

CALENDAR

Art & Exhibits

CENTRAL ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS ARTS CENTER
MacArthur Park, East Ninth and Commerce streets. Junior Arts Academy registration Monday-May 27. "Tag Project/Executive Order 9066," by Wendy Maruyama and "Leaves of Grass" by Edward Weston Friday-April 21. Lecture: "Confessions of an Itinerant Painter," artist William Dunlap, 6 p.m. Feb. 10; dinner following lecture \$30, couple \$50. "Delta Exhibition," through March 10. AAC Museum School Faculty Exhibition: Past and Present, through March 10. "Foundation Collection," "Masterworks" and "Paul Signac," continuing. Museum School art classes and workshops for children and adults; call or visit website for schedule and costs. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. arkarts.com or (501) 372-4000.

ARKANSAS CAPITOL ROTUNDA
"African American Legislators-1868-1893," 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 9. Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. (501) 682-5080. **FREE**

ARKANSAS REPERTORY THEATRE
601 Main St. Rotating exhibit, through Feb. 10. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m.-curtain Tuesday-Friday, 1 p.m.-curtain Saturday-Sunday. (501) 378-0405. **FREE**

ARKANSAS TREASURER'S OFFICE
Room 220, Arkansas Capitol. January: works by Tyler Adams and Gail Wilcox. Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. (501) 682-1423. **FREE**

ARKANSAS STUDIES INSTITUTE BUTLER CENTER GALLERIES
401 President Clinton Ave. From the Vault: Works From the Central Arkansas Library System Permanent Collection, through March 23. Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (501) 320-5700. **FREE**

BOSWELL MOUROT FINE ART
5815 Kavanaugh Blvd. "Exodus of Dreams-Cuba to America," through Feb. 16. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. (501) 664-0030. **FREE**

CANTRELL GALLERY 8206 Cantrell Road. "Elemental: Copper. Zinc. Clay. Wood. Bone. Stone. Oil. Watercolor," by Bob Crane, through March 2. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, or by appointment. (501) 224-1335. **FREE**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 509 Scott St. "Beating Hooves," Mary Shelton, through March 4. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon Sunday. (501) 375-2342. **FREE**

CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL CENTER
1200 President Clinton Ave. "In Pieces," through today. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$7; retired military, college students and ages 62 and over \$5; children 6-17 \$3; active military and children under 6 free. (501) 374-4242.

