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**BIG ARTS BIG 2026 Performing Arts Season**

**SANIBEL, FL (August 1, 2025)** – We’re thrilled to present the BIG ARTS 2026 Performing Arts Series—a dazzling season filled with world-class performances that promise to inspire, entertain, and bring our community together. Tickets go on sale to the public September 15, 2025.

*All shows begin at 7:30 PM in Christensen Performance Hall.*

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**2026 Performing Arts Series Lineup**

**Shades of Bubl  – January 10, 2026**

Swing into an evening of velvety vocals, retro charm, big-band glamour, and contemporary hits with this dynamic trio of vocal stylists who have been wowing audiences around the country.

**Lonesome River Band – January 15, 2026**

Few bluegrass groups have been around for forty years, and even fewer have been more popular, more widely admired, or more influential than the Lonesome River Band.

**Yacht Rock & Soul – January 17, 2026**

Yacht Rock & Soul brings you a unique experience of the best in Classic R&B, Soft Rock, and Soul. This 6-piece touring band has recorded and toured the world with some of the best in music.

**Young Concert Artists – YCA on Tour – January 22, 2026**

Experience the future of classical music—with young stars who combine world-class talent and creative vision to bring new reach and relevance to the art form.

**Portrait of Aretha Starring CeCe Teneal – January 24, 2026**

Award-winning vocalist CeCe Teneal honors the legacy of the “Queen of Soul,” in this electrifying tribute to Aretha Franklin.

**The Players (Former Members of Chicago)** – January 29, 2026

Featuring former Chicago bandmates Keith Howland and Jeff Coffey, this powerhouse group, backed by an all-star band and sizzling horn section, brings unforgettable musicianship to the stage, not as a tribute act but as the real deal.

**Morgan James** – January 31, 2026

The right vocalist can make you fall in love, elicit tears, or transport you to a different era. That holds true for New York-based singer, songwriter, and Broadway actress Morgan James.

**Apollo's Fire** – February 6, 2026

Baroque passion ignites the stage with Apollo's Fire, the GRAMMY®-winning ensemble led by harpsichordist and conductor Jeannette Sorrell.

**Brooklyn Rider** – February 12, 2026

Hailed as “the future of chamber music” (*Strings Magazine*), Brooklyn Rider presents both traditional and eclectic repertoire that continues to draw rave reviews from classical, world, and rock critics alike.

**Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience** – February 14, 2026

This is not just another Beatles tribute show—it's an unforgettable journey that places the audience at the very heart of the experience. The show builds the entire setlist on the spot from audience requests, blending personal stories, memories, and Beatles favorites into a powerful musical journey.

**Naturally 7 – Closer Look** – February 18, 2026

Naturally 7 isn't just another a cappella group; they transform voices into drums, guitars, and brass in a jaw-dropping art form they call “Vocal Play.” Their new show, *Closer Look*, blends cinematic themes with signature originals.

**Women of Americana: A Celebration of American Music** – February 20, 2026

An exuberant celebration of the musical roots that shaped a nation! Revel in the soul of American music with Cristina Vane and Brennen Leigh as they honor folk, gospel, and Western swing through iconic songs

**Late Nite Catechism – Will My Bunny Go to Heaven?** – February 26, 2026

This latest installment in the sinfully funny Late Nite Catechism series is not to be missed! *Will My Bunny Go to Heaven?* unearths the origins of Easter traditions.

**A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett (with members of the Coral Reefer Band)** – March 4, 2026

When Jimmy Buffett lost his fight with cancer, he left behind a legion of fans and a very fine band. Now, some of the members of the Coral Reefer Band and friends have gathered to celebrate his life and his music!

**Alexander Malofeev** – March 12, 2026

At just 13, he stunned the world. Today, pianist Alexander Malofeev is a global sensation hailed for his technical brilliance and emotional depth.

### **Big Top Betty and Her All-Star Jubilee – March 14, 2026**

Big Top Betty combines joy, circus, and vaudeville, with a twist, in a feel-good spectacle like no other, blending a bold brass band, dazzling dance, aerial artistry, roller skating, comedy, and pure showbiz magic.

### **Brothers Doobie: A Doobie Brothers Experience – March 21, 2026**

Get ready to “Listen to the Music!” Brothers Doobie brings the legendary sound of The Doobie Brothers to life in this powerhouse tribute show.

### **Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents Great American Crooners – March 27, 2026**

Soak in the sounds of the silky melodies and smoky rhythms of quintessential crooners, as you step into the golden age of swing with *Great American Crooners*, a swoon-worthy salute to the legends like Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Bobby Darin, and anyone who made the girls scream!

### **ABBAFAB: The Premiere ABBA Experience – April 18, 2026**

Slip on your bell bottoms and platform shoes and party like it’s 1979! Backed by a multimedia light show, world-class vocalists and musicians recreate every shimmering harmony and hook from “Waterloo” to “Dancing Queen,” weaving in film and Broadway favorite “Mamma Mia.”

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### **About BIG ARTS**

Founded in 1979, BIG ARTS is a nonprofit organization that provides an array of quality entertainment, arts, and education programs that enrich and nurture the lives of Sanibel and Captiva residents and visitors. Visit us online at [bigarts.org](http://bigarts.org) or call us at 239-395-0900 to learn more. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel Island.