonny Lang, just to name a few. 301 Drew St., Clearwater. 727-562-4804.

**FEB 24**  
**"MARDI GRAS ON MAIN STREET" IN DUNEDIN**  
**DOWNTOWN DUNEDIN**

5-11pm. It's Fat Tuesday, so expect to hear cries of Laissez les bon temps roulez! Let the good times roll! There also will be craft vendors and food from area restaurants. The parade begins at 7:30pm and moves along Douglas Avenue, from Beltrees to Monroe. Free. [www.delightfuldunedin.com](http://www.delightfuldunedin.com).

**FEB 28**  
**FLORIDA AFRICAN-AMERICAN**  
**HERITAGE CELEBRATION**  
**HERITAGE VILLAGE**

11am-5:30pm. Enjoy a free family event that highlights African-American culture through live music, dance, storytelling, art and more. Vendors will sell traditional African, African-American and Caribbean art, crafts and cuisine. 11909 125th St. N., Largo. [www.pineellascounty.org/Heritage](http://www.pineellascounty.org/Heritage). 727-582-2123.

## MARCH

**MAR 13 THRU 29**  
**GUYS AND DOLLS**  
**EIGHT O' CLOCK THEATRE**  
**LARGO CULTURAL CENTER**

Winner of the 1951 Tony® Award for "Best Musical," considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, this romantic comedy soars with the spirit of Broadway as it introduces us to a cast of vivid characters. 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

**MAR 19**  
**GEORGE BENSON**  
**RUTH ECKERD HALL**

8pm. Grammy® Award winner, George Benson arrives with An Unforgettable Tribute to Nat King Cole. This legendary jazz guitarist and pop and R&B singer is sure to make this night at Ruth Eckerd Hall truly unforgettable. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

**MAR 21**  
**CAVALLERIA & PAGLIACCI**  
**RUTH ECKERD HALL**

This evening of opera offers a double bill: two one-act tales of love and betrayal. In Cavalleria Rusticana, a young soldier, having seduced a now pregnant peasant girl, tries to take up with his old flame (now married). Jealousy leads to a deadly duel. In I Pagliacci, life imitates art as Canio replicates the vengeful scene he also acts out in a play about jealousy and betrayal. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

**MAR 24**  
**CIRQUE MECHANICS**  
**RUTH ECKERD HALL**

1pm & 7pm. Enter a most unlikely setting for a circus: a factory, where workers are acrobats and machines are circus props. Inventive machines and the extraordinary talent of former members of Cirque du Soleil and other famous circuses transform the mundane into the magnificent with death-defying tricks that are pure magic in this unexpected story of laughter, love, flight and birdhouses. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

**MAR 31**  
**AN EVENING WITH COLIN HAY**  
**OF MEN AT WORK**  
**LARGO CULTURAL CENTER**

7:30pm. Colin is fresh off the road with Ringo's All Starr Band and promoting his highly anticipated CD. "Are You Looking at Me?" His infectious voice is backed by amazing steel string playing, along with his great humor and amazing stories. 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

**MAR 28**  
**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**  
**RUTH ECKERD HALL**

This Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber rock opera masterpiece exploded onto the scene in 1971 with a score of amazing songs: "I Don't Know How to Love Him," "Hosanna," "Everything's Alright," "What's the Buzz," "Superstar" and "Heaven on Their Mind." The original production starring Ted Neeley in the title role and Living Colour's Corey Glover as Judas is as relevant and timeless as ever. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

**MAR 28**  
**THE VELVETEEN RABBIT**  
**LARGO CULTURAL CENTER**

11am & 1pm. This poignant story is about a nursery filled with toys and their dreams of being real. Join the curious rabbit, the wise old Skin Horse and even the rappin' Jack-in-de-box as they sing and dance into your heart. 201 Highland Ave., Largo. [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com). 727-587-6700.

**MAR 30 & 31**  
**DAME EDNA**  
**RUTH ECKERD HALL**

8pm. All will soon be revealed as Dame Edna brings her Farewell Tour to her adoring and loyal Ruth Eckerd Hall audiences. She will display her unique genius with a new and vibrantly stimulating theatrical infrastructure (to use her own vivid phrase), addressing an exciting range of cutting-edge comedy solutions. Witness the touching farewell as Barry Humphries (aka Dame Edna) appears for the first time on stage at the show's conclusion. 1111 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com). 727-791-7400.

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