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Meet Our Leadership



Bergen Performing Arts Center serves as a dynamic community pillar, significantly enriching peoples' lives in and around New Jersey with world-class performances and an outstanding Performing Arts School.

In 2022, we kicked off a Capital Campaign that includes the restoration and renovation and providing new funding to enhance bergenPAC's Arts Education programs for young people.

We want to keep this momentum up and can do so with the community's backing. We invite you to support bergenPAC's Capital Campaign.

Frank Huttie, III
Founder and Member of the Board of Trustees



As Chairwoman to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I assisted in establishing bergenPAC after the John Harms Theater closed its doors. Having served eight terms in the New Jersey State Assembly, I continued to advocate for the Arts as a member of the Gaming, Tourism and Arts Committee and as an ex-officio Trustee for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

These initiatives and so much more are what makes bergenPAC a true cultural jewel for the northern New Jersey region and beyond. We can only do this because of you.

Valerie V. Huttie
Chair of the Board of Trustees



bergenPAC is now poised to become an even more vibrant home for the arts as we embark on our Invest in the Arts Capital Campaign. In partnership with Bergen County, the \$15 million private-public campaign broke ground in March 2022 to restore and renovate this historic and storied theater.

The project also aims to increase our Performing Arts School funding by expanding existing programs for children and young adults with special needs and our partnership with New Jersey public schools.

Robert Cook
President of the Board of Trustees

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Welcome To Your New Home!



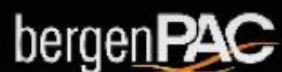
Alexander R. Diaz – Executive Director

The stage offers more than just a show, it symbolizes hope for young artists training at our performing arts school. The Performing Arts School is fully immersed with a professional faculty who nurture and train our students in dance, music and theater to be the stars of tomorrow. This is the heartbeat of what we do.

Our scholarship fund ensures that no child is turned away due to an inability to pay. Through our Beyond bergenPAC program we bring arts education to schools and organizations across the state. We are here to make **OUR HOME | YOUR HOME**. This is the heart of our mission as a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization.



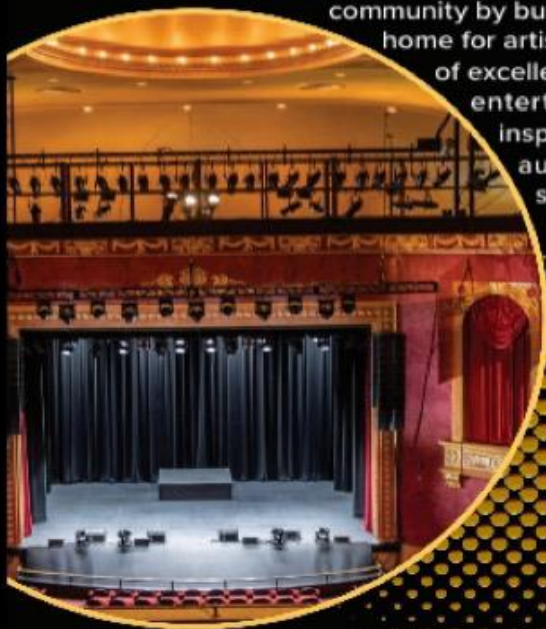
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MISSION

Our Home | Your Home, bergenPAC is a Theater of and for the community dedicated to enhancing the quality of life through the Arts while simulating a culture of equity within the community and fostering the future talent of tomorrow.

bergenPAC's mission is to make live performing arts and arts education accessible to its diverse community by building a creative home for artists and teachers of excellence who entertain, enlighten, inspire and inform audiences and students.



1926

The building opens as the Englewood Plaza movie theater.



2003

In spite of becoming one of the largest performing arts centers in New Jersey, the John Harms Center closes.



2004

Performed by Tony Bennett and k.d. lang, the Grammy Award winning song, "A Wonderful World," a world-wide live recording from the bergenPAC stage.



