Upcoming Events

JULY
- Terry Fator - Friday, July 26, 2013
NJPAC welcomes singer, comedian, and celebrity impressionist Terry Fator to the stage. The notoriously hard-to-please Simon Cowell once called Fator, “one of the most talented people on the planet”.
- Mary Mary/BeBe Winans - Saturday, July 27, 2013
The heavenly pairing of gospel music royals Belle Winans and the duo Mary Mary (sisters Erica and Tina Campbell) promises to be an uplifting celebration of soul, R&B and contemporary gospel.

OCTOBER
- Mariinsky Orchestra - Sunday, October 13, 2013
Celebrating his 60th birthday this year, Russian conductor Valery Gergiev, recently classified as “a conductor for our time” by the Washington Post, continues his dynamic collaboration with his Marinsky Orchestra.

Volunteers, Membership and Marketing: Perfect Together
By Catherine Quinn, Development Assoc., Membership
Membership at NJPAC is an essential part of our mission and fundamental support of our Arts Education programs.

NJPAC Members’ contributions help provide talented young people with an opportunity to participate in programs such as the Summer Youth Performance Workshop and Wells Fargo Jazz for Teens. Membership gifts also help cover Teaching Assistant costs, scholarships, books to promote literacy for Early Learning Through the Arts and music resources for the Arts Education Jazz Listening Library.

As an NJPAC Member, you will immediately increase your VIP status and enhance your evenings (and afternoons!) here with great benefits such as advance access to tickets before the general public, discounts on ticket purchases and at NICO Kitchen + Bar, special recognition, including an engraved brick in Theater Square and invitations to highly popular Women’s Association of NJPAC events.

There are many NJPAC Volunteers that are also Members. They represent all different Membership levels and have one common goal: enhancing NJPAC’s mission through service, exploration, and discipline within the performing arts at our world-class cultural center.

Membership volunteers work very hard to motivate our patrons to become Members. This is not an easy task, since this requires strong public speaking abilities and knowledge of NJPAC membership benefits.

To contribute at higher levels of Membership, many employers have matching gift programs, so take advantage and increase your investment in NJPAC!

Our volunteers do a fantastic job working as a team! They attend workshops with Membership and Marketing staff in order to stay current on news and incentives.

If you are an NJPAC Volunteer, consider becoming a Member; if you know an NJPAC Member, consider asking them to become a Volunteer. We are stronger together and enable NJPAC to expand its tremendous offerings to an even wider and diverse community.

Volunteer Martha Neff who has taken a lead role in marketing and membership says, “Getting out to an event to represent NJPAC puts us in touch with people and they have time to share their stories and gather information. Whatever time you can give, the public really loves to see us!”
**Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

**Volunteers ... The Heart and Soul of NJPAC**

By Joan Borneman

**Adilah Qudus**

“You only live once, so make it count by doing what you love doing.”

“I love serving the people by volunteering, sharing ideas and talking with folks. I am making a difference and making it count every day.”

**KANDICE DICKINSON AWARD RECIPIENT**

Mary Lou Lunin

“I was very surprised and honored by receiving this award. I am very proud of this – I called all my kids!”

“I like everything that I do at NJPAC; it is varied and it is fun.”

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**NJPAC Welcomes its NEW Volunteers!**

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Jean Donlon  
Marci Lambert  
Dr. Norman Lasser  
Sandy Martin  
Minnie Mosee  
Cheryl Myrie  
Dr. Christy Oliver-Hawley  
DeWitt Tripp III  
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By Anne Streater

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The “dancers” performed outside in Theater Square to a gathering of surprised and cheering onlookers.

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The praise dancers’ sharing experiences contributed to the vibrancy of the day as they enjoyed a light lunch.

This event ended with a jubilant “See you next year!”

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On May 6, 2013, NJPAC saluted its volunteer cadre at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Dinner Chair Joan Borneman described the event: “Once again the NJPAC rotunda and lobby are the scene of the annual dinner to honor the many wonderful volunteers who donate so many hours of their time to NJPAC.

The theme this year was “Volunteers ... The Heart and Soul of NJPAC.”

Planning began in February with committee members: Joan Borneman, Sue Chun, Lulu Comor, Ruth Frazier, Alice Gibson, Fran Kaufmann, Elaine Lite, Joan Lowery, Mary Lou Lunin, Marjorie Mourning, Joanna Parker, Amy Tenzen, Laurie Tritini, Doris Williams and Ruth Woodfork.

Once the theme was decided, Laurie Tritini and her committee designed the unique table centerpieces.

Sheer music to ‘Heart and Soul’ was cut into an origami design and placed with a spray of red hearts into tall glass containers that had metallic hearts dangling inside.

Old 45 rpm records were relabeled with red and white labels and placed on the top of the glass containers. Along with the black and white tablecloths and napkins, the overall effect was impressive and beautiful.

Each volunteer received a Wells Fargo Jazz for Teens CD as a souvenir of the event. The music for the evening was performed by Wells Fargo Jazz for Teens students.

