

CFCArts Show Information and Story Ideas

Highlighting the many growing programs of CFCArts

Central Florida Community Arts is one of the newest and fastest growing nonprofit 503(c)(3) musical arts organizations in Central Florida. Beginning in 2011 with a choir of 130 singers and 35 orchestra players, CFCArts has grown to 500 choir members and 155 member orchestra and has reached the milestone of being the largest symphony orchestra in Central Florida and the largest community choir in the country. With such rapid growth, the organization was able to expand to include multiple youth programs, the School of Performing Arts, theatre productions, and Musical Minds a choir group for adults in the early stages of dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Joshua Vickery, CFCArts founder, can't help but smile at how far his dream has grown. Starting off with the simple goal of creating a place for the arts in the community that was accessible to all, and so far he has done just that.

¡Fiesta!

Presented by CFCArts Symphony Orchestra

November 3 & 4, 2017 at 8 p.m.

Florida's largest Symphony Orchestra invites you to indulge in a vibrant celebration of dynamic cultures, unforgettable melodies and fiery rhythms. "¡Fiesta!" – performed by the Central Florida Community Arts Symphony Orchestra – will present music from Spain and Latin America in a colorful and powerful concert that will have you dancing all night long. Featuring some very special guest performers, this is one fiesta you definitely don't want to miss!

<http://cfcararts.com/fiesta>

Story idea:

With an ever-growing need for Spanish and Latin culture represented in the Central Florida arts community, CFCArts and its Symphony Orchestra is proud to present this concert experience to celebrate these cultures in a refreshing and fun way. The concert will feature Mariachi Cobre, known for their performances in Epcot at Walt Disney World. Justin Machoney, Music Director and Conductor of the Symphony Orchestra, would happily be available for interview and can give insight about the music, sights and sounds featured in this concert.

Once Upon a December - Presented by CFCArts Community Choir and Symphony Orchestra
December 7 & 8, 2017

This December, CFCArts presents the 330-voice Central Florida Community Choir and Symphony Orchestra as they present an all-new holiday performance, "Once Upon a December." Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and relive some of your favorite traditions, songs, stories and moments all wrapped into one evening. Whether it's an office Christmas party, a religious service or a trip to the mall, there's something for us all to celebrate as we invite you to make CFCArts part of your holiday season!

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<http://cfcarts.com/onceuponadecember>

Story idea:

Come celebrate the holiday season with the CFCArts Community Choir and Symphony Orchestra. Although the location may be in a church, this concert will not be another set list consisting only of "Away in a Manger" and "O Holy Night". Breaking away from only the traditional medleys to a mix of today's hits makes this show more of a celebration of us all. All cultures, all religions, and all people this December.

2017 - 2018 CFCArts Theatre Season

CFCArts Theatre has just revealed its third season (below), which has grown to seven full-length productions. Started two short seasons ago, CFCArts Theatre has already grown leaps and bounds in its patron base, is being recognized as one of the top community theatres in Central Florida, and currently one of the only community theatres in Orlando with a permanent home.

The Drowsy Chaperone - Presented by CFCArts Theatre

August 18 - September 3

The five-time Tony Award-winning musical is a loving reminder of the Jazz Age, featuring show-stopper after show-stopper. When the musical begins, a man in a chair plays his favorite record onstage for the audience. The record is the fictitious 1928 musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone." As he leads the audience through his favorite musical, suddenly his apartment comes to life as zany characters fill the evening with fun-loving tunes and gut-wrenching humor! It's an evening of upbeat comedy, toe-tapping music and hilarious performances.

<http://cfcarts.com/drowsy>

Of Mice and Men - Presented by CFCArts Theatre

September 22 - October 8

In John Steinbeck's adaptation of his classic novel, two migrant field hands find work on a farm in California during the Great Depression. Lennie, a strong but mentally challenged young man, gets too close to the wife of the boss' son and the dreams of George and Lennie lead to tragedy.

<http://cfcarts.com/ofmiceandmen>

Sylvia - Presented by CFCArts Theatre

October 20 - November 5

In this hilariously over-the-top comedy, longtime husband and wife Greg and Kate move to Manhattan after twenty-two years of raising children in the suburbs. Greg is on his way to retirement and in a typical move for a man in the middle of his mid-life crisis, he brings home a

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dog, Sylvia, who is played by a human actor. Hilarity ensues as Sylvia begins to drive a wedge in Greg and Kate's marriage, stealing more and more of Greg's time and attention.

