



## The 2013-2014 Season is About to Begin!

Be the first on your block to get your memberships for the coming season at The Center. Each of the Member Groups have a great new year of beauty, entertainment and education lined up just for you! Watch for the Season Membership Brochure in the mail or go right now to our website, [bcfas.org](http://bcfas.org). If you are not on our email or mailing list, but would like to be, call 979-265-7661 or email [thecenter@bcfas.org](mailto:thecenter@bcfas.org).



## A New Season for Center Stages

For the past 70 years, Brazosport Center Stages has continually produced high quality plays and musicals for the Texas Gulf Coast community, and that tradition continues into the 2013-2014 season. The first of five plays for the season, *Barefoot in the Park* by Neil Simon begins the year with the age-old story of a young couple in love, following their transition from being in love through the difficulties of marriage. The Broadway production of *Barefoot in the Park* ran for four years and inspired the 1967 movie starring Robert Redford and Jane Fonda.

*Camping with Henry and Tom* by Mark St. Germain, our October show, is a comedic and dramatic clash of two great minds and one great heart of the Twentieth Century. Inspired by an actual camping trip in 1921 by three men – Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and President Warren G Harding – who strived to escape civilization; what they couldn't escape was each other.

Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*, as adapted by John Jakes, graces our stage once again in December. Narrated by Dickens himself, this holiday favorite is a wonderful addition to the family traditions of Christmas.

The first musical of the season, *1776* puts a human face to the well-known historical event of the writing and signing of the Constitution. Through the book by Peter Stone and the songs of Sherman Edwards, the musical shows us the men behind the national icons: proud, frightened, uncertain, irritable, charming, often petty and ultimately noble figures determined to do the right thing for a fledgling nation.

*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* showcases all of Shakespeare's 37 plays as performed by three men in 97 minutes. Impossible, you say? Join us in March for a night of Shakespearean theater as Shakespeare never intended you to experience it. Adapted by Adam Long, David Singer & Jess Winfield, this hilarious night of theater is not to be missed! Just in time for spring,

*The Nacirema Society* by Pearl Cleage is a wonderful romantic comedy that delightfully mixes debutantes, social change, and a delicious helping of scandal in 1960s Alabama.

*Bye Bye Birdie*, book by Michael Stewart, music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Lee Adams, rounds out the season as the summer musical. With five plays and two musicals representing all aspects of comedy and tragedy, there is something for everyone in the 2013-2014 Season at Brazosport Center Stages. Join us by volunteering or becoming a season ticket member!



**"Hey cher...** we gettin' ready to have some big fun on dat ol' bayou," says Jeanne Manry, President of the Brazosport Symphony League, to Carl Wolfe, 2013-2014 BSO Council President. Now a summer tradition in Southern Brazoria County, the annual Jazz & Jambalaya party will be held this year on August 8, at River Place, Freeport Municipal Park. The fun for the whole family begins at 6 p.m. and lasts until 9 p.m. A Cajun-style dinner will be catered by On the River Restaurant and a beer and wine cash bar will also be available. Entertainment will be provided by Richard Birk Jazz Sunday.

Jazz & Jambalaya is a major fundraising event benefiting the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra but this party is anything but classical. In addition to the dancing and an occasional impromptu parade, there will be both a live and silent auction. Auctioneer for the live auction will be Angleton attorney Matt Edquist.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight and will be sold at the door or reserve your seat at 979-705-2241 or email [brazosportsymphonyleague@outlook.com](mailto:brazosportsymphonyleague@outlook.com). If you would like to donate auction items, please call or email above.



## Jazz & Jambalaya

August 8, 9 p.m.

River Place,  
Freeport Municipal Park

Music by Jazz Sunday  
Cajun Cuisine by On the River Restaurant  
Live auction includes:  
• Fishing with Capt. Reece Murray  
• Conduct BSO at Oct. 10th concert  
• A TX Flag flown over the capital



League Vice President Carole Mobley added, "Jazz & Jambalaya is like a big ol' Mardi Gras party in August. So y'all come on over; I mean what else are you going to be doing on a Thursday night in August?"



## Tired of Summer Already?



A wonderful selection of classes and workshops offered by Member Groups at The Center for the Arts and Sciences and underwritten by *The Facts* are the perfect Summer pick-me-up. Exciting opportunities in theater, art and science are waiting for children and teens from 7 – 15 years.

For information on dates, class sizes and fees, visit [bcfas.org](http://bcfas.org)

## Center Stages

### Children's Music Theater Workshop

A fun-filled week of singing, acting, choreography & theater art for 7-12 year olds. A complete musical production will be presented by the children on the final afternoon of each workshop week. Students must be able to read. Students bring a sack lunch & drink each day.

### Children's Drama Workshop

A 6-day total theater experience for 7-15 year olds culminating with a performance by the children on Saturday. Students must be able to read. Students should bring a sack lunch & drink each day.