The guest speaker, Carlos Leijnse, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties, gave an outstanding, warm and meaningful presentation. He described the rewards of volunteerism,

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Hello New Staff Members

By Mada Liebman

NJPAC’s volunteers join in welcoming our new staff members and look forward to exciting new challenges under their leadership.

Donna Walker-Kuhen is NJPAC’s new Marketing Vice President. Acknowledged as the nation’s “foremost expert on audience diversification” by the Arts & Business Council, Donna is an accomplished arts administrator and adult educator whose professional focus has focused on increasing accessibility and connection to the arts for our rapidly-growing multicultural population. During her nearly three decades as president of Walker Internationa...
WHAT’S NEW? continued...

Theresa Brown & Jennifer Williams traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the festivities of the nation’s 57th Presidential Inauguration.

Johnetta Caldwell & Doreen Mollenhauer were able to work together with Gloria Gaynor and Steve Adubato during the taping of his TV show. “Conversations at NJPAC with Steve Adubato.”

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Velia Farmer, greeter, program monitor, passed away this past December.

She will be missed.

Barbara Friedin and Lulu Conner were Celebrity Readers and represented NJPAC this April.


Bill Liess cruised to Alaska this May.
INCREASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE WITH A MATCHING GIFT

By Everett Brown

Many people don’t know that many corporations sponsor matching gift programs that increase the impact of charitable contributions made by their employees and retirees.

In some cases, once your membership or donation has been fully paid in, your company match can double or even triple your gift to NJPAC!

It’s a simple procedure that begins when you request a matching gift form from your employer. Complete and sign it, then send it along with your membership donation to our membership department. They will do the rest.

Matching gifts is a simple, easy way to increase the amount of your gift to NJPAC. And remember many companies will also match gifts made by retirees and spouses/domestic partners of employees.

So check with your HR department to see if your company participates in a matching gift program and upgrade your membership with NJPAC, it will go that much further.

“We could not accomplish our goal without the dedication, passion and commitment of the volunteers.”

-Donna Walker-Kuhne

Vice President, Marketing & Communications

Membership & Marketing Volunteers

By Ginny Bowers Coleman

One of the unique volunteer opportunities that we offer at NJPAC is to promote membership and market performance to our patrons and the general public. This spring we held a combined training session for both of these areas!

Marketing volunteers act as ambassadors, distributing flyers and brochures, collecting “enter to win” forms and promoting membership at a variety of locations from Horizon Sounds of the City to North Plainfield Street Fair, Hoboken Art Fair, and more. Now we have added promoting Membership!

Membership volunteers walk around the lobby, greeting patrons and promoting a discount membership offer. Now we have added marketing performance!

Patrons can buy a trial 30-day membership for just $5, paid to the box office or by texting the word “NJPAC” to phone number 2022.

One-year memberships can be purchased for $60 ($15 savings). Membership privileges are:
- Priority e-mail notice
- Easier access to tickets
- Tax deductible contribution
- $25 NICO gift card (if purchased on-site)

“If you think you can do this performance?”

Mary Lou Linn asks, “Is this your first time to NJPAC?” and Everett Brown introduces himself, “Hi, I’m Everett, a volunteer at NJPAC. May I tell you about our offer this evening?”

What’s your line?

New Staff continued...

different music courses at Juilliard and is currently the Soprano Section Leader at Our Lady of Sorrow Church in South Orange. She holds a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration from Baruch College, a Master of Music from Manhattan School of Music and a Master in Opera Theater from Oberlin Conservatory.

Linda Fowler, Director of Content, is the “voice” of NJPAC as seen in print, web, and all marketing endeavors. For over 25 years, Linda worked at the Star-Ledger where she was the Arts and Entertainment Editor. More recently, she held the position of Manager of Communications and Public Relations at the Princeton Symphony Orchestra. Over the last two years she has edited our Teacher’s Resource Guides, working closely with volunteer educators Amy Tenzer, Judith Isreal, Judi Robinson, Chiray Oliver-Hawley and Mary Lou Johnston. Linda is the recipient of the 2011 NEA Arts Journalism Institute in Theater and Musical Theater Fellowship and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Seton Hall University.

Stephanie Gass joined NJPAC in March as the new Director of Human Resources. Stephanie has spent the last 16 years as an HR professional for such prominent organizations as AmeriChoice Health Services, Price Waterhouse Coopers, and the New York Eye & Ear Infirmary. Before joining NJPAC she was the Associate Director, Human Resources, at Jazz at Lincoln Center.

In addition to managing the ongoing HR programs and policies at NJPAC, including the Office of Volunteer Services, she expects to use her expertise to develop and implement innovative HR programs and policies that will support NJPAC’s growth.

Farewell to Verushka Spirito

After 15 years at NJPAC, Verushka Spirito has accepted a position of Program Manager at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

As Associate Director for Performances, in the Arts Education Department, Verushka did manage other projects including but not limited to, Sounds of the City, Take Back the Mic, and Arts in Aging.

“I am truly honored to have lived and worked in such a vibrant city as Newark. NJPAC will always be a part of me and I thank the volunteers for all ways bringing positive energy to everything you do.”