<http://cfcarts.com/sylvia>

Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings - Presented by CFCArts Theatre

December 7 - 16

"Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings" is a hilarious Christmas musical featuring everyone's favorite barbershop quartet: Francis, Jinx, Smudge and Sparky. The quartet takes their own spin on Christmas classics and create their own new outrageous Christmas favorites. If you're looking for something new to do for the holidays, look no further!

<http://cfcarts.com/foreverplaid>

Rumors - Presented by CFCArts Theatre

January 19 - February 4, 2018

Four couples are descending on the home of the deputy mayor of New York for his and his wife's 10th wedding anniversary. The surprise? The host has accidentally shot himself, but of course his guests assume it was intentional. They spend the evening hiding the truth from the other guests while trying to figure out what actually happened. The result is a hilarious door-slamming evening of farce, with surprises around every corner.

<http://cfcarts.com/rumors>

Steel Magnolias - Presented by CFCArts Theatre

February 23 - March 11, 2018

Like the classic movie with the same name, "Steel Magnolias" is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where anyone who is anyone comes to get their hair done. As a cast of loveable - and gossipy - strong Southern women experience loss in their tight-knit family, this play reminds audiences of the important things in life through a funny, touching and life-affirming evening in the theater. Come and experience one of your favorite movies live and in person!

<http://cfcarts.com/steelmagnolias>

Company - Presented by CFCArts Theatre

April 6 - 22

Stephen Sondheim's "Company" is a seven-time Tony Award-winning musical and features some of the famed composer's best-loved songs. Set on the night of Robert's 35th birthday, Robert - a steadfast bachelor - contemplates his chosen life as a bachelor. Throughout the musical, we are introduced to many of Robert's crazy friends, who teach him about the pros and cons of marriage. From fun-loving exchanges, to over-the-top comedy to moments of reflection and introspection, audiences can expect a little bit of everything from this classic musical.

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Other Shows:

Jingle Bell Jukebox - Presented by CFCArts Children and Youth Beginner Program

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November 4 at 6 p.m.

Join the youngest performers of CFCArts as the Beginner Musical Theatre Program presents, "Jingle Bell Jukebox!" Get ready to get in the Christmas spirit as you enjoy holiday favorites including, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Jingle Bells Rock," "Let It Snow" and so much more! The CFCArts Preschool Program will open the show with their mini production of "Holiday Fun"!

<http://cfcarts.com/jukebox>

Realms of Possibility: A Trilogy - Presented by CFCArts Children and Youth Company

November 10 & 11, 17 & 18 at 7 p.m.

Join the CFCArts Elementary, Middle and High School Youth Programs in an original production of adventure, magic and fun. Presented in a three-part performance, this choose-your-own-adventure style concert highlights the adventurous journey of choices and possibilities with a series of show-stopping musical numbers for the whole family to enjoy!

<http://cfcarts.com/realms>

Leading Ladies: Showstoppers - Presented by CFCArts Women's Ensemble

November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The CFCArts Women's Ensemble returns for an evening of music, laughter and unforgettable moments that will leave you wanting more. "Leading Ladies: Showstoppers" will feature iconic moments from both stage and screen including "Wicked," "Evita" and "Hairspray," as well as some more intimate moments from their classical repertoire. This is a not-to-miss event!

<http://cfcarts.com/leadingladies>

Shrek: The Musical - Presented by CFCArts Youth Theatre Troupe

December 1 & 2

In the CFCArts Youth Theatre Troupe production of "Shrek: The Musical," follow the hilarious tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking donkey, a feisty princess and several other characters. With side-splitting songs and a moving message, "Shrek the Musical" proves that beauty is truly in the eye of the ogre.

<http://cfcarts.com/shrek>

Symphonic Dances - Presented by CFCArts Young Artists Orchestra and String Ensemble

December 16 at 7 p.m.

The Young Artists Orchestra's fall concert, "Symphonic Dances," features the sounds of music as it inspires movement. Come and tap your toes or even dance in the aisles to a variety of genres, from classical to modern, latin to pop, jazz and many more! Featuring performances by the YAO String Ensemble!

<http://cfcarts.com/symphonicdances>