## Brazosport Planetarium

### Spectacular Science

Summer is a great time to have fun discovering science with new hands-on activities and experiments with Alexandra Hodge-Ratliff, teacher. The classes for grades 5 – 8 include one day of cool space activities presented by NASA's Christopher Blair. This year a new class for ages 4 & 5 has been added for your young scientists.

## Art League

### Summer Art Odyssey

Budding artists entering grades 4-6 learn techniques such as drawing, watercolor & clay from a variety of experienced teachers. Classes are designed to pique interest in the visual arts as well as offer a taste of varied media.

**For Other Fun Things to do at  
The Center in the Summer  
see the Calendar of Events on the next page...**



# Calendar of Events at THE CENTER for the Arts and Sciences



BRAZOSPORT  
CENTER STAGES

**July 11, 12, 13,18, 19 & 20 @ 8 p.m.; July 14 & 21 @ 2:30 p.m.**



**Les Misérables**

Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, Les Misérables tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption – a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. Book by Alain Boublil & Claude-Michel Schönberg, music by Claude-Michel Schönberg, lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer. Director: Judi James, Assistant Director: Susan Moss; Music Directors: Chris Hutchison & David Brent Miller. Performances in the Large Theater.

TICKET RESERVATIONS  
*Les Misérables*  
(\$17/adults; \$13/children)

July 3: Online Box Office opens for Center Stages Members.  
July 7: Center Box Office opens for Members only.  
July 8: Both online and Center Box Office open to the General Public.

Center box office: 979-265-7731, 2-5 p.m.  
Online reservations at [brazosportcenterstages.org](http://brazosportcenterstages.org) require credit card, Visa, Discover & MasterCard accepted. Secure site, password protected.

**August 3 • 6 p.m. • Appreciation Night** • Celebrate the 2012-2013 season and attend a stimulating business meeting and Director's Awards! Delectible Reception in The Center lobby preceeds the Business and Entertainment. Open to all Center Stages members and anyone who has volunteered their time to make this a successful season.

**August 4 @ 2:30 p.m., 5 & 6 @ 7 p.m. • Auditions and crew signup** in the Large Theater for the September 20 – 29 production of ***Barefoot in the Park***. Neil Simon's first runaway hit (the 1963 Broadway production ran nearly four years) follows a young couple through the complicated transition from being in love to being married and in love. Director: Lorin Furlow. Performed in the Arena Theater.



THE BRAZOSPORT  
PLANETARIUM

In the Planetarium Lobby: Space exploration wall with NASA TV, interactive computer stations and displays • ViewSpace: Images from Hubble, Spitzer & Chandra telescopes with the latest news about our solar system, updated daily by astronomers at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Maryland. • Gift shop items include the latest in astronomy books, supplies & gifts for all ages. Lobby is open before Planetarium Shows.

**July, Tuesdays and Fridays • 7 p.m. • The Wildest Weather in the Solar System** • Full Dome show by National Geographic. Come on a spectacular journey Packed with eye-popping visuals, high-end CGI, and cutting-edge science, to witness the most beautiful, powerful, and mysterious weather phenomena in the solar system. From a storm the size of a 100-megaton hydrogen bomb, to a 400-year-old hurricane, to a dust tempest that could engulf entire planets, you'll be glad you live on Earth! Audiences will fly through the thick atmosphere of Venus, magnetic storms on the sun, liquid methane showers on Titan, and anticyclones whirling at hundreds of miles per hour on Jupiter. Co-sponsored by Brazosport Rotary. Also, ***Tonight's Sky*** • What's over your house tonight? Tickets available 20 minutes before the show. \$5 Adults, \$3 Students. Call 979-265-3376 for information.


**August 6, 9, 13 & 16 • 7 p.m. • Astronaut** • Narrated by Ewan McGregor and produced by the National Space Centre in Leicester, England. An adventure unlike anything you've ever encountered. Meet the animated test astronaut Chad and discover the perils that lurk in space from his viewpoint! Explore the amazing worlds of both inner and outer space, from floating around the International Space Station to maneuvering through microscopic regions of the human body as you experience the chain of events inside the body of an astronaut during a rocket launch. • Also, ***Tonight's Sky*** • What's over your house tonight? Tickets available 20 minutes before the show. \$5 Adults, \$3 Students. Call 979-265-3376 for information.

**July 16 • 7:45 p.m. • Astronomy Club** • Following Planetarium show in the Planetarium • Open to the public.



THE BRAZOSPORT  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**August 8 • 6 – 9 p.m. • New Orleans Jazz & Jambalaya** • Summer fund raiser sponsored by Brazosport Symphony League to benefit Brazosport Symphony Orchestra. at River Place in Freeport Municipal Park. Tickets are \$40/person or \$300/table for 8. Reservations: 979-705-2241. For more information see the article on first page.





