

Zeiterion springs into April with 13 musical, comical and theatrical performances throughout the month

April brings a baker's dozen performances to the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center for an array of interests, from legends to laughter, tunes to theater. The slate of 13 shows begins with the Tony® Award-winning Million Dollar Quartet on April 4 and commences with the family-friendly Pinkalicious on April 29. Tickets can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at Zeiterion.org, or at the Zeiterion Box Office. Group sales are available for select shows for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 508-997-5664 x123.

The roll-out of shows in April is as follows:

Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Million Dollar Quartet

Tickets: \$39, \$45, \$55, \$65

Relive one epic night of rock 'n' roll with Million Dollar Quartet. The Tony® Award-winning smash hit is the exhilarating true story of the famed on-the-fly recording session that brought together icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for one night only. This musical production includes smash-hits, such as "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "Walk the Line," "Sixteen Tons," "Who Do You Love?," "Great Balls of Fire," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Hound Dog" and many more. Be there when the famous evening at Sun Records on December 4, 1956, comes to life for a rockin' night of music!

Thursday, April 5, 8:00 p.m.

Boston Comedy Jam with Lenny Clarke, Steve Sweeney, Christine Hurley and Sal Votano

Tickets: \$20, \$25, \$29

Four Boston-based comedians, one epic night of comedy! Legendary comics Lenny Clarke (Rescue Me, Are You There Chelsea?) and Steve Sweeney (Me, Myself & Irene, There's Something About Mary) are nationally recognized for their renowned stand-up, as well as hilarious appearances in movies and television. They each take center stage with comedy juggernauts Christine Hurley, known as "Queen of Boston Comedy," and Sal Votano who have kept the city in stitches with their comical and relatable takes on marriage and life in Massachusetts. Treat yourself to an absolutely entertaining evening filled with non-stop laughter!

Friday, April 6, 8:00 p.m.

Black Violin

Tickets: \$22, \$29, \$35

Hip hop meets strings in a groundbreaking collaboration between Wil Baptiste and Kevin "Kev Marcus" Sylvester, known together as Black Violin. The classically-trained duo return to The Z with their incredible band and signature blend of hip-hop, rock, R&B, classical, and bluegrass music that has struck a chord with audiences around the world. Traditional and contemporary enthusiasts will be astounded by the genre-bending music that proves violins can be cool.

Saturday, April 7, 8:00 p.m.

Ana Moura

Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$45, \$55

Ana Moura possesses a sound unlike any other in fado, and we are thrilled to welcome her back to The Z! Her voice strolls freely through the Portuguese tradition, flirting elegantly with pop and broadening the soul-bearing genre to stunning results. Her stage presence captured the attention of Caetano Veloso, Mick Jagger, and Prince, which resulted in inspired crossover collaborations and performances with these musical

giants in rock, pop, and jazz. Join us for a beautiful evening of fado, from an exquisite vocalist who embodies the spirit of the iconic fadista.

Sunday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

One Night of Queen Performed by Gary Mullen and The Works

Tickets: \$29.50, \$35.50, \$42.50

One Night of Queen returns to rock The Z once more! The tribute to the legendary rock group is helmed by Gary Mullen, who exhibits the sound, look and showmanship of the beloved and talented Freddie Mercury. Experience Queen's incredible sound, including all their classics, like "We Will Rock You," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Somebody to Love," and so many more. Don't miss the homage that sells out time and time again!

Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.

The Things They Carried

Tickets: \$25, General Admission

Location: NB Whaling Museum Theater

A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. It follows the men of Alpha Company and the character Tim O'Brien, who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at age 43. With original cello music as underscoring, the audience lays witness to the complex issues of war and the universal struggle of the soldier. The solo dramatic performance presents a blurred line between truth and reality, fact and fiction for an unforgettable and thought-provoking journey. Pre-show discussion with author/professor Dr. Bob Meagher on the unique experience of Vietnam veterans at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12, 8:00 p.m.

Jake Shimabukuro

Tickets: \$29, \$35, \$39, \$45

Jake Shimabukuro has elevated the ukulele from a beloved Hawaiian folk instrument to a world-class vehicle, fearlessly traversing boundaries and putting his inspired touch on everything from island standards, to popular tunes and, classical symphonic concertos. No wonder Rolling Stone called him “one of the hottest axe men of the past few years [who] doesn’t actually play guitar.” Even Pearl Jam front man Eddie Vedder has voiced his admiration saying, “Jake is taking the instrument to a place that I can’t see anybody else catching up with.”

Friday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats present Cirque Ziva

Tickets: \$27.50, \$32.50, \$39.50

The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago! The premiere Chinese acrobats bring Cirque Ziva from world-renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang. Their award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques offer a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.

Saturday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

Doo Wop and the Sounds of the City

Tickets: \$45, \$49, \$55

From New York, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia comes the gritty soul, classic harmonies and good time rock 'n' roll hits that helped define a generation. Todd Baptista, who has hosted and produced Doo Wop concerts for 20 years, returns with his latest show, starring LA LA BROOKS, former lead singer of The Crystals (“Then He Kissed Me”), The New Mystics (“Hushabye”) with original members Phil Cracolici and George Galfo, The Orlons (“Wah Watusi”) with original member Stephen Caldwell,

and an alumni reunion of The Del Vikings ("Come Go With Me") bringing together five of the group's recording members from the 50s and 60s for the first time in 45 years.

Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

Greg Abate Quartet, Stage Door Live

Tickets: \$20, \$29

Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame inductee Greg Abate has dazzled audiences around the world for nearly 50 years as an international jazz saxophonist, flutist and composer. The Berklee College Of Music graduate, who once did a stint as lead alto for the Ray Charles Orchestra, has built his career as a post-hard bop soloist, and he will showcase his stylings on the Zeiterion stage for the first time.

Friday, April 27, 8:00 p.m.

Always & Forever: An Evening of Luther Vandross In Concert starring Ruben Studdard

Tickets: \$ 39, \$49, \$59

Imagine having a second chance to see a Luther Vandross concert. Imagine the vocals, the music, the stage. Imagine how you would feel hearing a night of his timeless hits, like "Endless Love," "Dance with My Father," and "Power of Love." There will never be another like Luther, but no other voice comes closer than Ruben Studdard. The remarkable singer was hailed as the "next Luther" during his winning American Idol run, which led to a GRAMMY® nomination for singing the Luther song "Superstar." Always & Forever is a special concert event for Luther fans and Ruben fans that pays tribute to an extraordinary talent. It's the closest you can get to an actual Luther Vandross show!

Saturday, April 28, 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Mitchell's Movie Series: Casablanca

Tickets: Free. Tickets and RSVP not needed.

A free screening of Casablanca starring Humphrey Bogart and

Ingrid Bergman, as part of Mayor Mitchell's Movie Series. The classic and quotable film takes place in Casablanca in December 1941, when a cynical American expatriate (Bogart) encounters a former lover (Bergman), with unforeseen complications.

Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m.

Pinkalicious

Tickets: \$15, \$18, \$22, \$25

Based on the beloved best-selling books by Elizabeth and Victoria Kann, Pinkalicious The Musical follows Pinkalicious who has overindulged in pink cupcakes, despite warnings from her parents. She lands in the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe – a dream come true for this pink loving enthusiast! But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament. Created for children ages 2 to 7, this musical is a sweet treat for all!

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.