

Peter Pringle: Riverside Theatre's ticket offer ends Sunday

By Peter Pringle

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The curtain will fall Sunday on Riverside Theatre's "2-for-1" subscription offer for the 2009-10 Mainstage season.

The offer, which makes seats available for as little as \$8 for each of the five productions, has attracted more than 1,300 new subscribers to the Vero Beach theater.

"Our goal is to have over 5,000 subscribers," said marketing director Oscar Sales. "The new subscribers have brought us within reach of that goal."

The response has exceeded that of a similar offer last year.

"I attribute the increase to the quality and range of this season's productions," Sales said. "Many subscribers have concluded that this is a much stronger season, with bigger and more exciting shows."

The season will begin Oct. 15 with the Tony Award-winning musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." It will be followed by "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," "Ella," "42nd Street" and "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

Single-ticket sales for the Mainstage season will begin at 10 a.m. Monday.

The theater will host Coffee with the Mayor at 9 a.m. Friday, and open houses from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

For more information, call (772) 231-5860.

BEST OF THE MET

"Madama Butterfly" will conclude the "Best of the Met: Live in HD Summer Series" at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Majestic Theatre in Vero Beach.

Starring in Puccini's opera — the most-performed opera in the United States — will be Marcello Giordani and Patricia Racette. Giordani will perform for Vero Beach Opera on March 20 in the Deborah Voigt/VBO Foundation Concert at the Vero Beach

High School Performing Arts Center.

For more information, call (772) 569-6993.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT

The Indian River Photo Club will receive entries for its 2010 Photographic Print Exhibit from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Vero Beach Museum of Art. Club members and amateur and professional photographers living in Indian River, Brevard and St. Lucie counties may participate.

The categories are people, nature (flora and fauna), still life, scapes, special technique and open, or abstracts and images that don't fit the other categories. Works selected for the juried exhibit will be displayed in the museum's Studio Gallery from Dec. 5 through Jan. 3.

For more information, call (772) 569-5186 or (321) 684-3039.

GONE INTERNATIONAL

The four Treasure Coast authors of "The Group" — Rebecca Carswell, Mirja Heide, Tiffany Kaharick and Amy Mead — have gone international.

Their book, subtitled "An Amazing Way to Achieve Success, Happiness & Extraordinary Relationships," will be featured next month at the Frankfurt Book Fair, the world's largest. In July, it was showcased at the Hong Kong Book Fair in a display sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the American Consulate General in Hong Kong.

PERFORMANCE ADDED

Blues Hall of Fame and Grammy Award-winning guitarist Johnny Winter's Oct. 11 performance at Lou's Blues Night Club in Indialantic is a sellout. A second performance has been added for 7 p.m. Oct. 12.

For more information, call (321) 783-9004.

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