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Whether this is your first time in our theater or you are a frequent guest, I am pleased to welcome you to the Bergen Performing Arts Center.

Being able to serve as the region's cultural beacon is an honor. You may know that the mission of our nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization is to make live performing arts and arts education accessible to our diverse community by building a creative home for artists and teachers of excellence who entertain, inspire and inform their audiences and students. We do that in a variety of ways.

Our Arts Access program has been lauded as the best of its kind in the country. By giving away up to 200 tickets to every show to local organizations serving residents who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend because of financial constraints, we bring joy to very deserving segments of our community. I thank our supporters for assisting us in this extraordinary program.

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We know there are many incredible entertainment options in our region, and so we thank you for choosing bergenPAC. However, ticket sales only cover a portion of the costs of what we do. That is why our benefactors are so important. It is a blessing to have the ability to give back – please join us if you can.

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The theater you are seated in originally opened as the Englewood Plaza movie theater on November 22, 1926. United Artists purchased the building in 1967 and kept the doors open until 1973. Through the efforts of a group of local citizens under the leadership of John Harms, a local organist and teacher, the John Harms Center came to life on October 10, 1976 with the performance of the Russian pianist Lazar Berman.

John Harms (1906-1981) began his career as an impresario in 1941, arranging concert appearances in North Jersey of many famous and lesser-known artists. A one-man operation, he booked performers, rented the performance space, wrote press releases, and personally telephoned or corralled over 1,200 contacts. His dream of a concert hall of his own became a reality when the Plaza came on the market.

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

In the fall of 2004, the Bergen Performing Arts Center ("bergenPAC") officially reopened the doors of the theater. Founded on April 30, 2003, a small group of dedicated individuals led by Frank Huttile III, were determined to preserve this special theater that had brought some of the world's finest performing artists "right next door" for so many years.

Through the creativity and commitment of bergenPAC's new founders, the doors of this historic institution were reopened, 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 performing arts patrons and donors. This mission-driven team worked together with its supporters to build the framework of the bergenPAC you know today.

Today the bergenPAC presents over 200 performances reaching over 150,000 patrons each year. The Performing Arts School at bergenPAC teaches over 1,200 students dance, theater, and music throughout the year. With students being in close proximity to the rest of the performing arts center, they have an exceptional opportunity to receive unique "hands-on" arts training by industry professionals. This allows them to gain real world experience and enhance academic achievement through the arts as well as opportunities to perform on the theater's main stage and throughout the county. bergenPAC's programming extends to approximately 100 schools throughout the region, including under-resourced school districts, with emphasis on bringing arts to special needs and uniquely challenged children and adults.

