



## Boating and Beach Bash for People with Disabilities

*Thousands to attend 7th annual free, day-long party in Boca Raton*

BOCA RATON, FL – South Florida's annual Boating and Beach Bash for People with Disabilities (<http://boatingbeachbash.com>) will celebrate its 7th anniversary on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Spanish River Park, 3100 North Ocean Blvd., in Boca Raton.

The Boating and Beach Bash is the largest, free fun-day in the nation for people of all ages with physical and/or intellectual challenges and their caregivers. Guests will enjoy a BBQ lunch, boat rides, all-day concert and numerous games and activities, including kite flying, finger painting, wheelchair yoga, dance classes, and much more.



Organized and run solely by volunteers, the Boating and Beach Bash is funded entirely through community donations. Professional rehab teams from area hospitals and universities will be on hand to oversee the event.

"Our mission is to provide the most overlooked sector of our community with a day that is free from prejudice, ridicule and exclusion. We want all of our guests to feel like they are welcome VIP's. Our annual goal is to celebrate diversity, uniqueness and all those things that make everyone special in our eyes," says Boating and Beach Bash Executive Director, Jay Van Vechten.

The Boating and Beach Bash dates back 20 years to when the City of Boca Raton passed a resolution to offer those with disabilities one day of free access to Spanish River Park, each March. The city's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities then stepped up to host a small annual

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## Festival of the Arts Boca



Young People's Chorus. (Photo by Stephanie Berger)

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BOCA RATON, FL – The ninth annual Festival of the Arts Boca promises 10 days of "Beethoven, Broadway, Ballet and Banjos" when it takes over the north and south ends of Mizner Park from March 6 to 15. Events will take place either at the Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, or at the Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real.

"The music program is really diverse, and the 'Authors & Ideas' segment is astounding," said chairman and co-director Charles Siemon. "Throughout this cultural celebration, festival-goers will enjoy a rich line-up of performers as we bring

back artists from years past and welcome some of the greatest intellectual leaders of our time."

One famed performer, flutist Sir James Galway, was part of the first Festival of the Arts Boca program in 2007, and he'll be back with several other top flight musicians for a "Mozart Gala" on Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. He'll be joined by violin protégé Arnaud Sussman and pianist Conrad Tao, who, at age 13, appeared at the 2008 Festival.

The music of Leonard Bernstein will be heard at the beginning and end of the Festival's run. The cultural experience opens March 6, 7:30 p.m., with the screening of the film, West Side Story. The Festival Orchestra Boca will play Leonard Bernstein's score and memorable

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## Reunion Match Connors vs. Krickstein

*A bittersweet farewell tennis exhibition at St. Andrews CC*

BOCA RATON, FL – The February 10, 2015, "reunion match" between tennis greats, Jimmy Connors and Aaron Krickstein, has already made history. All the dynamics, emotions, and pre-match jitters were combined and focused on one day, one time, one place, and two champions at St. Andrews Country Club in Boca Raton, Fla. The pain, disappointment, and strain that kept the two players apart for over two decades completely disappeared. Aaron Krickstein flashed big smiles during media interviews, while Connors reminisced about the 1991 U.S. Open match against his protégé and admitted it was the toughest of his career. The two players exchanged lighthearted quips and barbs during the press conference, with an underlying layer of mutual respect, which was later referred to as a lovefest.

"It is fitting," said Jimmy Connors, "that the last tennis match I will ever play in public is against my toughest opponent, Aaron Krickstein."

The 800-seat stadium at St. Andrews was filled to capacity, with members of the luxury country club rising numerous times to deliver standing ovations. Krickstein prevailed over his former nemesis, winning the 8-game, pro set match, 8-5. The exchange of witty banter and jokes between the players were flying faster than Krickstein's 115 mph serve. Tennis Channel commentator and former No. 5 player in the world,

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Jimmy Connors' famous two-handed backhand

**GREAT GIVE** MAY 5-6  
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### Boca Raton Public Library launches a year of free storytelling events for all ages

The Boca Raton Public Library is pleased to introduce Story Central, a series of free storytelling programs for adults and children. The kick-off event, "Our Stories, Our Selves," will feature a lively performance on the art of storytelling at the Downtown branch on Friday, March 13, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

"Our Stories, Our Selves" features Caren Neile, former chairperson of the National Storytelling Network, who teaches storytelling studies at Florida Atlantic University, and performs and lectures on storytelling worldwide. Dr. Neile will share a variety of personal stories and folktales, as well as discuss the importance of storytelling in every aspect of our lives. "Many people in the U.S. still think storytelling is just for young children at story time," says Dr. Neile. "While that's certainly an important component of it, our programs will display the full range of the art form. Just like theater, film or music, there are different programs and performers for different interests."