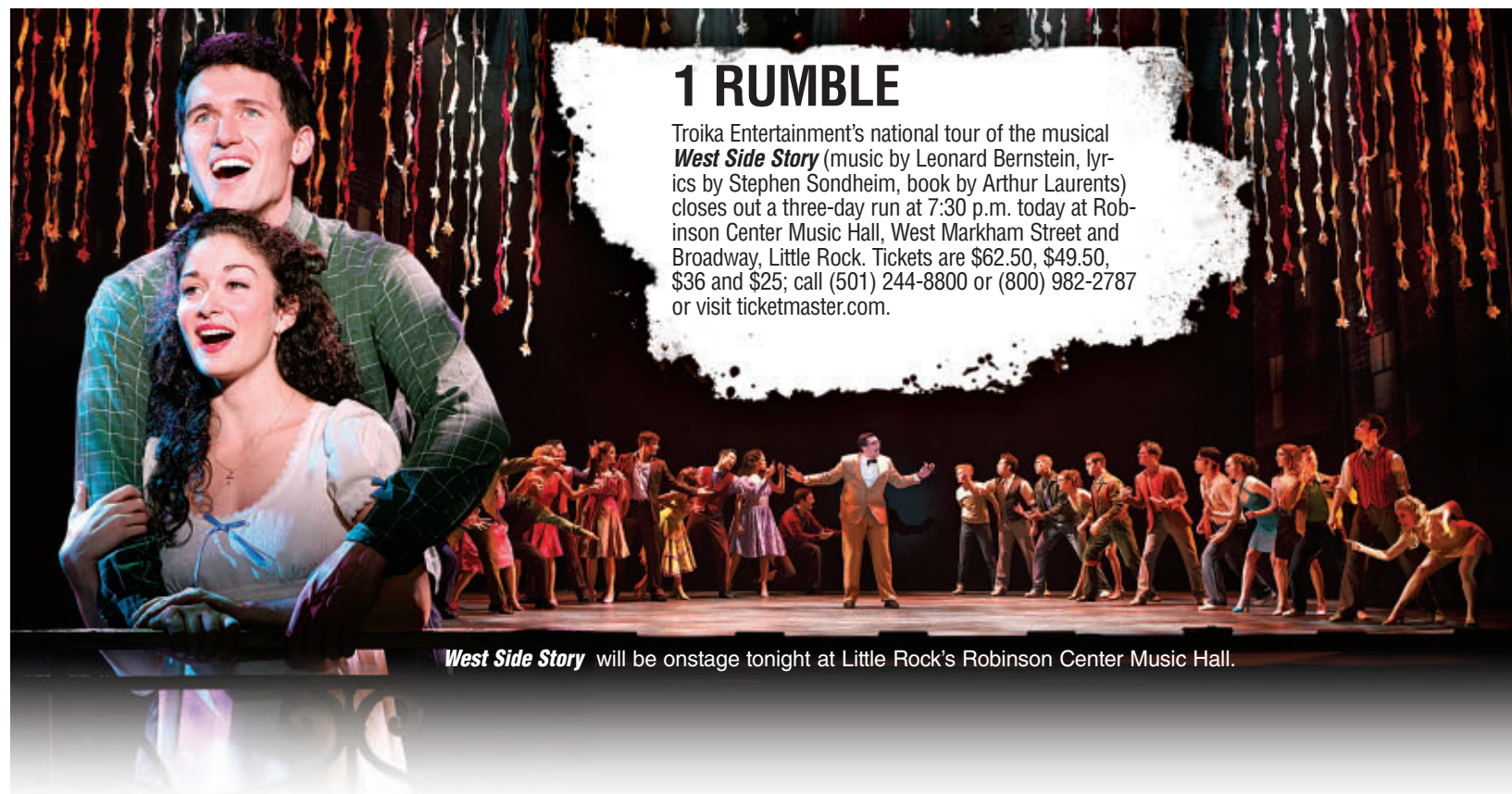
COMMUNITY BAKERY 1200 Main St. "Beauty in the Natural State," oil paintings by Jeannie Stone, Monday-March 2. Reception 5-8 p.m. Feb. 8. Hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. (501) 375-7105. **FREE**

GALLERY 26 2601 Kavanaugh Blvd., Suite 1. Recent works of Mindy Lacefield, Jeff Waddle, and Emily Wood through March 9. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (501) 664-8996. **FREE**

GALLERY 221 Second and Center streets. "Expressions of Light," Sean LeCrone, through today. Collection of works by artists including Jennifer Cox Coleman, Peggy Roberson, Mary Ann Stafford. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and by

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THE WEEKEND TEN The top things to do and places to be



West Side Story will be onstage tonight at Little Rock's Robinson Center Music Hall.

1 RUMBLE

Troika Entertainment's national tour of the musical *West Side Story* (music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Arthur Laurents) closes out a three-day run at 7:30 p.m. today at Robinson Center Music Hall, West Markham Street and Broadway, Little Rock. Tickets are \$62.50, \$49.50, \$36 and \$25; call (501) 244-8800 or (800) 982-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com.

2 RHYTHM

The Los Angeles-based **Lula Washington Dance Theatre** will perform *The Little Rock Nine* at 7 p.m. today in Riceland Auditorium, Grand Prairie Center, Stuttgart campus, Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, 2709 U.S. 165 S., Stuttgart. Washington, an England, Ark., native, choreographed the dramatic dance production; the performance celebrates Black History Month. Tickets are \$27, \$18 and \$12; call (870) 673-4201 Extension 1895 or visit pccuca.edu.

