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## Music & Theater Season Guide

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others will be leading workshops, five duck stamp celebrities will be reading and signing books.

Other artists will be demonstrating their skills, 12-4pm on October 21. They include world-renowned bird sculptor Jim Sprankle, pottery artist and educator Tim Smith, and sculptor Andrew Corket. Other demonstrators include pen-and-ink, origami, and stained-glass artists, and clay and wood artisans.

Refuge Artist-in-Residence Jacqui Roch will lead a Community Mural project. Sanibel artist Rachel Pierce conducts a workshop, 'Paint on a Queen Palm,' and former Junior Duck Stamp winner John Brennan teaches how to paint ducks.

Other art activities include painting wine glasses, a nature journal hike, painting seashells, and making recycled jewelry. Pre-registration is advised for some activities.

On Sunday, October 22, more than 20 plein-air artists will be painting throughout the Wildlife Refuge in its first-ever Paint Out. Visitors can observe the painters along Wildlife Drive and at Bailey Tract. Admission to Wildlife Drive, open 7:30am-5pm, is free both days.

Participating artists can enter one work in the Paint Out, which will go on display in the 'Ding' Darling Visitor & Education Center through Oct. 30.

Check-in to participate in the Paint Out runs from 7-8am on October 22 at The Roost, the



## Matchbox 20 is headlining the 'Hurricane Heroes' Concert, October 7 at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers.

50th Anniversary Tribute to The De-Evolution Band,' thru December 9.

The exhibition is the first expansive and career-spanning museum survey of the group that David Bowie once dubbed 'The Band of the Future.'

The immersive and multimedia installation presents stage-worn costumes, screen-featured props, tour-used instruments and artifacts, as well as, never-before-seen handwritten lyrics, concert flyers, posters, Club Devo memorabilia, product prototypes and album concept art.

Deeply mining the archives of former bandmembers, close associates/collaborators, longtime friends and fans, this is the most comprehensive consideration of one of the most influential (yet underrated) bands in the history of rock.

'DEVO 5-0: The Beginning was the End' is a testament

forthcoming outdoor flex pavilion at the base of the Visitor & Education Center entrance ramp.

Artists must provide their own canvases. At check in, canvases must get stamped with the official 'Ding' stamp to enter the People's Choice contest.

Artists will submit artwork by 3pm inside the center, where visitors can begin viewing it.

Other activities throughout the two-day event will include live music, yoga instruction, a nature puppet show, a Federal Duck Stamp art exhibition, and awards to winners of youth art contests and the annual amateur nature photography contest.

'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge is located at 1 Wildlife Drive on Sanibel. The Visitor & Education Center is open Sat-Thu 9am-4pm, Wildlife Drive is open 7am-5pm. For information, call 472-1100.

## Are We Not 50?

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to the band's enduring legacy and the indelible mark that DEVO has left on popular culture through their distinctive fusion of music, art, and social commentary.

Bob Rauschenberg Gallery is located in Building L on the Florida Southwestern State College campus, located at 8099 College Pkwy. in Fort Myers. The gallery is open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm & Sat 11am-3pm. For information, call 489-9313.

## All-Star Concert Honors Hurricane Heroes

'Hurricane Heroes,' a group of local officials, business owners and community leaders in the Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach areas who stepped up for the community in the wake of Hurricane Ian, will be honored at the Hurricane Heroes All-Star Concert on October 7.

The concert features headliner Matchbox Twenty, as well as Don Felder (formerly of The Eagles), Red Hannah, Jay Allen, Matty Jollie, Sheena Brook and more.

The Hurricane Heroes being recognized are:

- Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno and the Lee County Sheriff's Office were recognized as heroes for their efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, particularly the work coordinating with outside agencies and search & rescue missions.

- Mayor Dan Allers of Fort Myers Beach has been named a hero for his work in the development and recovery of Fort Myers Beach.

- Ed & Kim Ryan, founders of Beach Talk Radio, assisted in raising more than \$300,000 for Fort Myers Beach. The pair collected donations and held fundraisers. They provided information to Fort Myers Beach residents and homeowners across the country throughout the hurricane's journey.

- Pastors Shawn & Mallie Critser of Beach Baptist Church were recognized for establishing their church as a central resource and a disaster recovery center for FEMA, then turning it into a long-term recovery resource center for the community.