Story Central is funded by a generous grant from the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library. "We are very excited about Story Central," says Friends President Cyndi Bloom. "It is an umbrella for a wide range of storytelling events, including performances, workshops, slams and resources. It has it all: entertainment, education and inspiration. And what better place to host storytelling than a library?"

Over the course of the next year, Story Central will be comprised of six performance adult storytelling series; a workshop for parents of toddlers; Story Share, a program for amateur storytellers to share true stories; and a storytelling slam. Registration is now open for the first program in the series, "Our Stories, Our Selves," at <http://ow.ly/jhRel>. The program is recommended for adults and older children, and will be at the Downtown library at 400 NW 2nd Avenue.

### Hundreds turn out for 'Great Doggie Dine-Out'

BOCA RATON – To celebrate "Love Your Dog Week," Kaye Communications invited the public and their pooches to the "Great Doggie Dine-Out and Paws Fest" last month at Sanborn Square downtown.

Hundreds of two-legged and four-legged creatures turned out at the Feb. 21 benefit for Tri County Animal Rescue of Boca Raton. Activities included a parade of Tri County alumni pups and their families, yoga and massages for dogs and their owners, a first-ever Great "Smooch Your Pooch" Challenge and a "Yappy Hour" Singles Mix.

A Gourmet Truck Expo allowed for curbside dining. Also on hand were a Tails & Tales adoption showcase, pet-centric vendors, prizes and entertainment with doggie/best friend dancing and an after-dusk movie-in-the-park pet feature film presentation.

A meet-the-author-and-rescuers and book-signing was held for the newly recently released "Rescuers Who Rescue" pictorial

### Boca Raton Public Library - Spanish River presents a 3D printer program for teens

A new 3D printer, FlashForge Creator Pro, has arrived at the Boca Raton Public Library as part of the Library's increasing focus on technology! Teenagers (ages 12-17) will be the first to try out this new technology during Teen Tech Week. With the theme of "Libraries Are for Making," participants will learn the basic principles of 3D modeling and print a model using the 3D printer at the Library's Spanish River location. This program will span three evenings -- March 9, 10, and 12 -- from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Nationwide during Teen Tech Week, March 8-14, 2015, libraries will showcase all of the digital resources and services they have available to help teens succeed in school, and prepare for college and careers. With this goal in mind, the Boca Raton Public Library is unveiling its brand-new 3D printer to teenagers in the community. Although 3D printing machines have been utilized in industry for nearly 30 years, they are now becoming more widely available for personal use. Libraries have always been known as places of discovery and the advancement of knowledge, so the introduction of 3D technology fits naturally with the Library's mission.

The 3D printer and the Teen Tech Week program are sponsored by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library. "The Library is very grateful to the Friends for embracing and supporting our move into technology training," says Ann Nappa, Library Manager. "Teaching 3D printing skills to our teens helps the Library meet its mission of enriching the community through technology literacy, and helps teens learn STEM skills outside of their classroom experience."

Registration is required and opens on February 27 for this 3-day program located at 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd. Participants must be able to attend all three days of the program. Space is limited, so register early at <http://ow.ly/jgp2S>.

keepsake memoir featuring Tri County rescue pups and felines with Boca's firefighters and pet advocates. The younger set got an opportunity to paint "The Great Community Paws Mural" that is now on display at the entrance to Tri County on Boca Rio Road, visible from Florida's Turnpike.



