



Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum

BOCA RATON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Boca Raton Historical Society, a nonprofit membership organization founded in 1972, is at the Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum. The building, previously known as Boca Raton Historical Museum, recently underwent a transformation, thanks to a generous donation from the Schmidt family. The dynamic redesign has given the Historical Society the opportunity to prolong its mission of preserving and collecting information relevant to the evolution of Boca Raton. In fact, the History Alive! exhibits, which share the story of Boca Raton, recently opened, featuring IBM, Addison Mizner and more. There are also rotating temporary exhibits that appeal to people of all ages.

THE STUDIO AT MIZNER PARK

Newly renovated and renamed in 2022, the Studio at Mizner Park brings award-winning live theatre, comedy, concerts and expansive event space to Boca Raton. In addition to the 300-seat black box theater and 4,500-square-foot event space, there is a gallery with an open bar to create the perfect vibe for any event. The location at the upscale Mizner Park shopping center is perfect to grab a bite before the show, stroll the sidewalks and enjoy the many shops and boutiques surrounding the theater.

plays host to more than 100,000 visitors per year for concerts, community festivals and events, and private rentals. It has entertained more than a million people since its debut more than a decade ago.

Since 2010, the City of Boca Raton has operated the amphitheater, offering cooperative programming opportunities in music, dance, theatre, film and fine arts. Some of the most popular events at the amphitheater, such as the Summer in the City Music Series, Cinema in the Park and holiday events, are presented by the city at no charge. Among other events, the Summer Series welcomes some of the top touring tribute acts. In addition to free music, the amphitheater has played host to such major recording acts as Melissa Etheridge, Bonnie Raitt, the Alan Parsons Project, Gavin DeGraw, Morrissey, Blue Öyster Cult, Rob Thomas, Selena Gomez and more. Jason Mraz, 3 Doors Down, the Goo Goo Dolls and Walker Hayes all

performed at this venue in 2023.

West of the city, close to Osprey Point Golf Course, the Sunset Cove Amphitheater, operated by Palm Beach County, attracts its share of major musical acts as well. The Zac Brown Band, Willie Nelson, Darius Rucker, Barenaked Ladies, 311 and Kendrick Lamar have all performed at this venue. More recently, Slightly Stoopid, Dirty Heads and Stick Figure have made appearances as well. Sunset Cove also plays host to community events including free concerts, family movies, food truck nights and a July Fourth concert and fireworks spectacular.

In 1999, the Boca Raton Cultural Consortium was founded, an organization dedicated to creating synergy while demonstrating that Boca is truly a vibrant cultural destination. Its mission is simple: to raise the public's awareness of the quality, diversity and impact of arts and cultural programs in the community. The cultural council includes the following member organizations:

Boca Arts {at a glance}:

- **Boca Ballet Theatre** is currently the sixth-largest dance company in the state of Florida and one of the top civic companies in the United States, offering classical training for dancers and choreographers, along with 13 performances annually.
- **The SYMPHONIA** provides professional classical music featuring nationally and internationally acclaimed conductors and soloists, and is an integral part of the arts and culture community in South Florida.
- **Lynn University's Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center** is among the state-of-the-art theaters in South Florida and was the site of a presidential debate in 2012.
- **The Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters at Florida Atlantic University** offers more than 30 concerts, 10 plays and dance productions, and several local and national art exhibitions and events throughout the year.
- **The Boca Raton Museum of Art** is one of the leading cultural institutions in South Florida, a world-class visual arts institution known for dynamic, changing exhibitions from acclaimed artists as well as a distinguished permanent collection. Its many public programs include artist presentations, family activities, art films, the annual Outdoor Juried Festival, and more than 100 classes per week at its studio Art School. Museum auxiliaries include The Artists' Guild, Friends Auxiliary and Collectors' Forum.

For more information about these organizations, visit artsinboca.org.