March Madness: Twelve "Do Not Miss!" events at the Zeiterion

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presents 12 events, movies and performances throughout the month of March. The slate of programming kicks off with nationally known comic Judy Gold on Thursday, March 1, and it includes several free events, including Dance Barre on March 7, The Wizard of Oz as part of Mayor Mitchell's Movie Series on March 10 and the American Band concert on March 18. Tickets can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at www.zeiterion.org, or at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

The line-up of programming in March is as follows:

Thursday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

Judy Gold, Stage Door Live

Tickets: \$25

Comedian/Actor/Writer/Host/Big Mouth Judy Gold has an extensive resume that includes appearances on some of the funniest television (The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, Inside Amy Schumer, Difficult People, 30 Rock, among others) and stand-up specials on HBO and Comedy Central. These credentials just scratch the surface of Judy's hilarious work. A night of stellar stand-up from one of comedy's brightest stars in New Bedford.

Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.

Dance Barre, "A Ballerina's Life: Blood, Sweat & Tutus" Free and open to the public.

Like a book group for dance! This installment of Dance Barre prepares attendees for Moscow Festival Ballet's performance of "Sleeping Beauty" on March 23. Russian trained ballerina Katie

Moorhead takes us behind the ballet curtain on what it's like to be a professional ballerina, outlining the payoffs and sacrifices.

Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Candace Dalton, Stage Door Live

Tickets: \$39

Candace Dalton is a medium whose precise validations have comforted thousands. The 26-year-old Bostonian is passionate about helping the living connect with the 'Other Side,' and she will communicate with deceased loved ones attempting to reach audience members live on the Zeiterion stage.

Saturday, March 10, 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Mitchell's Movie Series: The Wizard of Oz

Tickets: Free. Tickets and RSVP not needed.

The next installment of Mayor Mitchell's Movie Series is widely considered to be one of the greatest films in cinema history. The Wizard of Oz follows Dorothy (Judy Garland) and her dog Toto as they are whisked away to the magical land of Oz. They embark on a journey to the Yellow Brick Road to meet the Wizard, and en route, they meet a Scarecrow that needs a brain, a Tin Man missing a heart, and a Cowardly Lion who wants courage. Relive the magic of this classic movie, full of memorable characters and songs!

Sunday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Tickets: \$25 / \$32 / \$38/ \$48

This incredible ensemble has warmed the hearts of audiences worldwide for more than 50 years, winning their fifth GRAMMY in 2018! With joyous and uplifting musical voices in a cappella style, Ladysmith Black Mambazo combine the complex rhythms and harmonies of their Zulu traditions to the sounds and sentiments of gospel music. They have recorded with stellar artists from around the world, including Stevie

Wonder, Dolly Parton, Josh Groban, Melissa Etheridge and Paul Simon, who said, "It isn't merely the grace and power of their dancing or the beauty of their singing that rivets the attention, but the sheer joy and love that emanates from their being."

Friday, March 16, 8:00 p.m.

WGBH presents St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn

Tickets: \$25 / \$32 / \$38 / \$45

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in true Irish style! After more than 30 years of captivating audiences with Irish music and culture on the radio program A Celtic Sojourn, Brian O'Donovan brings traditional instrumentalists, dancers and singers to the stage to honor the beloved Emerald Isle. Irish or not, the infectious sounds and colorful history of Ireland will quicken the heart and imagination of all! More information at wgbh.org/celtic

Sunday, March 18, 2:00 p.m.

American Band

Tickets: Free

Strike up the band! As one of the nation's oldest adult community concert bands, The American Band has enriched cultural life of Southern New England for nearly 200 years. The group of 60 musicians maintain the early traditions of concert bands in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, delighting audiences that span generations. Limit two tickets per order, and available in person only.

Friday, March 23, 8:00 p.m.

Moscow Festival Ballet's "Sleeping Beauty"

Tickets: \$27 / \$32 / \$39 / \$47

Moscow Festival Ballet returns for an enthralling presentation of "Sleeping Beauty," a crowning jewel of Marius Petipa's career, often considered the finest achievement of the Classical ballet. Sergei Radchenko's troupe brings together

the highest classical elements of the great Bolshoi and Kirov Ballet companies in the structure of Russian classic ballet. The whole family will be entranced by the grandiose presentation of the timeless tale in a lavish theatrical stage set to Tchaikovsky's beautiful musical score.

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 p.m.

The Oak Ridge Boys

Tickets: \$39/ \$49 / \$59

Few country music groups have had the enduring popularity, cultural significance or crossover success of The Oak Ridge Boys, a vocal harmony quartet that started out in traditional country and gospel. They've helped popularize and modernize Country Music far beyond traditional genre and regional lines. Their string of hits includes the Country-Pop chart-topper "Elvira," among many others, and their upbeat songs have earned them GRAMMY, CMA and ACM awards and a host of other industry and fan accolades.

Sunday, March 25, 11:00 a.m.

Charlotte's Web

Tickets: \$10 / \$13

Theatreworks USA brings E.B. White's classic to life on stage! Charlotte's Web is the beloved story of the friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a spider named Charlotte. To help her dear friend Wilbur, Charlotte fools Farmer Zuckerman by weaving miraculous messages in her web. This treasured tale, featuring memorable and endearing farm animals, explores bravery, selfless love, and the true meaning of friendship in an enchanting musical for audiences of all ages.

Sunday, March 25, 8:00 p.m.

Birdman Live with Antonio Sanchez

Tickets: \$25 / \$32 / \$39

Experience the celebrated movie Birdman: Or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) with a live soundtrack from composer and

renowned drummer Antonio Sanchez! He performs his GRAMMY® Award-winning score live on The Z stage while the stunning 2015 Oscar® winner for Best Picture unfolds on screen. Michael Keaton plays a washed-up action star trying to reinvent his career in a continuous sequence of events, with Sanchez's drums supplying the energy and drive that underlines the emotional weight of the story. As one of the most accomplished drummers who performs regularly with a jaw-dropping list of greats, Sanchez is the heartbeat of the film in an absolutely gripping performance.

Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents Movie Night Pops Concert

Tickets: \$30 / \$45 / \$55 / \$65

Relive the magic of the movies at NBSO's Movie Night pops concert! Yaniv Dinur conducts an exciting evening of memorable music from these popular films: James Bond, Cinema Paradiso, Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast, Lord of the Rings, Back to the Future, Superman, Schindler's List, Psycho, Vertigo, La La Land, The Godfather, and Star Wars.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org, by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and two hours before each performance.