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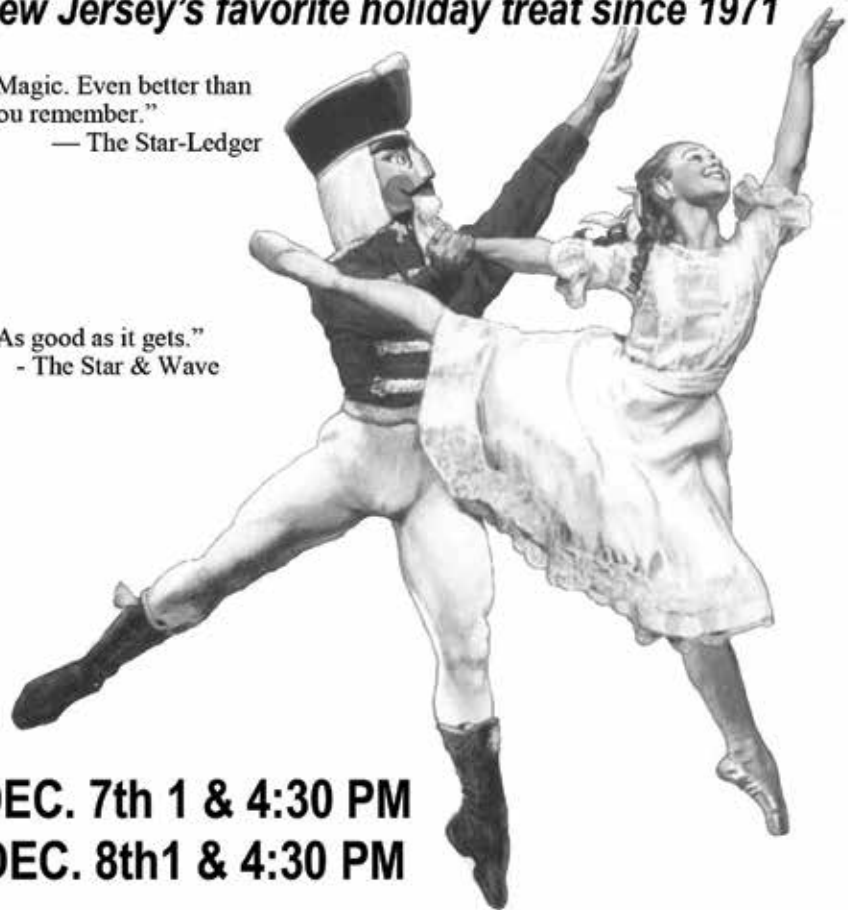
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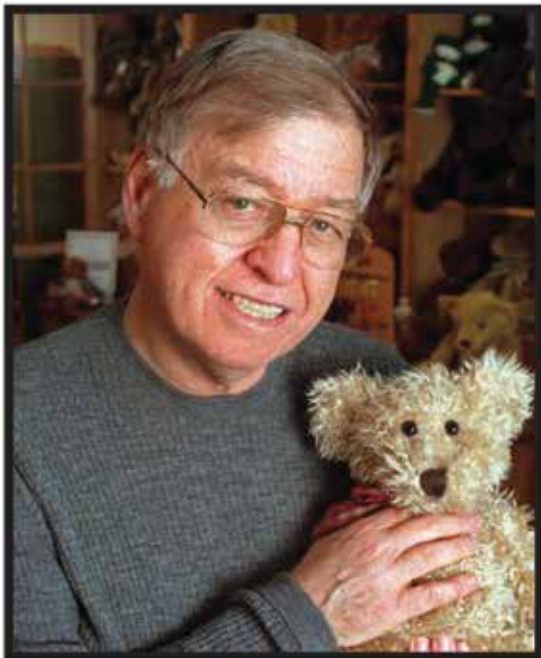
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- 21 Sun 7:30PM Tommy Emmanuel, CGP
- 23 Tues 8PM Ladies of Laughter
hosted by Bill Ervolino
- 25 Thur 7:30PM Amos Lee



Tommy Emmanuel

AUGUST

- 2 Fri 8PM The Producers
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- 5 Mon 8PM Cinderella's Tom Keifer
presented by WDHA
- 6 Tues 8PM ABBA The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA
- 8 Thur 8PM Dark Star Orchestra Summer Tour 2019
presented by The Couri Family
- 9 Fri 8PM The Jim Breuer Residency
Comedy, Stories & More Vol. III
- 15 Thur 8PM Classic Albums Live presents Queen
- 16 Fri 7:30PM Anthony Michael Hall Live with a screening of *The Breakfast Club*
- 20 Tues 8PM Squeeze – The Squeeze Songbook Tour
presented by Jaguar Land Rover of Paramus
- 24 Sat 8:30PM Leila Forouhar & Mansour Live in Concert
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Tom Keifer



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SEPTEMBER

- 13 Fri 8PM Dweezil Zappa
- 14 Sat 8PM Robby Krieger & Leslie West
- 22 Sun 8PM Joan Jett & The Blackhearts
Benzel-Busch Concert Series
- 27 Fri 8PM Dennis DeYoung



Vince Neil

OCTOBER

- 3 Thur 8PM Vince Neil of Mötley Crüe
presented by WDHA
- 4 Fri 8PM Steven Wright
presented by Johl & Company

OCTOBER (CONT.)

- 10 Thur 8PM Rick Wakeman
- 16 Wed 8PM TOTO
Benzel-Busch Concert Series
- 19 Sat 8PM The Jim Breuer Residency
Comedy, Stories & More Vol. IV
- 20 Sun 7:30PM Sergio Mendes & Bebel Gilberto
- 25 Fri 7:30PM Kathy Najimy with a Screening of Hocus Pocus



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NOVEMBER

- 2 Sat 2 & 5PM Disney Junior Holiday Party! On Tour
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- 7 Thur 8PM Postmodern Jukebox: A Very Postmodern Christmas
- 8 Fri 8PM Patton Oswalt
- 9 Sat 8PM Gilberto Santa Rosa
with special guest DJ Ralph Mercado
- 10 Sun 1PM Mutts Gone Nuts
- 12 Tues 8PM Paul Anka – Anka Sings Sinatra
Benzel-Busch Concert Series
- 15 Fri 8PM Vic DiBitetto
- 16 Sat 8PM Itzhak Perlman
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- 22 Fri 8PM Kreeps with Kids
- 24 Sun 1 & 4PM Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer



