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## THE SICILIAN TENORS TO PERFORM TODAY AT SAVANNAH CENTER

The Sicilian Tenors – Aaron Caruso, Elio Scaccio and Sam Vitale – will perform at 7 p.m. today at Savannah Center. The trio will perform the best of Hollywood, Broadway and Italy. Tickets are \$25 and up. They can be purchased online at [thevillagesentertainment.com](http://thevillagesentertainment.com) or at any Villages Box Office location. (Liz Coughlin, Daily Sun)



### Celebrity Spotlight on ... Damon Galgut

South African writer Galgut won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction on Wednesday with "The Promise," a novel about one white family's reckoning with South Africa's racist history. (AP)

**SAT.** Today is Saturday, Nov. 6, the 319th day of 2021.  
**06** There are 55 days left in the year.

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- » Actor **June Squibb** is 92.
- » Singer **P.J. Proby** is 83.
- » Actor **Sally Field** is 75.
- » Singer **Rory Block** is 72.
- » Jazz musician **Arturo Sandoval** is 72.
- » TV host **Catherine Crier** is 67.
- » News correspondent and former California first lady **Maria Shriver** is 66.
- » Actor **Lori Singer** is 64.
- » Actor **Lance Kerwin** is 61.
- » Rock singer **Corey Glover** is 57.
- » Actor **Brad Grunberg** is 57.
- » Actor **Peter DeLuise** is 55.
- » Actor **Kelly Rutherford** is 53.
- » Actor **Ethan Hawke** is 51.
- » Model-actor **Rebecca Romijn** is 49.
- » Actor **Zoe McLellan** is 47.
- » Actor **Nicole Dubuc** is 43.
- » Actor **Taryn Manning** is 43.
- » Retired NBA star **Lamar Odom** is 42.

#### TODAY IN HISTORY



**1977:** 39 people were killed when the Kelly Barnes Dam in Georgia burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College.

**1632:** King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden was killed in battle.

**1893:** composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

**1906:** Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

**1928:** in a first, the results of Republican Herbert Hoover's presidential election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wraparound sign on the New York Times building.

**1956:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

**1984:** President Ronald Reagan won re-election by a landslide over former Vice President Walter Mondale, the Democratic challenger.

**1990:** about one-fifth of the Universal Studios backlot in southern California was destroyed in an arson fire.

**2012:** President Barack Obama was elected to a second term of office, defeating Republican challenger Mitt Romney.



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Bonnie Williams performs "I Got Rhythm" during the show Rhapsody In Rhythm, Best of Gershwin & Porter at Savannah Center.

## Gershwin and Porter – Who Could Ask for Anything More?

By LIZ COUGHLIN | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Party guests in tuxes and flapper dresses sing and dance the night away at the Hotel Savannah, in a lavish room with a grand piano and staircase leading up to a moonlit view. There, they wait for the guests of honor, George and Ira Gershwin and Cole Porter, who are headed their way from Europe. That provided the setting for SMASH Productions' "Rhapsody in Rhythm," a tribute to the composers, which the resident theater group performed this week at Savannah Center.

The guests didn't need the composers there to enjoy their massive repertoire of songs. The group showed the diversity of that repertoire with over 30 songs ranging from love songs to upbeat show tunes to classical pieces, accompanied by the Joe Mankowski Trio.

They performed a selection of songs from "Kiss Me, Kate," "Anything Goes" and other shows. Even out of context of the shows,

each cast member (Bill Davis, Bill Krone, Bill McGaughey, Billie Thatcher, Bob Stehman, Bonnie Williams, Holly Jeske, Janet Maloney Brodst, Marilyn Duncan and Syd Tenenbaum) performed the numbers with the same gusto as if plucked from a full production. Their voices – and acting skills – seemed perfectly suited for the Broadway genre.

While a reverent tribute, the show also had a sense of humor, and came with some surprises like



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**MARLEEN WIGGINS**  
Village of Mallory Square

an appearance by producer Susan Feinberg's dog, Maximus.

The full cast came together for a jubilant rendition of "I Got Rhythm" featuring a surprise dance number. The dancers took the spotlight for a ballet-inspired "Rhapsody in Blue."

In true party fashion, the characters played a game where they picked and performed song titles from a hat. And audience members became party guests, too, with singalong numbers like "Swanee."

Sharon Brannon, of the Village of Gilchrist, came to hear the songs that she remembered from her past.

"I like 'Don't Fence Me In,' it's a wonderful song and the love songs make you feel good. It's been enjoyable to go back and listen to the old songs (I) recognize," Brannon said.

"I thought it was great, the costumes, the voices were wonderful. We were amazed that there is such great talent in The Villages and thankful that we have that," said Marleen Wiggins, of the Village of Mallory Square. "We're so fortunate to have such wonderful talent and this wonderful facility."

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