**IS YOUR INSTRUMENT GATHERING DUST?**

If you promised your Mama you'd keep playing that instrument she bought you in high school, college or elsewhere and would like to resume playing, consider joining Brazosport Symphony Orchestra. Symphony musicians are from both the local community and neighboring cities. Many musicians, including music teachers as well as people in other professions and students, volunteer their time and talents to bring symphonic music to the Brazosport area. No audition is necessary. Come to a rehearsal at The Clarion and be a part of the music!

**Rehearsals** are at 7 p.m. every Thursday during the season beginning September 5 for October 5 Pops Concert. The concert will include *Frenergy* by Estacio, Concerto for Marimba and Strings, Movement II by Sejourne and *Firebird Suite* by Stravinsky. For more information, call 713-252-2181.


The Center will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.





THE BRAZOSPORT  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE


Dromaesosaur face-to-face as a Pteranodon soars overhead, all under the watchful eyes of a predatory Allosaurus. Denizens of prehistoric seas watch the action from the sidelines. We house one of the largest shell collections on display and folks of all ages delight in the black-light display in the mineral area. Archeology exhibits highlight the history and prehistory of our area while the wildlife section features animals native to Texas. Displays change frequently. Visit [www.bmns.org](http://www.bmns.org) or call 979-265-7831 for more information. Open Tuesday-Saturday • 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday • 2-5 p.m. and during Center Stages productions. Free admission.



**July 3 • 4:30 p.m. • Volunteer Ice Cream Social** • A cool way for Museum volunteers to relax and enjoy each other's company! Spouses and prospective volunteers are welcome.

**August 10 • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**DINOSAUR DAY**



Annual event for children ages 4-8 featuring crafts, DVDs and stories about Dinosaurs and the environment they lived in millions of years ago.

**Open to the public free of charge.**

**MUSEUM AFFILIATES**

**July 9 & August 13 • 7:30 p.m. • Brazosport Archaeological Society** • Meetings, in the Museum, are open to the public. Join them in their study of the prehistory and history of the lower Brazos River region. For the July meeting, members will recap the 2013 Texas Archeological Society Annual Summer Field School. The Society is a non-profit organization created to stimulate an active interest in the discovery, conservation, and salvage of archaeological sites, and the recording and preservation of archaeological remains using scientific procedures. For more information, visit [www.bmns.org](http://www.bmns.org).



THE BRAZOSPORT  
ART LEAGUE

**GALLERY EXHIBITS**

Free admission to all galleries; exhibits change every 5-6 weeks. Center Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday • 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday • 2-5 p.m. and during Center Stages productions. The Thelma Martin Members' Gallery displays original works for sale by League members. The Art Shop sells original artwork, cards, stationery, miniature paintings, ceramics, jewelry and other small gift items.

**Through July 7 • Paint-In Show** • Works by Art League members who are part of the weekly gatherings in the Studio. Sponsored by John & Linda Matheson.

**July 9- August 18 • Travels, Cameras, Canvases** • Works by Artist/Photographer Peter Bowman. Sponsored by Jim Hodgins. Opening Reception, Saturday, July 13, 7-9 p.m. Open to the public.

**August 20 – September 15 • Open Juried Show** • Works by Brazosport Art League members. Juror to be announced. Sponsored by The Law Office of Michelle A. Stover. Opening Reception, Saturday, August 24, 7-9 p.m. Open to the public.

**COMMUNITY SATELLITE EXHIBITS**

Work by Art League members on exhibit in the community at the following locations: The Dow Chemical Co., A.P. Beutel Building • Lake Jackson Civic Center • Lake Jackson Public Library • Clute City Hall Lobby

**IN THE STUDIO**

**July 18, 19 & 20 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Colored Pencil Workshop**; instructor, Jared Paul Wilson. Contact Duane Alcorn at 979-265-0777 for registration and materials information. Cost per person is \$95, \$25 deposit due upon registration. The class will be limited to 20 people.

**August 7, 8 & 9 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Painting Outside the Box** • Workshop with Cecelia LaValle. Contact Duane Alcorn at 979-265-0777 for registration and materials information.

**Paint-In • Mondays & Wednesdays all year • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** • An opportunity for members to learn from each other while working on their own projects in varied media. These fun & casual sessions are very helpful for beginners, and everyone is welcome. Come three times as a guest; membership required thereafter. Information: Linda Roberts 979-265-6253.

**Life Drawing • 1st and 3rd Wednesdays • 2-4 p.m. during Paint-In** • \$4 model fee. Information: Harry Sargent, 979-297-4766.



Lookout for  
**CENTER CIRCLE EVENTS**  
Coming Soon

Special events at The Center will include a variety of activities, both scientific and artistic, and always entertaining. A great opportunity to meet new people while having fun.

**Watch The Center's Facebook page and website - [bcfas.org](http://bcfas.org) for more information.**

**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS**

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