

# Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum  
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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## **ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES 2024-25 BROADWAY SERIES SELECTIONS**

**Broadway series to include *Some Like it Hot*, *MAMMA MIA!*,  
*The Cher Show*, *MJ* and *Pretty Woman: The Musical***

**Naples, Fla. (March 18, 2024)** – Artis—Naples, Southwest Florida’s premier destination for the visual and performing arts, today announces the selection of touring productions for its highly anticipated 2024-25 Broadway series. This eagerly awaited lineup promises to captivate audiences with a diverse array of acclaimed shows, presenting the very best in musical theater.

“We are thrilled to unveil another exceptional lineup for the upcoming season’s Broadway series,” said Artis—Naples CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen. “Each production has been chosen with the commitment to provide our patrons with unforgettable experiences, celebrating the magic of live theater.”

Featuring an impressive selection of beloved classics and exciting new hits, the 2024-25 Broadway series includes:

### ***Some Like it Hot***

Winner of four Tony Awards, including Best Choreography and Best Costumes, and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album, *Some Like it Hot* is “A Super-Sized, All-Out Song-And-Dance Spectacular!” – *The New York Times*

Set in Chicago when Prohibition has everyone thirsty for a little excitement, *Some Like it Hot* is the “glorious, big, high-kicking” (*Associated Press*) story of two musicians forced to flee the Windy City after witnessing a mob hit. With gangsters hot on their heels, they catch a cross-country train for the life-chasing, life-changing trip of a lifetime.

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

**Thursday-Sunday, December 26-29, 2024**

### ***MAMMA MIA!***

A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you’ll never forget!

Set on a Greek island paradise where the sun always shines, a tale of love, friendship and identity is beautifully told through the timeless hits of ABBA. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter’s quest to discover the father she’s never known brings three men from her mother’s past back to the island they last visited decades ago.

For nearly 25 years, people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that make *MAMMA MIA!* the ultimate feel-good show.

**Tuesday-Sunday, February 4-9, 2025**

### ***The Cher Show***

Superstars come and go. Cher is forever. For six straight decades, only one unstoppable force has flat-out dominated popular culture—breaking down barriers, pushing boundaries and letting nothing and no one stand in her way. *The Cher Show* is the Tony Award-winning musical of her story, and it's packed with so much Cher that it takes three women to play her: the kid starting out, the glam pop star and the icon.

*The Cher Show* is 35 smash hits, six decades of stardom, two rockstar husbands, a Grammy, an Oscar, an Emmy and enough Tony Award-winning Bob Mackie gowns to cause a sequin shortage in New York City—all in one unabashedly fabulous new musical that will have you dancing in the aisles!

**Tuesday-Sunday, March 4-9, 2025**

### ***MJ***

He is one of the greatest entertainers of all time. Now, Michael Jackson's unique and unparalleled artistry comes to Artis—Naples as *MJ*, the multi-Tony Award-winning new musical centered around the making of the 1992 Dangerous World Tour begins a tour of its own. Created by Tony Award-winning Director/Choreographer Christopher Wheeldon and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Lynn Nottage, *MJ* goes beyond the singular moves and signature sound of the star, offering a rare look at the creative mind and collaborative spirit that catapulted Michael Jackson into legendary status. *MJ* is startin' somethin' as it makes its Naples premiere. (*MJ* is recommended for ages 8 and up.)

**Tuesday-Sunday, March 25-30, 2025**

### ***Pretty Woman: The Musical***

Based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories of all time, *Pretty Woman: The Musical* springs to life with a powerhouse creative team led by two-time Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell (*Hairspray*, *Kinky Boots*, *Legally Blonde*). *Pretty Woman: The Musical* features an original score by Grammy winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance (*Summer of '69*, *Heaven*), and a book by the movie's legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J. F. Lawton. *Pretty Woman: The Musical* will lift your spirits and light up your heart. "If you love the movie, you'll love the musical!" (*BuzzFeed News*).

Are you ready to fall in love all over again?

**Wednesday-Sunday, April 9-13, 2025**

*Current subscribers are invited to renew their series now, ensuring priority access to these highly anticipated performances. New subscriptions will open on May 28, 2024.*

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### **ARTIS—NAPLES**

Home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic, Artis—Naples is unique among cultural institutions nationwide, equally dedicated to both the visual and performing arts featuring artists of global distinction.

### **KIMBERLY K. QUERREY and LOUIS A. SIMPSON CULTURAL CAMPUS**

Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and, beginning in the 2024-25 season, Sharon and Timothy Ubben Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, Artis—Naples offers more than 800 paid and free events annually across its 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. Artis—Naples welcomes thousands of visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The cultural campus is home to five buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

## **NAPLES PHILHARMONIC**

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida's arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around the Southwest Florida region. The Naples Philharmonic has enjoyed a history of working with world-class music directors and recently announced the appointment of Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, who immediately assumes the role of Artistic and Music Director Designate through the 2023-24 season. Renowned violinist James Ehnes continues as artistic partner through the 2023-24 season, working with Naples Philharmonic musicians in a variety of settings with a focus on inspiring and embodying a high level of artistry. Podium leadership includes Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, celebrating 14 years in this role in the 2023-24 season and bringing pops performances that celebrate music in its many forms. Radu Paponiu serves as associate conductor of the Naples Philharmonic and director of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and Alvin Ho serves as assistant conductor of the Naples Philharmonic.

## **THE BAKER MUSEUM**

The Baker Museum is the foremost fine art museum in Southwest Florida, presenting an ambitious slate of exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 4,000 objects, the museum's broad holdings of 20th- and 21st-century art reflect particular strengths in modern art of the United States and Mexico. The Baker Museum's collections reflect the generosity and commitment of area collectors, including significant gifts from the collection of the late Olga Hirshhorn.

With more than two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the museum is committed to the stewardship and scholarship of its collections and to fostering inspiring and transformative experiences with the visual arts. At the same time, The Baker Museum partners with the world's leading arts institutions to make extraordinary exhibitions accessible to the Southwest Florida community—including recently the National Portrait Gallery, London and the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation. In 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the opening of an 18,000-square-foot expansion of The Baker Museum, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, which created new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction.

## **EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY**

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides robust education and community activities for students of all ages in Collier and counties. Each season, thousands of Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming, both on its cultural campus and in their classrooms. Beyond our commitment to youth education, the Lifelong Learning program provides engaging lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, comprised of more than 3,500 donor households, offers activities, travel experiences and events designed to foster a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival's continued excellence and growth. In 2023, the festival's 15th anniversary year, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker* Magazine's "20 Great Film Festivals in Vacation Destinations."

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