Ally Babincak, center, of Boca Raton and Caroline Jones of Lighthouse Point help paint "The Great Community Paws Mural" at the "Great Doggie Dine-Out and Paws Fest" Feb. 21 at Sanborn Square. (Photo by Dale King)

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BBQ in the park on this day. For 14 years the BBQ continued, until the event was restricted to those with intellectual challenges living in group homes. Attendance was generally less than 100 people.

In 2008, Van Vechten approached the board with the idea to open up the event to all people with physical and/or intellectual challenges, along with their caregivers and families. He and Shawn Friedkin of Stand Among Friends recruited the support of the mayor and city manager of Boca Raton to expand the event into a full-day of activities and fun. The Boating and Beach Bash for People with Disabilities was born.

Since then, the annual event has grown in scope and attendance, from 350 guests to nearly 6,000 attendees in its 5th year. In 2009, a handful of private yachts were donated, providing attendees with free rides on the Intracoastal. Now, there are about two dozen yachts donated each year.

Today, the event is made possible through the generosity of hundreds of volunteers. From dawn to dusk, nearly 500 volunteers support the Boating and Beach Bash, including the Miami Dolphins,

the Junior Navy ROTC Cadets from Boca High, FAU fraternities, church and synagogue groups, and the Junior League, among many other individuals, organizations, and associations.

The Boating and Beach Bash depends solely on the generosity of supporters, including members of Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, McDonald's, Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, Public Office Depot Foundation, the Schmidt Family Foundation, the Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation, the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Foundation, the US Coast Guard, Unicorn Children's Foundation, students from all area schools and colleges, and dozens of other local businesses, individuals and foundations.

For more information on Boca Raton's Boating and Beach Bash for People with Disabilities go to <http://boatingbeachbash.com> or follow the event on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/boatingbeachbash>. To volunteer, sponsor or make a donation to the event, contact Jay Van Vechten at (561) 715-2622 or at [jay@boatingbeachbash.com](mailto:jay@boatingbeachbash.com). Or at PO Box 99, Boca Raton, FL 33429

## Beatles tribute band to headline the 15th Annual Pap Corps Walkathon

The music of the Beatles will rock The Pap Corps Walkathon, creating a fun-filled 1960s theme for the 15th annual event. Members from all 52 chapters, as well as the entire community, are invited to Come Together to Beat Cancer on Saturday, March 14th. The event will take place at 8:30 am at FAU's Boca Raton campus. Walkathon registration, including a t-shirt, is only \$20. To walk, donate or support friends visit [www.thepapcorps.org](http://www.thepapcorps.org).

Attendees will celebrate the Flower Power generation by wearing psychedelic inspired t-shirts, singing along with the Orlando-based Nowhere Band (a Beatles tribute band) and taking photos with the University of Miami mascot. There will also be meet-n-greets with leading cancer doctors including Dr. Charles Vogel, Dr. Brian Slomovitz and Dr. Ronan Swords, who is the first recipient of The Pap Corps Endowed Professorship in Leukemia.

"Come Together is not only a classic Beatles song, it's the message we want to send to the community," said Beverly Berkowitz, Co-VP of Fundraising. "We can beat cancer if we work together to help support research."

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songs with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim live while the newly re-mastered movie is shown in high definition on the big screen with the original vocals and dialogue intact.

That isn't all. "The Festival will close with a spectacular concert featuring the Young People's Chorus of New York in Beethoven's immortal Ninth Symphony," said Siemon. During the performance, the young music students will sing "Somewhere" from West Side Story.

In a special pre-Festival event March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center, Jamie Bernstein, one of Leonard Bernstein's two daughters, will offer a lecture: "In Conversation with Jamie Bernstein - West Side Story and Her Father's Legacy."

Siemon said those attending the festival will discover a stellar array of talented performers, authors, dancers and musicians. Banjoists Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn, his wife, will bring their special brand of tunes to the Amphitheater stage March 7 at 7:30 p.m. Fleck is a 10-time Grammy Award winner and has been nominated in more categories than any other musician in Grammy history.

