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Part of how we deliver on our mission is through our Arts Access initiative, which is lauded as the best of its kind in the country. We partner with local organizations serving residents who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend the theater because of financial constraints and give away up to 200 tickets to every performance. I must thank our supporters who make this extraordinary program possible and help bring joy to very deserving segments of our community. To date, we have given out over 35,000 tickets!

We also welcome thousands of children to the theater through our School Time Series, often providing their first professional theater experience. This is part of Beyond bergenPAC, our educational outreach initiative. In total, we reach 16,000 students from more than 140 schools across 96 districts in 8 counties with teacher residencies, assemblies and workshops each year.

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The theater you are seated in first opened in 1926 as the Englewood Plaza movie theater. United Artists purchased the building in 1967 but was forced to close its doors in 1973.

John Harms (1906-1981), a local organist and teacher, began his career as an impresario in 1941 by arranging concert appearances in North Jersey with several famous and lesser-known artists. He booked acts, rented the performance space and wrote press releases to promote the shows. His dream of a concert hall of his own became a reality when the Englewood Plaza came on the market. Under his leadership, a group of residents brought the John Harms Center to life on October 10, 1976 with the performance of the Russian pianist Lazar Berman.

Two major renovation projects in the 1990s turned the theater into a modern concert hall and media facility, while preserving the vintage acoustics that made it a sought-after performance and recording space. The John Harms Center was the largest arts center in northern New Jersey and one of the biggest in the state. Its closing on April 14, 2003 left a gaping hole in the region's cultural life.

A group of dedicated individuals led by Frank Huttle III were determined to preserve this special theater that had brought some of the world's finest artists "right next door" for so many years and on April 30, 2003 they began efforts to create the Bergen Performing Arts Center (bergenPAC).

The doors of this historic institution were reopened in the Fall of 2004 with the creativity and commitment of these residents enhancing the spirit and tradition of its original founders. A public/private partnership was formed between the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey State agencies and private arts patrons and donors. This mission-driven team worked with its supporters to build the framework of the bergenPAC you know today.

Today over 200 performances are presented in the theater – reaching over 150,000 patrons each year – while the Performing Arts School at bergenPAC teaches dance, theater and music to over 1,000 students. Its educational outreach programs impact another 16,000 students. One highlight is the summer musical, which draws talented teens from around the region and boasts alumni who went on to appear on Broadway and in movies and TV shows.

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7	Fri	8PM	Patton Oswalt
8	Sat	8PM	Sons of Apollo
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Fri	8PM	A Bowie Celebration
Sat	8PM	Jay Leno
Sun	7:30PM	Melissa Etheridge: The Medicine Show
Fri	6PM	Scooby-Doo! and The Lost City of Gold presented with Metropolitan Entertainment
Sat	11AM	Scooby-Doo! and The Lost City of Gold presented with Metropolitan Entertainment
Sat	8PM	Demetri Martin: Wandering Mind Tour
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