Kathy Najimy

DECEMBER

- 1 Sun 7PM Wizards of Winter
- 7 Sat 1 & 4:30PM New Jersey Ballet's The Nutcracker
- 8 Sun 1 & 4:30PM New Jersey Ballet's The Nutcracker
- 10 Tues 8PM The Irish Tenors Holiday Tour
with members of the NJSO Orchestra
- 13 Fri 8PM Night Ranger
- 14 Sat 7PM Holiday Doo Wop Vol. II
- 15 Sun 1 & 4PM The Very Hungry Caterpillar
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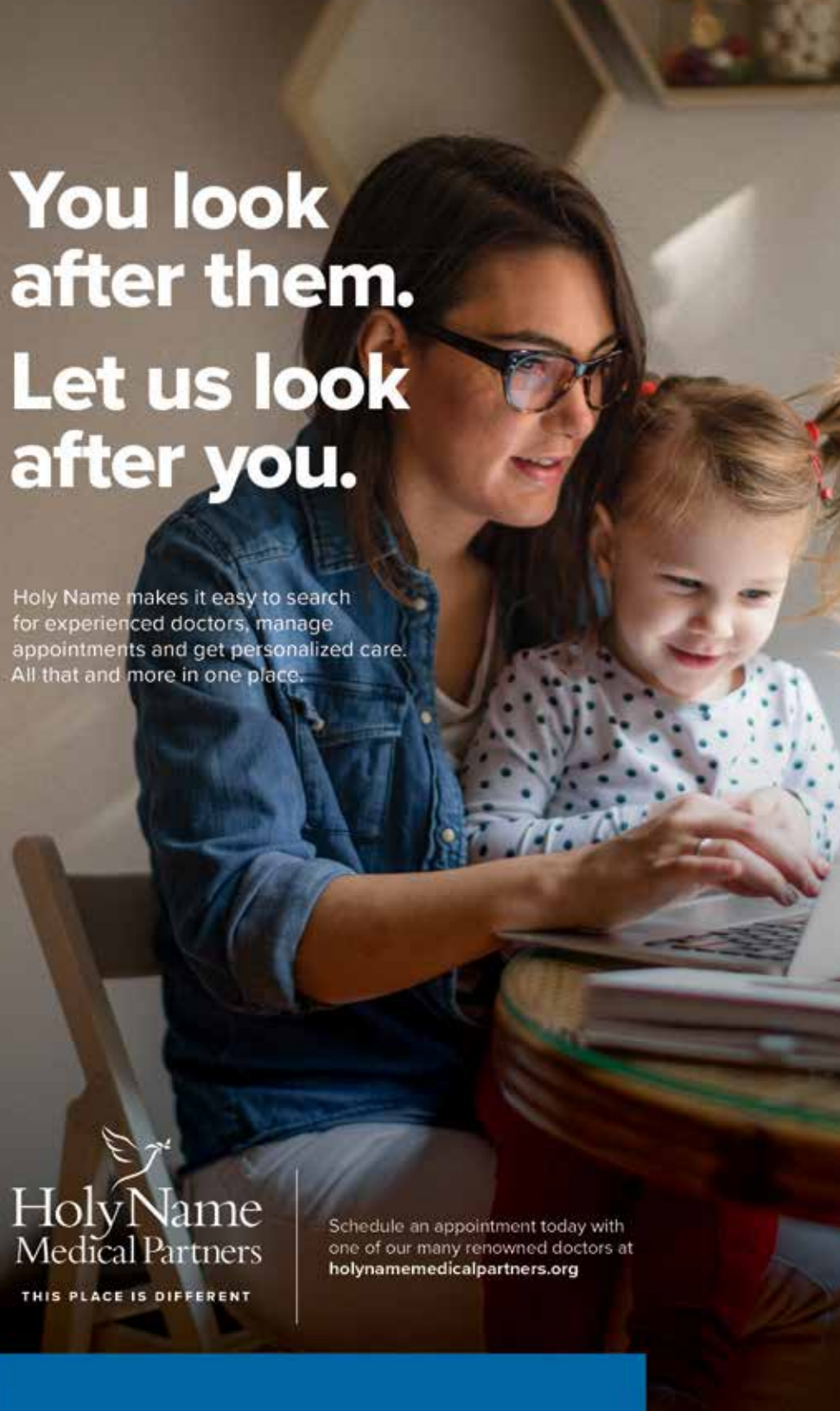
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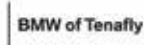
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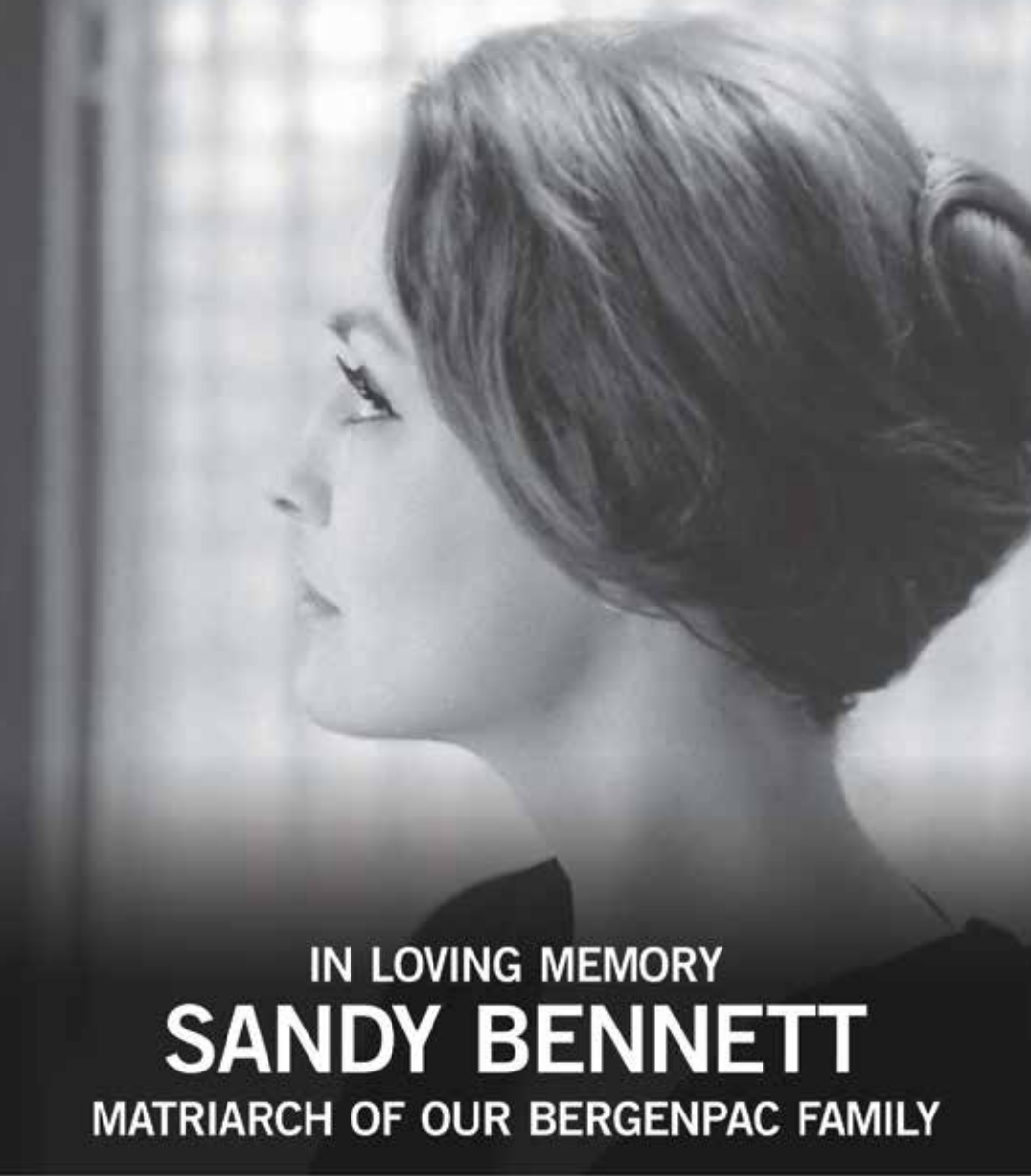


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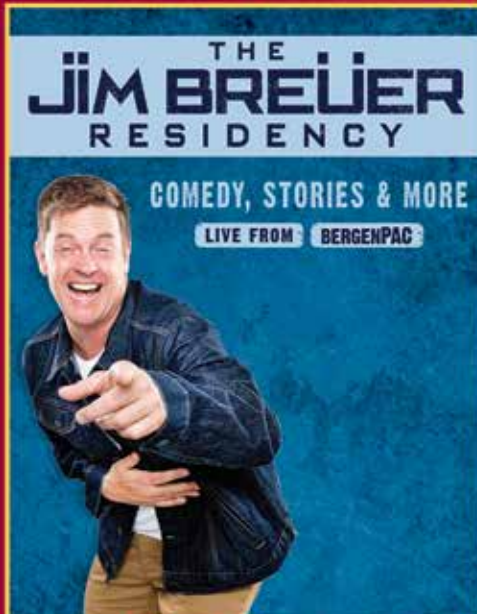


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