The Stars of International Ballet featuring principal dancer and choreographer Guillaume Côté from the National Ballet of Canada & Friends will take to the stage Sunday, March 8



From left, Kay Ranz, Joyce Brett, Beverly Berkowitz and JoAnne Goldberg

"This Walkathon is for members, family, friends and anyone who supports cancer research. It is the perfect event for anyone who wants to enjoy a morning of classic Beatles music, food, fun and more," said Joyce Brett, Co-VP of Fundraising.

The Walkathon is the biggest fundraising event for The Pap Corps, Champions of Cancer Research. Since its inception, The Corps has donated over \$50 million dollars for research to Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine for research on all types of cancer.

at 7 p.m. Performers will also be on hand from the American Ballet Theater, Boston Ballet, National Ballet and Washington Ballet.

"The 'Authors & Ideas' program brings some of the world's greatest minds, with six Pulitzer Prizes winners among them, to South Florida," Siemon said. Also on tap is what he calls "a thought-provoking documentary film, 'Girl Rising,' by Academy Award-nominated Richard E. Robbins. The piece journeys around the globe to witness the strength of human spirit and power of education to compel change."

"The film features nine girls living in the developing world - ordinary girls who confront tremendous challenges and overcome numerous odds to pursue their dreams," said Siemon. Prize-winning authors put the girls' stories into words, and renowned actors give their voice.

A half-dozen authors and journalists bring their own stories to the festival. Among them are Richard Ford, a contemporary American author; Clive Thompson, a renowned technology expert and writer for the New York Times Magazine and columnist for Wired and Michael Grunwald, best-selling author, senior staff writer for POLITICO magazine, editor-at-large for The Agenda magazine, and contributor to Time magazine. He will talk about "Saving Paradise" (the Florida Everglades).

### The schedule of events includes:

#### Wednesday, March 4 - 7 p.m.

Jamie Bernstein  
Narrator, writer and broadcaster  
Cultural Arts Center

#### Friday, March 6th - 7:30 p.m.

Concert and Film: West Side Story  
Film with Orchestra, Festival Orchestra  
BOCA, Joyce Ogren, conductor  
Amphitheater

#### Saturday, March 7 - 3 p.m.

Girl Rising (documentary film)  
Cultural Arts Center

#### Saturday, March 7 - 7:30 p.m.

Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn, banjoists  
Amphitheater

#### Sunday, March 8 - 4 p.m.

Richard Ford  
Pulitzer Prize-winning author  
"Let Me Be Frank with You"  
Cultural Arts Center

#### Sunday, March 8 - 7 p.m.

Stars of International Ballet  
Amphitheater

#### Monday, March 9 - 7 p.m.

Siddhartha Mukherjee  
Physician, researcher & Pulitzer Prize winning author  
"The Cancer Puzzle"  
Cultural Arts Center

#### Tuesday, March 10 - 7 p.m.

Clive Thompson  
Author, journalist & technology expert  
"Smarter than You Think: How Technology is Changing Our Minds for the Better"  
Amphitheater

#### Wednesday, March 11 - 7 p.m.

Thomas Friedman  
Journalist & Pulitzer Prize-winning author  
"That Used to Be Us"  
Amphitheater

#### Thursday, March 12 - 7 p.m.

Michael Grunwald  
Award winning journalist & author  
"Saving Paradise"  
Cultural Arts Center

#### Saturday, March 13 - 4 p.m.

Lucinda Franks  
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist & author  
"Love & Politics"  
Cultural Arts Center

#### Sunday, March 15 - 4 p.m.

Martin Goldsmith  
Broadcaster & author  
Cultural Arts Center

#### Friday, March 13 - 7:30 p.m.

Mozart Gola  
Flute, piano, violin & orchestra  
James Galway, Conrad Tao & Arnaud Sussmann  
with Festival Orchestra Boca, Constantine Kitsopoulos, conductor.  
Amphitheater

#### Saturday, March 14 - 7:30 p.m.

Young People's Chorus of New York City and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony With Master Choral of South Florida & Festival Orchestra Boca, Constantine Kitsopoulos, conductor.  
Amphitheater

Tickets range from \$15 to \$125 per person and are available at [www.festivalboca.com](http://www.festivalboca.com) or by calling (866) 571-ARTS (866-571-2787). The All-Authors pass is \$152 per person or \$244 per person for premium seating.