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## SASHA MASAKOWSKI AND MUSICAL PLAYGROUND DEBUTS AT THE ARTS COUNCIL'S EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ SERIES

Direct from New Orleans Sasha Masakowski and Musical Playground make their debut at the Arts Council's Evenings of Intimate Jazz series on **Saturday, March 12, 2011** at The Arts Council's Smithgall Arts Center in Gainesville, GA. Sasha Masakowski is a rising star on the New Orleans music scene.

Sasha began singing at 8 and decided at a very early age that she wanted to follow in the footsteps of her parents and pursue the career of a musical artist. In high school she attended the prestigious New Orleans Center for Creative Arts and graduated as a highest level senior with a certificate in Musical Theatre. There she studied intensively the art of singing, as well as acting and dancing, and began frequently performing in major musical works around the city.



Since the debut of her CD, Sasha has received vast acclaim from critics, fellow musicians, and general audiences alike throughout the U.S... Her reputation as a daring, fearless improviser and charming, creative interpreter has led to reviews such as "Sasha Masakowski approaches songs as a musician, not as a character in a musical like so many jazz female vocalists" (Alex Rawls, jazz critic)

In 2009 Sasha was nominated "Best Female Vocalist" and "Best Emerging Artist," by Louisiana's premier music magazine Offbeat. "Musical Playground" was also nominated "Best Contemporary Jazz Album," in a category shared with Terence Blanchard and Christian Scott among others. Later that same year, Sasha was awarded the prestigious Big Easy Music Award for "Best Emerging Artist of 2009."

The remaining performances in the 2010-2011 Evenings of Intimate Jazz Season includes the *Morgan Guerin Quintet on April 16th* and the season concludes with *Steve Cunningham and Friends on May 13th*. Evenings of Intimate Jazz tickets are **\$30 per person** or \$25 per person if purchased in a group of six (6) or more.. All ticket sales are plus 7% state sales tax. Tickets may be ordered online at [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net) and click on Evenings of Intimate Jazz or call us at 770-534-2787.

## NEIL BERG'S "100 YEARS OF BROADWAY" 2011 ARTS COUNCIL PEARCE SERIES

The very best of Broadway will have you singing your favorite show tunes as the 2011 ACPS continues with Neil Berg's "*100 Years of Broadway*" on **Tuesday, March 15, 2011**.

Direct from New York, five of the finest Broadway stars, performing songs of the greatest Broadway musicals such as *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Jersey Boys*, *Chicago*, *Mamma Mia* and *Jekyll & Hyde* supported by an all-star New York band. Broadway performers in 100 Years of Broadway include Carter Calvert, Robert DuSold, Andrea Rivette, Craig Schulman and Danny Zolli. The band includes David Wolfson, piano and Musical Director, Roger Cohen on Drums and Abe Saenz on Bass.

CARTER CALVERT's New York credits include starring in the original Broadway production cast album, and touring productions of *It Ain't Nothin' But The Blues*. Ms. Calvert toured Europe in Smokey Joe's Café, played Grizabella in the national tour of *Cats*, and appeared as the title role in *Always, Patsy Cline*.

DANNY ZOLLI is best known for his monumental number of performances as Jesus, Judas, and Annas in more than 15 productions of *Jesus Christ Superstar* throughout the world, Danny's unique and stirring performance of the aria "Gethsemane" is debated among "Jesus Christ Superstar" fans as one of the best. Danny has just completed and will soon be releasing his second solo album entitled "Sometimes Simple is Best". Most recently, Danny starred as Jesus in the 20th Anniversary concert of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

*100 Years of Broadway* recreates the finest moments from the greatest musicals of the century featuring the actual stars of shows such as *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Aida*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *Jekyll & Hyde*. *100 Years of Broadway* is a jubilant revue of Broadway's most beloved songs, including treasures from Jerome Kern, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Kander and Ebb, Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, and Andrew



# ARTS CALENDAR MARCH 2011

## PERFORMANCES/CLASSES

**MAR 3-5 BIG BAND SHOW** is presented in the Ed Cabell Theatre Gainesville State College-Oakwood. Admission: TBA. Performances: 7:30pm. Information: 678-717-2920 or [www.gsc.edu](http://www.gsc.edu).

**MAR 11-13 ALADDIN** is a ballet presented by the Gainesville Ballet Company at Pearce Auditorium-Brenau University. Performances: 7:30pm Mar 11-12; 2:00pm March 12-13. Tickets: \$24 adults, \$20 seniors; \$16 students and children, Brenau faculty, staff and students free with valid ID. Information: 770-532-4241 or [www.gainesvilleballet.org](http://www.gainesvilleballet.org).

