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We begin our season with One Night of Queen performed by Gary Mullen & The Works. In this incredible tribute performance, Gary Mullen and his band are able to perfectly capture the look, feel and sound of Queen. Gary Mullen won the British celebrity imitation show, *Stars In Their Eyes*, by a record breaking margin with his impression of Freddie Mercury. Ever since, Mullen and his group The Works have been delighting audiences with One Night of Queen. This rockin' evening is a great way to start our season.

Then, just around the corner, we welcome Chris Botti back to Opening Nights at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on September 2. The GRAMMY<sup>®</sup> award-winning trumpeter will perform with a full band and accompanying singers, including jazz vocalist Veronica Swift, who performed with us in June. This is sure to be a night of incredible music and dazzling performances!

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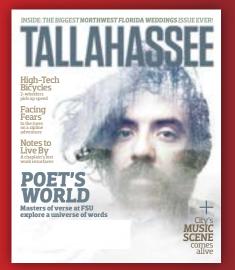
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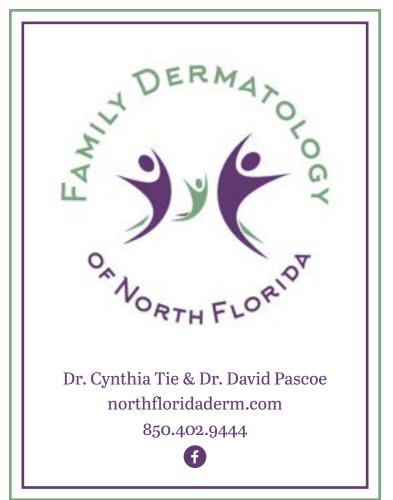


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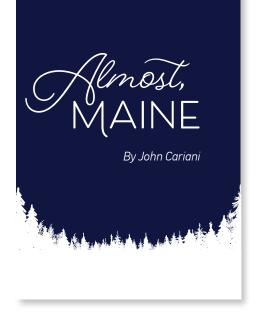
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Gary Mullen and his band The Works create an evening that emulates the look and feel of Queen.

# **One Night of Queen**

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One Night of Queen performed by Gary Mullen & The Works is a spectacular live concert, recreating the look and sound, of arguably the greatest rock band of all time. They have been hailed as the World's Premiere Queen Tribute Band and have received rave reviews from all across the world.

In 2000, lead vocalist Gary Mullen won the British television talent show *Stars In Their Eyes* grand finale with a record poll of 864,838 votes, the largest number of votes ever received in the show's history. Brian May was quoted on national television saying, "Gary shares 'more than a likeness' to Freddie." In 2002 Gary formed his band, The Works, comprised of Davie Brockett on guitar, Jonathan Evans on drums, Billy Moffat on bass and Malcolm Gentles on keyboards.

Over the past 19 years, Gary Mullen & The Works have performed One Night of Queen to sold-out audiences throughout the world. They have performed twice at the prestigious BBC Proms in the Park, in front of a crowd of over 40,000. Gary Mullen & The Works brings the spirit and passion of rock icon Freddie Mercury to life on stage with this spectacular rock tribute.

### **GARY MULLEN**

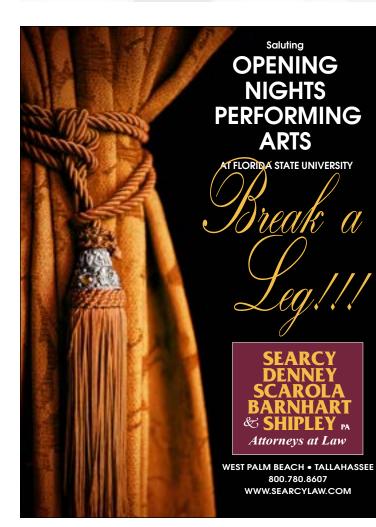
Gary has been a lifelong Queen fan and has always been a keen singer. His career as Freddie started in 2000, when his wife and mother secretly applied on his behalf for the British television show *Stars in Their Eyes*. Gary won the overall grand finale, polling more than double the runner up and setting the all-time record for votes on the show. Gary has been featured in *Stars in Their Eyes* videos, CDs and books and has represented the United Kingdom on the European version of *Stars in Their Eyes*. After the television experience, Gary performed as a solo artist to rave reviews, and in 2002 he created One Night of Queen and formed his band The Works.

Gary was personally invited by Brian May to attend the Queen & Paul Rodgers show in Cardiff and was thrilled to be introduced to Brian backstage after the show. For the first time in his life, Gary was left speechless. Proud to support Opening Nights!



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