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The Weeks Ahead: June 17 to 30

Jun 16th 2014

SUNDAY



What: Klezmer Company Orchestra's "On the Town"

Where: FAU's Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton

When: 3 p.m.

Cost: \$20-\$42

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For its annual summer concert, FAU's Klezmer Company Orchestra has attempted its most ambitious project yet: a concert version of Leonard Bernstein's beloved 1944 musical "On the Town," complete with six actor-singers and the entire 50-piece orchestra. For Aaron Kula, founder and maestro of the orchestra, an event of this scale has been a long time coming. He told me earlier this year that "I wanted to pick something that would knock people's socks off, and I took nearly six months negotiating with the Leonard Bernstein Foundation and the publisher for the rights to perform a concert version of 'On the Town.' We'll have all the music and some of the dialogue. I'm hiring six professional opera singers—top-of-the-line, top-shelf people, and a union orchestra." Described as a comedy told in symphonic turns, the experience offers a rare chance to hear a musical classic interpreted anew.