**MAR 12 EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ** is presented by the Arts Council at the Smithgall Arts Center. Artist: Sasha Masakowski and Musical Playground. Performance: 8PM. Tickets: Season: \$140 or \$30 individual performance. Information: 770-534-2787 or [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net)

**MAR 15 NEIL BERG'S 100 YEARS OF BROADWAY** is an Arts Council Arts Council Pearce Series presentation at Pearce Auditorium-Brenau University. Performance: 7:30pm. Tickets: TBA. Information: 770-534-2787 or [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net).

**MAR 17 ZORA NEALE HURSTON: JUMP AT THE SUN** is a film by Kristy Andersen-Writer/Producer is presented by The Arts Council & Gainesville State College as a part of the Southern Circuit Tour Independent Filmmakers series. Show Time: 7:30pm at the Continuing Ed Center-Gainesville State College. Director's Reception following the screening. Tickets: \$7 adults and \$5 seniors/students. Information: 770-534-2787 or online [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net).



**MAR 27 PIPES & KEYS** is an organ and piano concert presented by ProMusica Concert Series featuring Dr. Phillip Hayner on organ and Joy Hayner on piano at First Presbyterian Church Gainesville. Performance: 3pm. Tickets: \$20. Information and tickets: 770-531-7776 or [www.promusicaconcertseries.com](http://www.promusicaconcertseries.com).

## EXHIBITS/OPEN HOUSES

**JAN 20-MAR 26 UTOPIAN DREAM-STATE** works by Elizabeth D'Angelo exhibited in the Presidents Gallery-Simmons Visual Arts Center Brenau University. Reception: Jan 20 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Tues-Friday 10am to 4pm; Sun 2pm-5pm. (Exhibit Closed: Feb 28-Mar 4, 2011). Information: 770-534-6263 or email [galleries@brenau.edu](mailto:galleries@brenau.edu). [www.brenau.edu](http://www.brenau.edu).

**JAN 20-MAR 26 MARK MAKER** works by Dennis Campay exhibited in the Castelli Gallery-John Burd Center for the Performing Arts Brenau University. Reception: Jan 20 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Tues-Friday 1pm to 4pm; Sun 2pm-5pm. (Exhibit Closed: Feb 28-Mar 4, 2011). Information: 770-534-6263 or email [galleries@brenau.edu](mailto:galleries@brenau.edu). [www.brenau.edu](http://www.brenau.edu).

**JAN 20-MAR 26 BOOK + SCULPTURE + SOUND** works by Jennifer Khoshbin exhibited in the Sellars Gallery-Simmons Visual Arts Center Brenau University. Reception: Jan 20 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Tues-Friday 10am to 4pm; Sun 2pm-5pm. (Exhibit Closed: Feb 28-Mar 4, 2011). Information: 770-534-6263.

**FEB 15-MAR 15 CARTOGRAPHIC** is an art exhibit at the Roy C. Moore Art Gallery Gainesville State College-Oakwood. Reception: Feb 17 at 12pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon-Thurs 10am to 4pm; Fri 10am to 3pm. Information: 678-717-3707 [www.gsc.edu](http://www.gsc.edu).

**MAR 29-APR 28 GRADUATING ART STUDENTS EXHIBITION** is an exhibit at the Roy C. Moore Art Gallery Gainesville State College-Oakwood. Reception: April 28 at 5:30pm.

Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon-Thurs 10am to 4pm; Fri 10am to 3pm. Information: 678-717-3707 [www.gsc.edu](http://www.gsc.edu).

**APR 12-29 2011 BRENAU COLLABORATIVE:** Senior Projects & Portfolios exhibit and Undergraduate Juried Exhibition in the Castelli Gallery-John Burd Center for the Performing Arts, The President's Gallery and Sellars Gallery-Simmons Visual Arts Center Brenau University. Reception: April 16 from 5:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Tues-Friday 10pm to 4pm; Sun 2pm-5pm. Information: 770-534-6263 or [www.brenau.edu](http://www.brenau.edu).

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"What Neil Berg and five scintillating and incredibly talented singers/actors hath wrought is enough to keep Broadway buffs in a state of bliss for weeks to come!" - Napa Valley Register

"100 Years of Broadway" will be presented in Pearce Auditorium - Brenau University. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors and \$28 for students/children. Tickets may be purchased by calling 770-534-2787 or online [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net).