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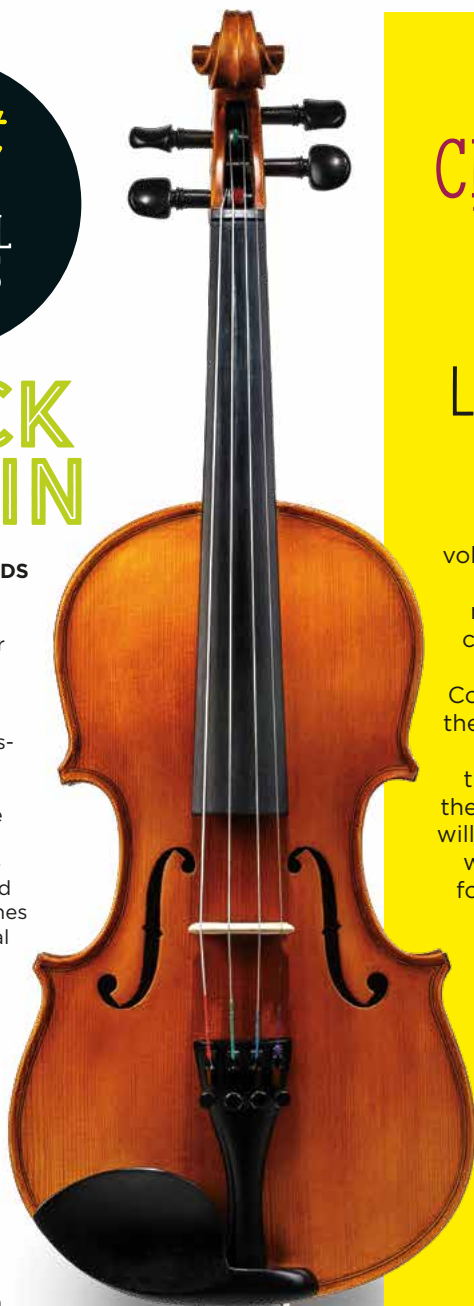
Arts & Entertainment

Best
LOCAL
MUSICAL
HEROES

BLACK VIOLIN

CHILDHOOD FRIENDS

and Dillard High School alumni Kevin Sylvester and Wilner Baptiste - on stage, Kev Marcus and Wil B - are genre-mixing, expectations-confounding artists. Classically trained musicians - Baptiste plays viola while Marcus plays violin - the pair have created a sound that combines hip-hop and classical in a way that's entirely seamless and organic. A friendship and musical partnership forged at Dillard has now taken the pair on international tours, onto national television and to President Obama's second inaugural celebration.



MOST CREATIVE VENUE

LABYRINTH CAFÉ

PUT ON by volunteers who love folk music, this music series in a cozy church room is a little gem. Concerts happen on the second Saturday of the month through May, and the list of performers will impress anybody who knows their folk music. Which is not to say you have to be an expert to enjoy this convivial, community-spirited series. **Labyrinth Café, Universalist Unitarian Church of Fort Lauderdale, 3970 NW 21st Ave.**

BEST CONCERT SERIES

SERENADES @ SUNSET

TAKE A GREAT Fort Lauderdale institution such as the Symphony of the Americas, add an iconic Fort Lauderdale location such as Hyatt Regency Pier 66, and you've got Serenades & Sunset. This is the symphony not at full strength, but with small selections of musicians doing interesting, eclectic programs of music. This year's season includes everything from String Theory Jazz Trio to the symphony's string quartet to several of the symphony's principals putting together evenings of classical and contemporary sounds. And it all happens as the sun is going down at a great local landmark. **Serenades @ Sunset, Hyatt Regency Pier 66, 2301 SE 17th St.**

BEST THEATER COMPANY SLOW BURN

FORT LAUDERDALE and the wider region is full of outstanding actors and companies, but what Slow Burn has pulled off in the last couple years is genuinely impressive. This month the company opens its second season at the Broward Center, where it puts on a series of edgier, more daring musicals. This is fully professional theater using local actors to create a genuinely ambitious season of musical theater. If last year was any indication, this season, which opens October 20 with *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, should be an opportunity for Fort Lauderdale theatergoers to get quality musical theater at less-than-Broadway prices. **Performances at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts' Amaturio Theater. 201 SW Fifth Ave.**