2007

The Performing Arts School at bergenPAC opens at the site of the former Bennett Studios.



2014

John Legend performs a live telecast from the bergenPAC stage for Sirius® Satellite Radio.



2016

Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band bring down the house at bergenPAC's 11th Annual Spring Gala.



1976

The building opens as the Englewood Plaza movie theater.



2004

Led by Frank Huttie III and the founding trustees reopen the John Harms Center as bergenPAC.



2004

bergenPAC becomes a recognized home for recording through its partnership with Bennett Studios, a state-of-the-art recording studio to which the theater was fiber-optically linked.



2014

Beyond bergenPAC, the community education outreach program, is formed with the goal of providing arts programming to NJ public schools suffering from budget cuts and curriculum restrictions. Now serving 124 schools, including 18 special needs schools, in 8 counties 2014 and 78 school districts.



2022

bergenPAC undergoes renovations and reopens October 2022.



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Celebrity Supporters



bergenPAC's Honorary Capital Campaign Chair and Board of Trustee Member

"bergenPAC is vitally essential to our communities where children are able to dance, sing or they may want to become musicians and bergenPAC gives them the opportunity."

- Dionne Warwick



"We don't really have society or world worth being a part of without the arts"

-Jock Antonoff



"bergenPAC truly does so much for the community and kids."

-Darlene Love



"First Rate there's no debate, you educate in no demure way, passions are fueled, artists well-schooled cause they trained your way."

-Paul Anka



"We have a responsibility as artists to keep the stages alive.."

-Ali Stroker



"When I was doing the Tonight Show there wasn't a month went by that the Bergen Performing Arts Center wasn't mentioned at least two or three times. "

-Jay Leno



"bergenpac is special because of the impact they have on young artists and the importance they place on arts education."

-Itzhak Perlman

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bergen PAC Performing Arts School



The bergenPAC Performing Arts School

Professional Instruction for Dance, Theater, Music, Special Needs programs and Early Childhood Music classes.

No Student is turned away due to the inability to pay.

Special Needs

"Voices in Harmony" is a program with New Jersey public schools for students with special needs where 300 students and 20 young adults participate in residencies focused on hip hop, music, dance, and theater. The students perform their production live on the bergenPAC stage.

Partnership with Public Schools

The Performing Arts School partners with 140 New Jersey public schools bolstering their existing arts programs benefiting 15,000 students with workshops, masterclasses, residencies, assemblies, and co-theater presentations. Co-Productions with Public Schools include producing a musical where bergenPAC provides a team of professional directors, choreographers, sound, and more.

Special Assembly Programs

In partnership with the public schools, the performing arts school produces assembly programs teaching real-life issues, including anti-bullying, drug abuse awareness, health and nutrition, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

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Student Success Stories From Englewood to Hollywood



Felice Kalcaetrls and Sophie Knapp

Current students from our Performing Arts School's Young Professionals Vocal Academy play the roles of orphans Molly and July in NBC's 2021 production *ANNIE LIVE*.



Vince Ermita

Current Theater Arts 11 year old student stars as Young Simba in the Broadway classic *The Lion King*.



Rachel Zegler Maria in Steven Spielberg's remake of *West Side Story*

Rachel Zegler plays "Maria; the leading role in Steven Spielberg's remake of the classic *West Side Story* seen in theaters worldwide. Rachel, a Clifton native, made her debut in the very same role in bergenPAC's 2017 production of *West Side Story*. She recently won a Golden Globe for Best Actress In A Musical.



Kaden Amari Anderson

First TV appearance on HBO's miniseries, *Show Me a Hero* as Jaron Watts. Landed first national commercial for Geico Insurance starring Ice-T in 2015. Feature part in *Sesame Street* intro and 50th Anniv. Special Various TV roles on HBO, Showtime, STARZ, NBC and his first feature film on Peacock.



