

## South Orange Performing Arts Center *At - A - Glance*

### WHAT

- A unique comprehensive arts complex like BAM (Brooklyn Academy of Music).
- 415-seat live performance space to present music, dance, theater, lectures and more.
- A five-screen cineplex, South Orange 5, operated by Clearview Cinemas.
- Third floor loft space available for business, community and private events.
- An independent 501(c) (3) with a 21-member Board of Governors, a full-time executive director and six full-time staff.

### WHERE

- One SOPAC Way in South Orange, New Jersey -14 miles, and a short train ride, from New York City
- Steps from the NJ Transit South Orange station, S.O. stop on the Midtown Direct line

### WHEN

- SOPAC was conceived of nearly 10 years ago by former South Orange Village President Bill Calabrese and others.
- SOPAC official ribbon-cutting was on November 1. On November 3, the doors opened to the public.
- The Opening Fundraiser GALA featuring **Paquito D’Rivera, Yo-Yo Ma**, Imani Winds ensemble, vocalist Brenda Feliciano and Israeli pianist Alon Yavnai was held on November 16, 2006.

### WHY

- SOPAC is the essential place to enjoy the arts, offering an intimate setting for diverse audiences.
- SOPAC is an anchor in the planned revitalization of downtown Village and a good neighbor to residents, businesses and the community.
- SOPAC is designed to offer national level entertainment at mid-range ticket prices for all people – families, artists, young and old, community groups, businesses – of Essex County and beyond.
- SOPAC provides culture, economic stimulation, jobs, internships, and a heightened profile of South Orange in the surrounding region and into New York City.

### WHO Highlighted Programming \*

- **Paula Poundstone.** Comedy. November 3. *\*First night of inaugural season programming.*
- **Jeff Daniels.** Actor/Musician. November 10.
- **Eddie Palmieri.** Latin-jazz Grammy Award-winning pianist. January 25.
- **Mike Reiss, The Simpsons.** Emmy Award-winning writer for iconic TV show. April 12.
- **Nancy Wilson, Spring Benefit.** Hollywood Walk-of-Fame jazz legend. April 14.
- **Dan Zanes Pajama Party.** Kid’s Music Superstar. May 14
- **Olympia Dukakis & Louis Zorich.** Oscar-nominated actress in duo with husband. June 1.

### HOW

- SOPAC was built with the support and guidance of many people.
- SOPAC partnered with Seton Hall University (SHU), also based in South Orange, for theater works.
- SOPAC was designed by Carmi Bee of RKT&B Architects and built by Arnell Construction.
- Order Tickets by phone at 973.313.ARTS, or online at [www.sopacnow.org](http://www.sopacnow.org)

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