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New TheatreZone season includes musicals, concerts

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From the Sunset Strip to Spain, TheatreZone's 2026-27 season will cover a lot of ground.

The North Naples professional musical theatre has announced six musicals and four concerts celebrating love, legacy, and the power of song across time, place, and generations, said founding artistic director Mark Danni in a news release.

Tickets went on sale to the public March 2. Here's what to expect from the new TheatreZone season.

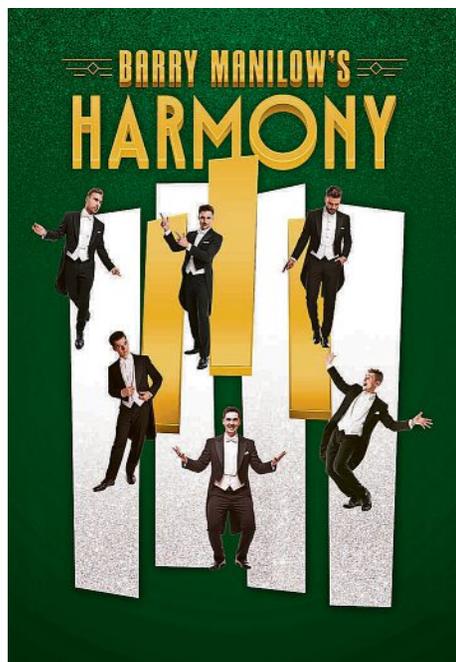
Musicals launch Dec. 18 at TheatreZone

The season will open in October 2026 with a kick-off combined show with Florida Gulf Coast University. Future stars of the stage will collaborate with professional Equity actors in a TheatreZone joint production with FGCU's Bowers School of Music, to be presented at the FGCU Theatre Lab. Details will be announced at TheatreZone.

TheatreZone's mainstage musicals launch on Dec. 18, with "Home for the Holidays," followed by the 2027 mainstage productions of Barry Manilow's "Harmony"; the world premiere of "Barcelona: The Musical," a new work by Naples-based playwright and entrepreneur Mike Ruffolo; Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Blvd."; and the 1960s with "Leader of the Pack," celebrating the songs of legendary songwriter Ellie Greenwich.

"Our Season 22 productions explore ambition, love, and courage with wit and invigorating music from some of the most celebrated composers in musical theatre," Danni said in the news release.

Danni also noted that TheatreZone's production of "Harmony" is one of the world's first regional productions of the show following its Broadway run.



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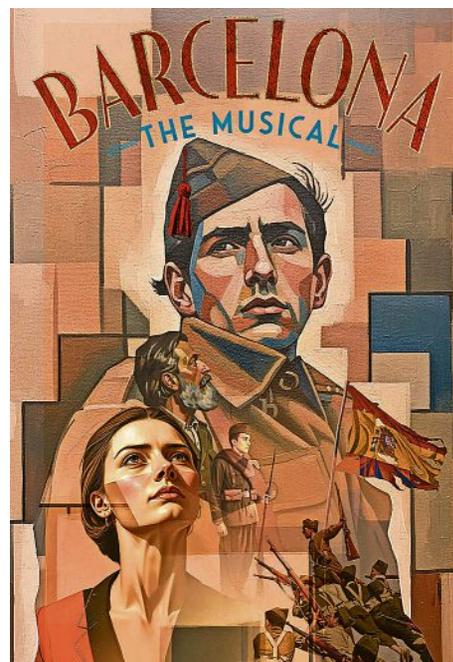
Mainstage musicals at TheatreZone

- **"Home for the Holidays"**: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18–19; 2 p.m. Dec. 19–20. TheatreZone's beloved original musical revue returns, filled with warmth, humor, and the magic of live performance.

- **Barry Manilow's "Harmony"**: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7–10; Jan. 14–17; 2 p.m. Jan. 9–10, Jan. 16–17. Berlin, 1927. With music by Barry Manilow and book and lyrics by Bruce Sussman, the musical tells the true story of friendship and artistry tested by a changing world.

- **"Barcelona: The Musical"**: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4–7; Feb. 11–13; 2 p.m. Feb. 6–7; Feb. 13–14. Set in post-Civil War Spain, it's an intimate story of youth, love, and the moment when private lives collide with a rapidly changing world. Musical created by Naples-based playwright and entrepreneur Mike Ruffolo.

- **"Sunset Blvd."**: 7:30 p.m. March



- 4–7; March 11–14; 2 p.m. March 6–7; March 13–14. Haunted by memories of her former glory, faded silent-film star Norma Desmond lives in isolation, clinging to dreams of a triumphant return to Hollywood. When struggling screenwriter Joe Gillis stumbles into her decaying mansion, their seductive and dangerous relationship offers them both a chance at salvation — and seals their fate.

- **"Leader of the Pack"**: 7:30 p.m. April 22–25; April 28–May 1; 2 p.m. April 24–25; May 1–2. Hit Broadway musical traces the life and music of legendary songwriter Ellie Greenwich, following her journey from a teenage girl with big dreams to one of the most influential hitmakers of the 1960s. Featuring classics like "Be My Baby," "Da Doo Ron Ron," "River Deep, Mountain High," and the title song "Leader of the Pack," the musical celebrates not just a golden era of pop — but the woman who helped define it.

What's in Curated Concert Series

- **Sam C. Jones's Rockabilly Rumble!**: 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18. Actor-musician Sam C. Jones (who appears this season at TheatreZone as Buddy Holly) ignites the stage with this a high-energy concert experience celebrating the roots of rock 'n' roll that emanated from the American South in the 1950s.

- **Mersey Beatles Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band**: 4 p.m. Feb. 16–17; 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16–17. Direct from Liverpool, England, the internationally acclaimed Mersey Beatles present an all-new concert celebrating the 60th anniversary of the album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

- **Hello Again: Eric Gutman Sings Neil Diamond**: 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18. Broadway and national tour performer Eric Gutman sings in this celebration of the music of Neil Diamond. He blends powerful vocals with engaging storytelling in a concert filled with classics including "Sweet Caroline," "Cracklin' Rosie," and "America."

- **Johnny Rogers and "The History of Rock N Roll Show"**: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 8. Johnny Rogers brings dynamic musical journey celebrating the artists who pioneered the beginnings of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s through the classic rock artists of the 1960s.

Tickets and more

Tickets are \$55, \$65, \$75, and \$100, depending on seat selection. To book, visit TheatreZone or call the box office at 888-966-3352.

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