We wish Verushka success in the next chapter of her professional journey.

THE NEW TICKET SERVICES AND SALES DEPARTMENT

George Carasiti

Director, Ticket Services, is retiring at the end of August and entering a new phase of his life teaching English in Southeast Asia.

George has been with NJPAC for four years and has been instrumental in the smooth operation of many major and intimate ticketed events such as the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, America’s Got Talent and our recent ticket conversion to Ticketmaster.

Erik Wiehardt has been promoted to Director, Ticket Services, and will be responsible for all box office functions.

Stephanie Miller is the newly appointed, Associate Director, External Operations for the day to day oversight and quality assurance with Ticketmaster.

Nicole Craig Senior Manager, Internal Operations handles all administrative functions with NJPAC’s internal departments.

Yolanda Gamboa has been promoted to Director, Sales and continues to oversee group sales as well as outbound sales and priority ticket buyers.

Jessie Jimenez Associate Director, Sales will be responsible for day to day sales operations.

George Carasiti

Horizon Foundation Sounds of the City

This summer is bringing bigger performances and audiences to Theatre Square’s outdoor stage. Volunteers to promote the upcoming 2013-2014 season are needed to walk around, distributing brochures and encouraging membership (trial 30-day membership for only $5).

We cannot be successful this summer without the volunteer involvement. You impact our customer service and ticket sales!

We need volunteers for the following dates:
- July 25 Bernie Worrell Orchestra
- August 22 The Ohio Players
- August 29 Richard bona & Mandeau Cabano

Saturday, July 27 Family Fair (2-5pm)

Sign up with the Office of Volunteer Services 973.297.5808.

Ticketmaster

NJPAC has chosen Ticketmaster as its exclusive ticket vendor.

Ticketmaster allows greater convenience and new services for our patrons, including the option to print tickets at home for free, expanded phone sales hours, express delivery of tickets, the ability to purchase tickets on mobile devices, and enhanced online donations capabilities.

NJPAC will now be able to reach three million new potential ticket buyers. John Schreiber emphasized that the move to Ticketmaster will not increase fees to NJPAC’s patrons.
JULY
1 – Cyndi Lauper
11 – Felix Hernandez Rhythm Revue Dance Party
18 – Naughty By Nature
20 – Tyrese/Ginuwine/Tank (TGT)
25 – Bernie Worrell Orchestra
26 – Terry Fator
27 – Mary Mary, Belle Winans
AUGUST
1 – Sheila E.
2 – Barry Manilow
3 – Beres Hammond and Luciano
4 – Barry Manilow
8 – Shaggy

Here is the current schedule for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center’s 2013-14 season.

Asterisks (*) denote shows in the free Horizon Sounds of the City series.

2013 – 2014 Season Announcement

Volunteer Leadership

By Ginny Bowers Coleman

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Several individuals have risen to leadership roles, offering counsel, organization, administration and consistency within their various positions and departments.

These “trailblazers” are setting new standards and helping shape the volunteer experience.

Making calls, filing cancellations, adjusting to last minute requests and performances of our prospective volunteers. The committee members, chaired by Mary Lou Lunin, are: Troyce Dunson, Ann Dickey-Kemp, Vernell Lloyd, Jeannette Marable, Sue Chun, Jean Anderson, Joan Lowery, and Martha Neff, along with many others who participate as Mentors.

ADDITIONAL DATES

MARCH
1 – Mammoth Funkies
1 – Pattie LuPone and Mandy Patinkin
2 – Jazz Meets Sports with Bernie Williams, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
6 – Evgeny Kissin
7 – Bill Cosby
22 – K.T. Sullivan and Mark Nadler
23 – The Antoinette Montague Quartet
28 – Johnny Mathis with orchestra
29 – Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
29 – We’re Going on a Bear Hunt

APRIL
4 – The New Jersey Symphony Chamber Orchestra and Randy Jackson performs music of Led Zeppelin
5 – Echoes of Harlem: Duke Ellington, featuring Bill Charlap
10 – Last Call at the Oast (film)
25 – The Midtown Men

MAY
3 – Norm Lewis
9 – Joshua Bell
10-11 – Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
16 – Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra
17 – Smart Little 22 – Chavez (film)

JUNE
7 – Cinderella Remix

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THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENES

Our wonderful volunteer administrative staff answers phone calls, responds to requests, and works on various projects.

Bettye Carson
Diana Clark
Diana Dorste
Monica Dutton
Barbara Friedin
Jamie Liao
Bill Liess
Fran Kaufmann
Mary Lou Kaufman
Marjorie Mourning
Christy Oliver Hawley
Joann Parker
Adilah Quddus
Judi Robinson
Vincent Wells
Lucy Wilkerson

NJPAC joins Participant Media, to create Movies That Matter, a series of film screenings and talkbacks for New Jersey high school stu-dents and the general public. The series is funded by the Women’s Association of NJPAC and, over the next season, will bring in students from across the state to watch “Last Call at The Oas-is.” “A Place at the Table,” and the yet-to-be-released “Chavez.”

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