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FluZusic/FLUXUS MUSIC exhibit at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW

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This show is described as an “interactive and immersive installation” and pairs the works of visual artists Yoko Ono, Geoffrey Hendricks and Alison Knowles with that of composer and musician Philip Corner. If you’re not familiar with the ‘60s-born global art movement of Fluxus, know that its artists—which include painters, poets, designers, musicians, dancers and more—aim to blur the line between art and life. Just think out-there, avant-garde and experimental. rauschenberggallery.com

Arik Levy: Unnatural History exhibit at The Baker Museum, through Jan. 7

“Multitalented” is an understatement for this celebrated Israeli artist, who brings poetry and science to refined and innovative paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, video, home design—you name it. Standing out in this particular exhibit are excerpts

from his large *Rock* series; Levy’s reflective monuments are simply dazzling, like giant, interestingly faceted gems. artsnaples.org

French Moderns: Monet to Matisse, 1850-1950 exhibit at The Baker Museum, through Jan. 31

Monet, Chagall, Renoir, Matisse. A collection doesn’t get much starrier than that in the visual arts. Sixty-five wide-ranging works from the Brooklyn Museum are exhibited, showcasing the era’s finest creators who were born in France or studied there. And aside from the aforementioned, you’ll also find pieces by Edgar Degas, Paul Cézanne, Auguste Rodin and others. As if that weren’t enough, hold onto your beret: In tandem, the complementary *Expressions: Matisse and Modern Art from the Permanent Collection* will showcase innovative artists who helped define avant-garde art. And Jan. 4-6, pianist Yefim Bronfman—one of the most gifted players living today—joins conductor Andrey Boreyko and the Naples Philhar-

monic in the Masterworks Series’ Bronfman, Beethoven and French Moderns. artsnaples.org

Tim Allen at Artis—Naples, Nov. 17

The biggest name in laughs this season is Allen, making his Naples debut. He may harken a pretty wholesome lineup of typical American dad in *Home Improvement*, clueless dad in *Jungle 2 Jungle*, dad-turned-Father Christmas in *The Santa Clause*—and a totally underrated Buzz Lightyear in *Toy Story*. (Lightyear lovers: If seeing Allen gets you emotional enough about the first Disney-Pixar pairing, you can catch *You’ve Got a Friend in Me* singer Randy Newman at Artis—Naples a few days later on Nov. 21.) But shake off that clean image a bit before you think of bringing the kids—Allen’s standup show is 18 and up only, as it’s rated R. artsnaples.org

An Act of God by The Laboratory Theater of Florida, Nov. 17 through Dec. 9

The Lab Theater tackles the Florida premiere of this quick-paced comedy a year after its close on Broadway, where *The Big Bang Theory*’s Jim Parsons and *Will & Grace*’s Sean Hayes literally played God. Lab’s Producing Artistic Director, Annette Trossbach, says she laughed out loud when reading the book, then proceeded to devour the script. She thinks audiences will, too, as archangels Michael and Gabriel question the Bible, prompting God to re-explain without holding back about where we got it all wrong. laboratorytheaterflorida.com

LeAnn Rimes at Artis—Naples, Dec. 4

Another somewhat rare country sighting for the venue, on the heels of pioneer Dwight Yoakam on Nov. 5. Rimes has probably grown to like it here, after a group of 2012 Naples Winter Wine Festival bidders collectively put forth \$1.2 million for a lot that included the Grammy winner performing a private in-home concert. We’ll just push her tabloid-frequenting family drama out of our minds and focus on her charming *Blue/How Do I Live*-era image and forever stellar pipes. artsnaples.org

Every Man Is a Hunter exhibit at East West Fine Art, Bigham Galleria, Dec. 15-29

Paintings, sculpture, photographs—enough already. OK, we don’t mean that. But for a fresh fine art outing, this exhibit thinks outside the box with ... boxes. Lacquer boxes from Russia, that is, and one-of-a-kind knives. Each box is intricately painted—sometimes with a brush of a single squirrel hair—evoking fairytales, battle scenes or old art masterpieces. And the Damascus steel blades, the only of their kind to be exhibited in the U.S., deliver surprising beauty through the adornments and shapes found in these objects that have gone from

A VISUAL ART SERIES titled *Rock* doesn't exactly inspire confidence that it will be beautiful, but trust us—Arik Levy's sculptures on display at The Baker Museum defy that logic. Works in other media from the Israeli artist are shown in **Arik Levy: Unnatural History**, too—he's a master of clean and innovative home design, painting, photography and more—but it's the giant reflective monuments selected from *Rock* we are most excited to see. Like all his pieces, there's both a science and a poetry to them, and who can resist the draw of shiny objects? See them through Jan. 7. artisnaples.org



A N ACT OF GOD is making a Southwest Florida premiere. No, this time we're actually not bringing up Irma, but rather the Broadway production now being staged by The Laboratory Theater of Florida. Delivering some much-needed comedy Nov. 17 through Dec. 9, the quick-paced tale features archangels Michael and Gabriel as they question God about the Bible, prompting a new version of the Ten Commandments. And let's just say neither God nor the archangels hold back. laboratorytheaterflorida.com



ARTIS—NAPLES HAS gone a little bit country. Well, for the moment. The center's country acts are notably seldom, but the pioneering **Dwight Yoakam** is among those appearing this year, on Nov. 5 (as is LeAnn Rimes, performing Dec. 4). His signature brand of honky-tonk will certainly bring out the boots and jean jackets. While **Randy Newman** isn't a country star, the decorated composer/pianist and his warble are surely as distinct as Yoakam and worth mentioning. He plays at Artis—Naples on Nov. 21. artisnaples.org