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29 ways to enjoy the 2018-19 culture season

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Seasonistas, it's that time again.

The broiling hot days of summer are nearly over (we hope), and it's time to start marking your fall calendars for all the exciting cultural events coming in the months ahead. Of all the things happening this season, there is one biggie, a can't miss, the \$100 million elephant in the room and let's start our list with...

1. The new Norton: The West Palm museum reopens with a \$100 million expansion and transformation that you can see taking shape daily along its new South Dixie Highway entrance. This will mean more galleries, more exhibits and undoubtedly a lot of national attention as the Norton makes its boldest bid to be one of the Southeast's major museums. The grand unveiling to the public is Feb. 9. Information: norton.org

2. Drama that works: Palm Beach Dramaworks kicks off another intriguing season on Oct. 19 with "Indecent," Paula Vogel's play about the cultural fireworks that stemmed from the premiere of a 1923 Broadway show. It's part of a season that also includes classic plays by August Wilson ("Fences") and John Guare ("The House of Blue Leaves"). Information: palmbeachdramaworks.org

3. Florida history: Until the Norton opens, you have time to explore the treasures of the Boca Raton Museum of Art. Opening Nov. 13 is "Imagining Florida: History and Myth in the Sunshine State," a 200-piece overview looking at how artists have depicted our state – both truthfully and, well, artistically. Infor-



Broadway star Rachel Bay Jones (center) poses with cast members from the 2005 production of "Modern Orthodox" at the former Caldwell Theatre in Boca Raton. Bay Jones will perform a concert Nov. 17 at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre. PALM BEACH POST FILE PHOTO

mation: bocamuseum.org. And while you're in south county, check out the Morikami Museum's exhibit: "Hard Bodies: Contemporary Japanese Lacquer Sculpture." Information: morikami.org

4. Northern exposures: For theater fans in north county, the Maltz Jupiter Theatre is offering another season of reliable favorites ("Steel Magnolias," "Beauty and the Beast," "West Side Story") mixed with a little experimentation. The latter comes courtesy of "A Doll's House, Part 2," Lucas Hnath's comic look at what happened after Nora ended her marriage in Henrik Ibsen's classic play. It opens Feb. 24. The theater also features Broadway star Rachel Bay Jones in concert on Nov. 17. Information: jupitertheatre.org

5. Hooray for Hollywood: For old-school celebrity photo fans, it will be hard to beat the Flagler Museum's fall show, "Star Power: Edward Steichen's Glamour Photography," an 80-image retrospective of the master artist's celebrity and fashion photos

from the 1930s and 1940s. The Palm Beach exhibit, opening Tuesday, will feature pictures of everybody from Walt Disney to Greta Garbo. Information: flaglermuseum.us

6. Broadway bonanzas: The Kravis Center offers the best of Broadway, and this year is no exception, ranging from Betty Buckley in the "Hello, Dolly!" revival (Dec. 11-16), the Gloria Estefan showstopper "On Your Feet!" (Jan. 8-13) and the Sara Bareilles musical "Waitress" (March 5-10). And one word about next season: "Hamilton." Information: kravis.org

7. Miami City Ballet: South Florida's acclaimed dance troupe begins its Kravis Center run on Nov. 16, and features Balanchine, Robbins and Peck this season among its choreographic pieces, and brings back such crowd-pleasers as "The Nutcracker" (Dec. 28-30) and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." (April 5-7). Information: miamicityballet.org

8. Old (and new) at Old

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Kathleen Wise (left) and Dani Marcus star in Paula Vogel's "Indecent," opening Oct. 19 at Palm Beach Dramaworks. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA MIGHDOLL