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October 3 & 4, 2013
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Steve Lippia’s “Simply Swingin’ with Sinatra & Friends”
October 3 & 4, 2013
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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! STEVE LIPPIA is making his second appearance in Aiken after wowing audiences in two sold-out performances of “Simply Sinatra” in 2009. His current show, “Simply Swingin’ with Sinatra and Friends” features Steve singing songs made famous by Bobby Darin, Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett, Vic Damone, Sammy Davis, Jr., Elton John and Billy Joel. You will be captivated and mesmerized as Steve performs such great hits as Beyond the Sea, Unforgettable, Mack the Knife, Almost Like Being in Love, On the Street Where You Live, What Kind of Fool am I, Just in Time, The Good Life, as well as some all-time Sinatra favorites. He will be accompanied by his sensational 10-piece big band.

Steve is one of the most prominent, in-demand vocalists in the nation who has established his place among the finest interpreters of “standards” and traditional pop music. His youthful, energetic talent and powerful show create a perfect blend of “classic” with “today.”

In addition to headlining highly successful, extended engagements at hotels and casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, Steve has performed to sold-out symphony audiences across North America, including the Boulder Philharmonic, Cleveland Pops, Palm Beach Pops, The Philly Pops, and numerous symphonies in Canada. Symphony appearances planned for the 2013-14 season include the Boston Pops, Boston Philharmonic, North Charleston Pops and Symphony Silicon Valley.

Steve has headlined to sold-out crowds at the legendary “Birdland Jazz Club” in New York City, backed by the Nelson Riddle and Woody Herman Orchestras, and has appeared in a highly successful “European Jazz Festival.” He has three outstanding CDs.

Don’t miss the chance to welcome Steve Lippia back to Aiken and treat yourself to an evening of outstanding music!
Beautiful, soaring Broadway favorites balanced with lively and heart-tugging Irish melodies and humor – this is “Galway to Broadway--Ciarán Sheehan & Friends.”

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Ciarán grew up on both sides of the Atlantic dividing time between Dublin and New York. He made his Broadway debut in Les Misérables, and shortly thereafter was cast as Raoul in The Phantom of the Opera. After a year of playing Raoul on Broadway, Ciarán moved into the coveted role of The Phantom and sang that role in over 1,000 performances.

In “Galway to Broadway” Ciarán shares the stage with three of his “Friends.” Sarah Pfisterer, who has played Christine in The Phantom of the Opera for over 1,000 performances across the country, will join Ciarán for a number of memorable duets - their Music of the Night is breathtaking.

Bringing us back to his Irish roots, Ciarán will be joined by Heather Martin Bixler, an award-winning violinist who has taught and performed Irish music throughout the United States, Canada, and Ireland. She will accompany Ciarán on such memorable Irish favorites as Danny Boy. Ciarán’s third friend is Gabriel Donohue, an Irish born musician, singer and songwriter who most often performs on guitar and piano but also plays an array of instruments from bouzouki/mandolin to Irish and exotic percussion. Gabriel also provides a great deal of Irish humor and leaves the audience holding their sides with laughter.

Don’t miss this lovely evening of Broadway and Irish music and mirth!
VIDA Guitar Quartet
February 6 & 7, 2014
URS Theater - 7:30 p.m.

THE VIDA GUITAR QUARTET brings together four internationally renowned guitarists of exceptional artistry who share a passion for their music. -- Mark Ashford, Mark Eden, Helen Sanderson and Chris Stell. Since their debut at the World Youth Guitar Festival in 2007, the Quartet has rapidly gained a reputation as the most dynamic guitar ensemble in the United Kingdom. VIDA GQ made their USA debut in 2011 at the International Guitar Festival in Los Angeles, and more recently were artists-in-residence for California State University’s “Summer Arts” program in Monterey in July 2012.

Love, the Magician – their debut CD– has received rave press reviews since its release in 2009 ...e.g. “VIDA Guitar Quartet’s debut recording is impressive indeed. Why? Because it’s so easy to imagine you’re listening to an entire orchestra and not merely to four guitars. Throughout, the Quartet succeeds in bringing out the narrative and dramatic qualities implicit in the music through a combination of exquisite tonal and dynamic control, super-tight ensemble and unerring musical instinct. There’s only one word for it: magic”. Gramophone

The members of VIDA conjure up an orchestral palette of color and effects from four regular classical models. Sticking to tried-and-tested guitar transcription material, they play with technical brilliance and precise ensemble. They clearly demonstrate their musical maturity and mastery of the medium. They sparkle with vitality and spontaneity, weaving a rich tapestry of color and breathtaking range of dynamics and percussive effects that will hold you spellbound.

Not only is VIDA GQ a group of outstanding musicians, they are also highly entertaining, using humor throughout the performance to relate to the audience and to one another.

Do not miss this magical evening of music and mirth!

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THE WATER COOLERS -- Once called a cross between The Office, The Capitol Steps, and Modern Family, The Water Coolers is a singing comedy act that uses top NY talent to answer the question “does this stuff happen to anyone else?” The combination of life and work can get crazy, but with the right perspective both can be hilarious. That’s what the cast of The Water Coolers do--the hilarious part, with great singing. This award-winning musical comedy is a funny, smart, authentic take on work and life, full of original songs, sketch comedy and pop parodies.

The Water Coolers is a “laugh-out-loud” show about the things we share around the water coolers of America every day – life, work, kids, husbands, wives, travel, technology – and trying to balance it all. Whether you are currently working or are happily retired you will be able to relate to the humor of the Water Coolers. From pretending to understand what the IT guy is saying (“when in doubt, just reboot the computer”) to having a second job as a gift wrap salesperson (“Who Will Buy This Crap For My Kid’s School?”) to trying to figure out exactly what that one guy does all day (“The Great Pretender”).

The Water Coolers cast features seasoned performers whose credits include the Broadway or Broadway touring productions of Rock of Ages, Wicked, The Lion King, The Drowsy Chaperone, Spamalot, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Fiddler On The Roof, Saturday Night Fever, and many more as well as at top comedy clubs around the country.

Don’t miss this hilarious evening of music and mirth!

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Jeanne Robertson has been called “the funniest woman in America.” She loves to appear before live audiences to share her special brand of personal humor. Her message is, “When I’m appearing near you, do come and bring all of your ‘bestest’ friends!” Jeanne refers to herself as “A Tall Speaker with a Tall Sense of Humor,” regaling audiences with her experiences as a 6’2” Miss Congeniality winner in the Miss America Pageant and poking light-hearted fun at her husband, “Left Brain.” Her popular YouTube channel has received 16,000,000 viewings of snippets from her funniest routines, all created with material from her own life experiences. Don’t miss the opportunity to see this remarkable personality on stage at the Etherredge Center.

Whirlwind American tours and performances across the globe have earned pianist Alpin Hong the reputation as a modern day Pied Piper. His combination of stunning technique, emotional range, and rare humor continues to bring audiences young and old to their feet.

Rooted in extensive classical training (he has a Master’s degree from The Juilliard School) and a background in skateboarding, snowboarding, martial arts, and video games, Mr. Hong is a creative force unmatched in his youthful vivacity and boundless energy. His astonishing ability to connect to people of all ages, experiences, and backgrounds distinguishes him and shapes his evolving performance style. He has been called “Classical for the iPod generation.” In the world of classical music, Alpin Hong is considered a rock star.

Don’t miss this outstanding young pianist in an evening of spectacular music!
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