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## Clermont Performing Arts Center Announces Star-studded 2016-2017 Season

**CLERMONT** (July 12, 2016) – The Clermont Performing Arts Center announced its 2016-2017 lineup today, a stellar season filled with Tony-Award-winning Broadway stars, an interactive pirate show and encore performances to some of the biggest hits from the Center's inaugural season.

The performing arts center, at 3700 S. Highway 27, will kick off its entertainment season on Sept. 10 with the [Little River Band](#), the popular soft rock band that has sold more than 30 million CDs and albums with hits like "Reminiscing" and "Lady."

Some of the other season highlights include:

- [DE LAS PUERTAS \(DLP FEST\)](#). WDW Today Presents De Las Puertas: Magic, Media & Music Festival. Join others in the "ultimate, unofficial experience of fans of Walt Disney World." Stellar entertainment includes: The British Invasion and Off Kilter (formerly at Epcot), and American Martian, (formerly Mulch, Sweat and Sheers from Hollywood Studios) are just a few of the all-night festival that will also include a live podcast recording and popular Walt Disney World bloggers together with fans. Held on the weekend of Walt Disney World's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- [DEFYING GRAVITY: STEPHEN SCHWARTZ & FRIENDS](#). Stephen Schwartz, the genius who wrote songs and lyrics for Broadway blockbusters *WICKED*, *PIPPIN* and *GODSPELL*, will bring the music that earned him an Oscar, Grammy and Drama Desk Awards to Clermont's Main Stage, accompanied by Scott Coulter and Debbie Gravitte.
- [MEGAN HILTY IN CONCERT](#). The Tony and Golden Globe-nominated star of stage, screen and television is considered one of the brightest stars in the entertainment world, and her performance will be one of Central Florida's must-see concerts. Hilty is known for her leading roles in Broadway's *Wicked* and NBC's *Smash*, among other hits.
- [LET'S HANG ON!](#) Let's Hang On pays tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and the Broadway hit *The Jersey Boys*, featuring all the fan favorites, including "Sherry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" and "Big Girls Don't Cry."
- [LESLIE JORDAN: STRAIGHT OUTTA CHATTANOOGA](#). Leslie Jordan is one of entertainment's most recognized funny guys since his Emmy-Award-winning performance on TV's *Will and Grace*. This is a special night of comedy that is part of the new Clermont Cabaret Series and will benefit the family of Stanley Almodovar III, a victim of the Pulse night club shootings.

Following up on two of last season's most popular shows, this season will feature *Broadway on Tour*, with show-stopping music from musicals like *Les Miserable*, *West Side Story* and *The Lion King*, and another encore to Season One, *Pop, Rock and Doo Wopp Live!* starring The Lettermen ("When I Fall in Love"), Charlie Thomas' Drifters ("Under the Boardwalk") and Sonny Turner, formerly of The Platters ("Smoke Gets in Your Eyes").

An interactive show titled *The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told*, is an improv delight that is innovative and family-friendly.

Other shows rounding out the season include:

- *Late Nite Catechism*, an award-winning, light-hearted play that is the longest running, one-woman show in Off-Broadway history.
- *Cirque Zuma*, a high-energy show featuring singers, dancers and acrobats from Africa.
- *The Amazing Kreskin*, with the mentalist-humorist who has astonished audiences for decades.
- *The Flying Karamazov Brothers*, showcasing a zany show filled with comedy and juggling.

Fans of last year's wildly popular Clermont Comedy Series, which featured national headliners, will be happy to know the twice-monthly show will be back at the Black Box Theater. Clermont is also introducing the Clermont Cabaret Series, which will feature top singers accompanied by piano in the intimate setting of the Black Box Theater.

"We are thrilled to present a diverse, highly entertaining season," said Scott Davidoff, Parks and Recreation Director. "The Clermont Performing Arts Center is living up to its reputation as a premier, Central Florida entertainment venue that earned a five-star rating in our inaugural season."

The Clermont Performing Arts Center includes Lake County's largest performance hall, the 1,200-seat Main Stage, and the Black Box Theater, which seats 250 in an intimate, theater-in-the-round setting.

More information and online tickets are available at [www.ClermontPAC.com](http://www.ClermontPAC.com) or by calling 352-394-4800. Tickets also can be purchased at the box office, which is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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