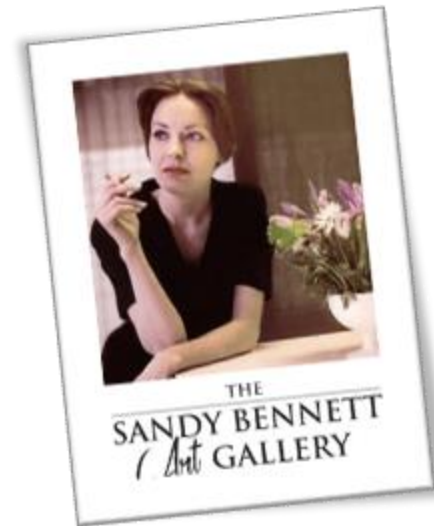
Scarlett London Diviney

Currently playing Young Nala in the Broadway National Tour of *The Lion King*. Made her movie debut in *Cupid's*. Co-Founder of Voices to End Hunger organization

COMMUNITY

The Arts Access Initiative was created in 2016 to make live performing arts available to everyone in our diverse community. bergenPAC provides free tickets to community organizations serving individuals who would otherwise be unable to visit the theater due to financial limitations. Since January 2016, we have shared over 29,000 tickets.

The Sandy Bennett Art Gallery goes beyond performing arts; it shares art, ideas, and dialogue with senior centers, students, families, and community-based organizations around the state. Consider opportunities to showcase professional art, host a personal showing, or sponsor an organization's art on display.



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WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

We've raised \$10M – Help us meet our goal of \$15M

By making a financial commitment to bergenPAC, you will:

- **Complete the restoration and renovation of the theater**
- **Support the creation of new Arts Education Programs for children with Special Needs**
- **Expand our reach in adding more Public Schools expanding their arts education programs**
- **Be part of the ongoing creation of a significant cultural and educational institution**
- **Be a part of the legacy!**

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Naming Opportunities

N-I-T Theater	\$10,000,000	
Main Hall of the Theater	\$2,000,000	Reserved
PAS Building	\$5,000,000	
Theater Lobby	\$1,000,000	Reserved
Spotlight Cabaret	\$750,000	
Legends Lounge (VIP room)	\$500,000	
Theater Stage	\$750,000	Reserved
Theater Sound System	\$350,000	Reserved
Theater Mezzanine	\$350,000	
Theater Balcony	\$350,000	
Stage Theater Lighting	\$350,000	
Spotlight Cabaret Bar	\$250,000	
Murray Lobby Bar	\$250,000	
Mezzanine Level Bar	\$250,000	
Theater Box Office	\$250,000	
Main Dance Studio - PAS	\$200,000	
PAS Recording Studio	\$150,000	Reserved
Theater Historic Dome & Oculus	\$150,000	
bergenPAC Administrative Offices	\$150,000	
Theater Marquee	\$500,000	Reserved
Main Lobby Restrooms	\$150,000	
Mezzanine Restrooms	\$150,000	
New Steinway Stage Piano	\$250,000	

Pavers and Seats Available

Support bergenPAC with a Paver or Seat!

We are excited to offer you the opportunity to make your mark in bergenPAC's history by purchasing a personalized paver or seat. By doing so, you will not only leave a lasting legacy, but also help create a foundation for the stars of tomorrow.

Your name or message will be etched onto a paver or seat, which will be prominently displayed in our beautiful venue. Every time you attend a show or event, you will be reminded of your contribution to the arts and culture in our community.

Your support towards our five million dollar goal will help us continue to bring world-class performances to Bergen County and provide a platform for emerging artists to showcase their talents. By purchasing a paver or seat, you will be making a meaningful impact on the future of the arts.

We invite you to join us in this exciting opportunity to leave your mark on bergenPAC. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the arts.



Paver	12 x18	\$5,000
Paver	6 x18	\$2,500
Brick		\$1,000
Theater Seats range from \$500.00 - \$5,000		
To reserve: development@bergenpac.org		

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**The opportunity to create a legacy and sustain bergenPAC
as the region's premier performance and arts education institution is here.**

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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