3 REMEMBRANCE

Civil rights activist and author **Simeon Wright** will be the featured storyteller for a *Tales From the South Tin Roof Project* show today at Starving Artist Cafe, 411 Main St., North Little Rock. Wright is the author of *Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of the Kidnapping of Emmett Till*. Till, a Chicago teen and Wright's older cousin, was lynched for allegedly whistling at a white woman in a small Mississippi town in 1955. Doors open at 5 p.m. for dinner, drinks and music by Finger Food with Steve Davison and Micky Rigby; show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50, plus the cost of dinner and drinks. Seating is very limited. Visit talesfromthesouth.com or e-mail talesfromthesouth@gmail.com. (The show will air at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 on central Arkansas public radio station KUAR-FM, 89.1.)

■ "For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights," a look at how visual images have promoted racial equality over three decades, is on display through March 16 at the William F. Laman Library, 2801 Orange St., North Little Rock. Hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Call (501) 758-1720 or visit lamanlibrary.org.

4 RIDGE

The Ridge Piano Trio — Chiharu Iinuma, piano; David Gillham, violin; and Tom Landschoot, cello — will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall, Fine Arts Building, at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2801 S. University Ave., part of the university's Artspre series. The program: *Piano Trio No. 3* in B-flat major, K.502, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; *Las Cuatro Estaciones Portenas (The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires)* by Astor Piazzolla; and the *Piano Trio No. 2* in C major, op.87, by Johannes Brahms. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for students, free for UALR students; call (501) 569-8993 or visit ualr.tix.com.

5 ROMP

Roger M. Eaves plays a Hollywood writer who gets an unexpected surprise when the tomboy teenage daughter (Courtney Bennett) he hasn't seen in 16 years shows up in **Neil Simon's I Ought to Be in Pictures**, through Feb. 9 at Murry's Dinner Playhouse, 6323 Colonel Glenn Road, Little Rock. Doors open/dinner begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 11 a.m. for Sunday matinees; 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 12:30 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday matinees. 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (including buffet and show) are \$33 Sunday evening-Thursday, \$35 Friday-Saturday, \$31 Sunday matinees, with discounts for children and show-only. Call (501) 562-3131 or visit the website, murrysdinnerplayhouse.com.

6 RESOURCEFUL

Improvisational troupe **ImprovLittleRock** will put on a pair of Groundhog Day shows Saturday at the Public Theatre, 616 Center St., Little Rock: ■ *ImprovLittleRock Comedy Throwdown!*, 7 p.m., two teams playing a series of improvisational games fueled by audience ideas and possibly participation. ■ *ImprovLittleRock Winter Comedy Watch*, 10 p.m., dozens of small scenes based on audience suggestions. Tickets to each are \$8; call (501) 374-7529.

7 RIDERS

Riders will try desperately to hang onto bucking bulls as the **Professional Bull Riders** return to North Little Rock's Verizon Arena at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$17-\$52. Call (800) 745-3000 or visit ticketmaster.com.

8 REPRESENTATION

The **Arkansas Arts Center** welcomes two World War II-themed exhibits to its galleries starting Friday. "Wendy Maruyama: Executive Order 9066" tells the story of Japanese-American internment camps through replicated ID tags and artwork created from suitcases, trunks and other artifacts. Photographs taken across America just prior to the war are on display in "Edward Weston: Leaves of Grass." Both exhibits remain on display through April 21 at the Arts Center in MacArthur Park, 10th and Commerce streets, Little Rock. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Call (501) 372-4000.

