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Carrollwood Cultural Center To Host Concerts, Performances And Auditions This Spring

The Carrollwood Cultural Center, located at 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa, will soon host the third annual *Strings In The Spring* concert; a performance by Mark the balloon Guy; announces the entertainment for the *Art In The Park* festival; and auditions for a summer musical. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.carrollwoodcenter.org, call 813-269-1310, or visit the Center's Box Office. The Carrollwood Cultural Center is a partnership between Hillsborough County and the Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center.

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Carrollwood Cultural Center Hosts *Strings In The Spring* On March 9

When: Saturday, March 9 at 8 p.m.
Where: Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa
Advanced Tickets: $14/members; $18/non-members; $16/seniors (65+)
Day-of-Show Tickets: $16/members; $20/non-members; $18/seniors (65+)

The third annual *Strings In The Spring* concert will feature Carrollwood resident and pianist Franz Mantini and special guest and violinist Amy Schwartz Moretti. The artists will present a program featuring music by Mozart and Brahms, complimented by selections by less often heard woman composers, Amy Beach and Laura Netzel.

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Carrollwood Cultural Center Presents *The Inflated Tales Of Peter Rabbit* On March 10

When: Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.
Where: Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa
Admission: $6/members; $7/non-members; $24/family four-pack

Join magician and balloon artist Mark, *the Balloon Guy,* Byrne as he performs *The Inflated Tales of Peter Rabbit* at the Carrollwood Cultural Center. Byrne will take audiences through the classic tale of Peter Rabbit using balloon costumes and props to help tell the story. The performance will include comedy, improvisation and audience participation.

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Carrollwood Cultural Center's MAS Community Theatre Holding Auditions For *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* On May 5 & 6

What: Auditions for in-house theatre group, MAS Community Theatre
When: Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m. and Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m.
Where: Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa
Who: Participants must be 16 or older

The Carrollwood Cultural Center's MAS Community Theatre will hold auditions for the comedy *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* on Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m. and Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the

Center located at 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa. Rehearsals will begin Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

Written by Stephen Sondheim, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* is the story about a slave named Pseudolus. In a desperate attempt to win his freedom Pseudolus, attempts to help his young master, Hero, earn the love of a courtesan, Philia. Meanwhile, Pseudolus has to outsmart Hero's parents, the slave-master, Lycus, and the large man that has already paid for Philia, Miles Gloriosus.

The Carrollwood Cultural Center's MAS Community Theatre will produce the show in partnership with Music Theatre International for two weekends: July 12-14 and July 19-21. The show is being directed by Craig Hartfield with musical director Mary Jo Hahn.

For more information regarding auditions for *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, contact Craig Hartfield.

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Carrollwood Cultural Center's *Jazz With Jim* Concert On March 15

What: *Jazz with Jim* monthly concert series
When: Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Advanced Tickets: $12 /members; $16 /non-members; $14 /students
Day of Show Tickets: $14 /members; $18 /non-members; $16 /students
(All ticket prices include one complimentary beverage.)

Jim Burge and the Jazz Directions will present *Jazz with Jim* on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carrollwood Cultural Center. This month's concert theme is *Sambas & Bossa Novas: The Music Of Brazil.*

Jazz with Jim is a monthly concert hosted by local musician and former Hillsborough Community College instructor and Director of Music, Jim Burge. These concerts are best known for fusing the musicians' personal stories with popular jazz tunes suited for that month's theme. Patrons can purchase home-baked goods donated by the Center's volunteers, which completes the intimate ambience.

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Carrollwood Cultural Center's Announces *Arts In The Park* Entertainment On March 16 & 17

What: *Arts In The Park*
Where: Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa
Entertainment Schedule: Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Broadway Bound: 1 p.m.

The Carrollwood Winds: 2 p.m.

The Community Chorus: 3 p.m.

Living Water**:** 4 p.m**.**

Entertainment Schedule: Sunday, March 17 from noon – 5 p.m.

Jazz with Jim: 2 p.m.

Cypress Creek Dixieland Band: 3 p.m.

Sounds of Swing: 4 p.m.

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The Carrollwood Cultural Center will host its annual *Arts in the Park*, a two-day, outdoor art festival commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Center, on Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17. The event will take place in the beautiful oak-shaded park behind the Center, located at 4537 Lowell Road, which will be transformed into a vast outdoor gallery of original artwork.

Entertainment scheduled for the event includes the Carrollwood Cultural Center's youth theatre troupe, Broadway Bound, Carrollwood Winds Concert Band and the Center's Community Chorus. In addition, local musician Jim Burge will perform with the Jazz Directions as well as the Sounds of Swing big band.

The Center will also welcome the Christian a cappella group, Living Water. Also, making their first appearance at the Center is a seven piece Dixieland ensemble from Pasco County, the Cypress Creek Dixieland Band. The band specializes in bringing the sounds of New Orleans to life by playing music from early classical and traditional New Orleans jazz.

Arts in the Park will also include local artists, food vendors, and hands-on activities for children. The event will showcase artists through a range of mediums including watercolors, acrylics, oils, jewelry, sculpture, fiber, photography, printmaking, mixed media, metal, wood, ceramics and more.

Artists or vendors interested in participating in this year's event may contact Paul Berg at 813-269-1310, ext. 2.

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The Carrollwood Cultural Center is a partnership between Hillsborough County and the Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center. The mission of the Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center is to provide cultural and educational programs and events that enhance learning, creativity and a sense of community across groups and generations. The Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center is a 501(c)3 organization. For more information, visit the Carrollwood Cultural Center website at www.carrollwoodcenter.org.

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