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COMIC, MUSIC AND FAMILY HEADLINERS OPEN THE NEW ARTS SEASON AT PARKER PLAYHOUSE IN OCTOBER

FORT LAUDERDALE – Dr. John and the Nite Trippers, Demetri Martin and Sesame Street Live are among the starring acts opening the new arts season in October at Parker Playhouse.

A statewide tradition that highlights the outstanding young women of the Sunshine State, **The Miss Florida Teen USA Pageant** features approximately 60 contestants who compete in the final round of competition with **the preliminary presentation on Saturday, October 3 at 2 p.m. and the final competition on Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m.** More than 20,000 initial applicants have gone through a regional pageant selection process that now culminates in a magical afternoon in which one teen is crowned to represent the state in the Miss Teen USA Pageant to be held in the summer of 2016. Tickets to the preliminary round on October 3 are \$33.40–\$54.60 and tickets to the finals on October 4 are \$54.60 - \$81.10.

Grammy Award–winner and Rock Hall of Fame inductee **Dr. John and The Nite Trippers** perform a career retrospective and a salute to Louis Armstrong on **Wednesday, October 7 at 8 p.m.** Known throughout the world as the embodiment of New Orleans’ musical legacy, Dr. John is a true American musical icon whose colorful career stretches from the 1950s through his recent award as “Best Blues Artist” from Jazz FM. The concert will feature classic Dr. John hits reaching all the way back to his legendary album *Babylon* to songs from his recently acclaimed and *Billboard* chart–topping album, *Ske-Dat-De-Dat: The Spirit of Satch*. Tickets are \$37.50–\$57.50.

For mature audiences only, **The Naked Magic Show** will take the stage on **October 17 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 18 at 8 p.m.** Described as Magic Mike with real magic, this boisterous R-rated magic show strips away the top hats and capes to reveal full-frontal illusions. The naked magicians’ saucy magic is both baffling and entertaining, while bringing new meaning to the phrase “now you see it.” The Naked Magicians are two stars from *Down Under*, Christopher Wayne, the first magician in Australian TV history to have his own TV show, and Mike Tyler, considered one of the best close-up magicians in Australia as well as a mentalist and comedy hypnotist. Tickets are \$33–\$53.

The JM Family Enterprises Smart Stage Matinee Series presents **Click, Clack, Moo** on **Tuesday, October 20 at 10 a.m.** Based on the Caldecott Award-winning picture book by author Doreen Cronin and illustrator Betsy Lewin, this musical about compromise and negotiation is brought to life with oversized props, colorful costumes and lively music. Presented by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts by professional theater companies, the series promotes reading skills and science- and math-related knowledge making challenging concepts accessible to younger learners. Tickets are available for \$7.20 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12 months and under.

AEG Live and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present comedian **Demetri Martin** on **Wednesday, October 28 at 8 p.m.** A master of palindromes and witty one-liners, Martin offers a deadpan delivery of quick and clever jokes along with a seemingly endless supply of consistently funny offbeat musings. This summer, Martin released his latest comedy special *Demetri Martin: Live (At The Time)* on Netflix and his other appearances include a series on Comedy Central entitled *Important Things with Demetri Martin* and guest spots on *Late Night with David Letterman*, *Last Call with Carson Daly* and *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*. Tickets are \$26–\$36.

No matter where you're from or where you've been, everyone is special - so join in! Elmo, Grover, Abby Cadabby, and their *Sesame Street* friends welcome Chamki, Grover's friend from India, to *Sesame Street*. Together, they explore the universal fun of friendship and celebrate cultural similarities, from singing and dancing, to sharing cookies! The Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Vee Corporation present **Sesame Street Live "Make a New Friend"** on **Saturday, October 31 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 a.m., 2 and 5:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, November 3 at 10:30 a.m.** Adults will appreciate the high-tech stagecraft, cleverly written script, and music they'll recognize and enjoy sharing with children, such as "Count Me In," and fun new parodies of "Hot and Cold," and "Moves Like Jagger." Tickets are \$16–\$26 with a limited number of \$36 Gold Circle seats and \$68 Sunny Seats that include premium show seating and a pre-show Meet & Greet with two *Sesame Street Live* friends including Elmo. \$10 lap seats are available for infants 12 months old and younger.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at www.BrowardCenter.org, www.ParkerPlayhouse.com, www.Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Parker Playhouse box office Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Parker Playhouse, located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale, is an affiliated venue of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which provides programming and management of the facility. All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

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