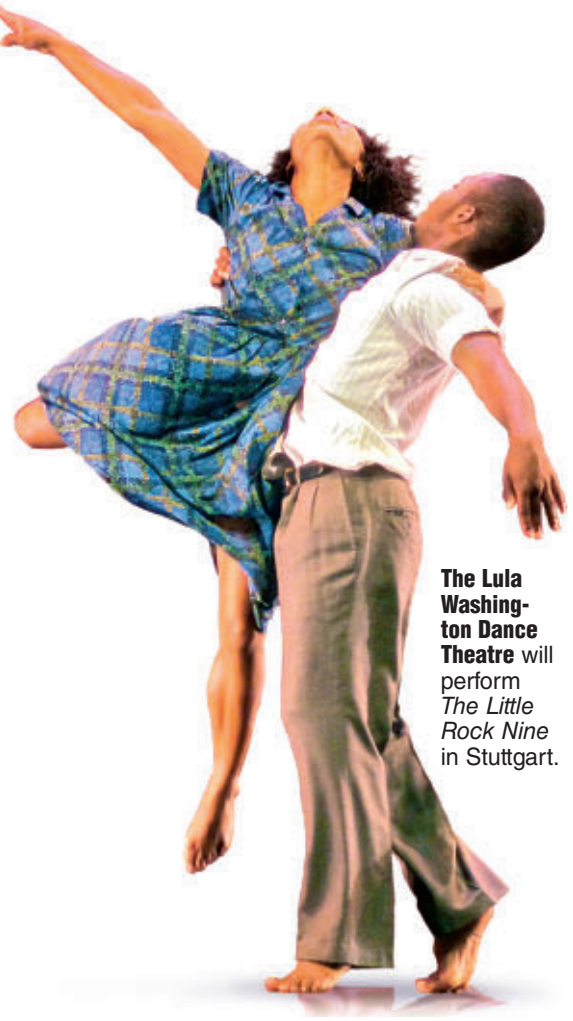
9 (F)REEZIN'

People in Conway will be **Freezin' for a Reason** on Saturday. The 5K/10K walk/run to benefit the Arkansas Children's

Hospital Foundation starts at 9 a.m. at Conway High School West's John McConnell Track and Field Stadium, 2300 Prince St. The 2K Family Run follows at 10:45 a.m. Registration is \$25 for the 2K and 5K, \$30 for the 10K in advance, \$35 day-of for all events, free for children 13 and under. Call (501) 450-0512 or visit giving.archildrens.org/freezin.

10 AU REVOIR ...

Two downtown Little Rock exhibits end their runs this weekend: ■ "In Pieces," a collaboration between Lego brick artist Nathan Sawaya and photographer Dean West, closes Friday at the **Clinton Presidential Center**, 1200 President Clinton Ave. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7; \$5 if you're 62 and older, retired U.S. military and/or a college student, \$3 for children 6-17; free for kids under 6 and active U.S. military. Call (501) 748-0425. ■ With a more historic angle, "Arkansas in the Civil War: Battle Colors of Arkansas" draws to a close Sunday at the **Old State House Museum**, 300 W. Markham St. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Call (501) 324-9685.



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Fast Forward

Things to do next week and next month.

NEXT WEEK

Home on the road: If you're thinking about hitting the road and taking your home with you, you might want to check out the Arkansas RV Show, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Feb. 8-9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Statehouse Convention Center. Admission is \$5, free for children 12 and under. Call (501) 765-1423.

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NEXT MONTH

Home on the mend: For those who want to spruce up the stationary home they've got, the 61st annual Home Show takes over North Little Rock's Verizon Arena, noon-7 p.m. Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 23 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 24. More than 200 vendors will be on hand with home-related products, while experts will host seminars and demonstrations. Admission is \$8, free for children 12 and under. Call (501) 758-3646.

Italian Kitchen tastily authentic

ROSEMARY BOGGS
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

If you found yourself with a hankering for a good Italian meal, you probably wouldn't head into Conway and look around for a restaurant smack dab in the middle of a host of hotels and chain restaurants, and a Goodwill store, all of which are less than a block from Interstate 40. But that's just what my mother and I did a few Saturday's ago, and we were pleasantly surprised at what we found.

Russo's Coal-Fired Italian Kitchen, which opened in May, sits in such a location, but from looking at the building, we knew the place could hold something special. The exterior of the stand-alone building is taste-

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The Shrimp Florentine at Russo's Coal-Fired Kitchen in Conway is made with large shrimp, organic spinach and a lemon garlic wine sauce on top of spinach pasta.

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