

# FST florida studio theatre

The Keating Mainstage  
The Goldstein Cabaret  
The Gompertz Theatre

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## Energy and Laughter Fill the Summer Season!

*Florida Studio Theatre Announces Its 2010 Summerfest Season*

(Sarasota, FL) – An energizing trip down memory lane, a hilarious one-woman show and a whimsical comedy make up the 2010 Summerfest Season at FST that will keep Sarasota entertained all summer long! **The Summerfest Season plays from June 2 through August 22 in the Keating and Gompertz Theatres. A Subscription to all 3 plays can be purchased for ½ off box office pricing! Packages range from \$29-\$42.**

Artistic Director, Richard Hopkins stated, “FST's summer season is filled with great moments in theatre. *Beehive*, *The 60s Musical* offers memorable hits of the 60s with high energy and fervor. *Family Secrets*, the longest running one-woman show in Off-Broadway history, will expose hilarious family bonds, woes and triumphs. *Sylvia* returns to the FST stage with a comedic look at relationships and the pitfalls that occur and how the smallest things, in this case a dog, can turn everything on its ear.”

Florida Studio Theatre kicks off its 2010 summer season with *Beehive*, *The 60s Musical* created by Larry Gallagher. The New York Times said *Beehive* is a “Hand-clapping, toe-tapping trip down memory lane.” Over 35 exhilarating hit songs of the 60s that defined an era in music when women catapulted to the top of the Billboard charts. Relive some of the decade’s most spirited and best known songs, including “My Boyfriend’s Back,” “One Fine Day,” and “Downtown,” as well as music from Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin and Janis Joplin. *Beehive*, *The 60s Musical* begins June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Director Fred Weiss** will return to FST for *Beehive*, *The 60s Musical*, after most recently directing last summer’s hit *A Marvelous Party! The Noël Coward Celebration*.

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The one-woman sensation *Family Secrets* by Sherry Glaser and Gregory Howells begins June 30<sup>th</sup> as the actress single-handedly brings to life her five Jewish family members, transplanted from the Bronx to Southern California. Both a hilarious and deeply moving portrait of the head of household father, the manic mother, the earth mother, a short-fused sister and Grandma Rose. *Family Secrets* is the longest running one-woman show in Off-Broadway history and received raved reviews, including “Utterly hilarious” by The New York Times.

The uproarious and larger than life *Sylvia* by A.R. Gurney begins July 28<sup>th</sup>. A whimsical comedy about a captivating canine named Sylvia (played by an actress) and the hilarity that results when man’s best friend comes between husband and wife. After 22 years of marriage and with an empty nest, Greg and Kate finally have time to work on their strained relationship, until Sylvia is brought home. Kate is willing to go to great lengths to rid their home of the dog, but she does not anticipate Sylvia’s affection. “Beautiful, funny, touching and profound,” raved NY Daily News.

**The first and third show in the Summerfest Season – *Beehive, The 60s Musical* and *Sylvia* – will be presented at FST’s Keating Theatre. The second show *Family Secrets* will be presented at the Gompertz Theatre. Single tickets range from \$19 for previews to \$29-34 for regular performances. A subscription to all 3 shows ranges from \$29-42. Subscription tickets and single tickets may be purchased from the FST Box Office in person, by phone (941) 366-9000 or online at [www.floridastudiotheatre.org](http://www.floridastudiotheatre.org)**

Known as Sarasota’s Contemporary Theatre, Florida Studio Theatre was founded in 1973 by Jon Spelman. Starting out as a small touring company, FST traveled to places such as migrant camps and prisons. The company eventually settled down into a permanent home, acquiring the former Woman’s Club building – now renamed the Keating Theatre. In the years that followed, Florida Studio Theatre established itself as a major force in American Theatre, presenting contemporary theatre in its three theatre venues: the Keating Theatre, the Goldstein Cabaret and its newest space, the Gompertz Theatre.

Even with its growth, Florida Studio Theatre remains firmly committed to making the arts accessible and affordable to a broad-based audience. Under Richard Hopkins, Artistic Director and CEO, FST develops theatre that speaks to our living, evolving, and dynamically changing world. As FST grows and expands, it continues to provide audiences with challenging, contemporary drama and innovative programs.

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Photos available upon request.

A complete performance schedule is attached.

***Beehive, The 60s Musical***

The Keating Theatre

\$19-\$34

Performance Schedule

June 2 – June 27, 2010

Wednesday	June 2	8:00 PM
Thursday	June 3	8:00 PM
Friday	June 4	8:00 PM
Saturday	June 5	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	June 6	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	June 8	8:00 PM
Wednesday	June 9	8:00 PM
Thursday	June 10	8:00 PM
Friday	June 11	8:00 PM
Saturday	June 12	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	June 13	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	June 15	8:00 PM
Wednesday	June 16	8:00 PM
Thursday	June 17	8:00 PM
Friday	June 18	8:00 PM
Saturday	June 19	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	June 20	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	June 22	8:00 PM
Wednesday	June 23	8:00 PM
Thursday	June 24	8:00 PM
Friday	June 25	8:00 PM
Saturday	June 26	2:00 PM
Sunday	June 27	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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*Family Secrets*  
The Gompertz Theatre  
\$19-\$32  
Performance Schedule  
June 30 – July 25, 2010

Wednesday	June 30	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 1	8:00 PM
Friday	July 2	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 3	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	July 4	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	July 6	8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 7	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 8	8:00 PM
Friday	July 9	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 10	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	July 11	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	July 13	8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 14	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 15	8:00 PM
Friday	July 16	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 17	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	July 18	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	July 20	8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 21	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 22	8:00 PM
Friday	July 23	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 24	2:00 PM
Sunday	July 25	3:00 PM

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*Sylvia*  
The Keating Theatre  
\$19-\$32  
Performance Schedule  
July 29 – August 22, 2010

Wednesday	July 28	8:00 PM
Thursday	July 29	8:00 PM
Friday	July 30	8:00 PM
Saturday	July 31	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	August 1	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	August 3	8:00 PM
Wednesday	August 4	8:00 PM
Thursday	August 5	8:00 PM
Friday	August 6	8:00 PM
Saturday	August 7	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	August 8	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	August 10	8:00 PM
Wednesday	August 11	8:00 PM
Thursday	August 12	8:00 PM
Friday	August 13	8:00 PM
Saturday	August 14	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sunday	August 15	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday	August 17	8:00 PM
Wednesday	August 18	8:00 PM
Thursday	August 19	8:00 PM
Friday	August 20	8:00 PM
Saturday	August 21	2:00 PM
Sunday	August 22	3:00 PM

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