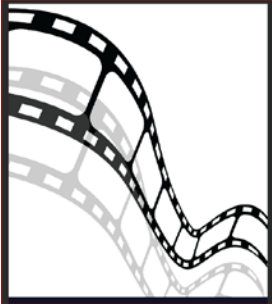
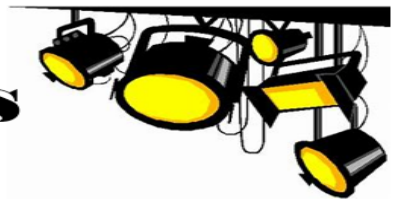


Arts and Letters

In the Spotlight



MOVIES

Theater

Gemini Man -October 2019

An upcoming 2019 American action thriller film directed by Ang Lee and written by David Benioff, Billy Ray, and Darren Lemke. The film stars Will Smith, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Clive Owen, and Benedict Wong and follows an aging hitman who is targeted by a younger clone of himself. Henry Brogan is an elite assassin who becomes the target of a mysterious operative who can seemingly predict his every move. To his horror, he soon learns that the man who's trying to kill him is a younger, faster, cloned version of himself.

Always a Brides Maid -October 2019

Corina James (Javicia Leslie) has been a bridesmaid so many times that she is starting to wonder if she will ever be a bride. Deciding to no longer be a lady-in-waiting, she bravely re-enters the dating scene. Always a Bridesmaid ponders the question, 'Is love and marriage for everyone?' And if so, how do you get over your own stuff in order to find and keep your one? Time will only tell if Corina will Always Be a Bridesmaid or if the love of her life is around the corner. Brandon Micheal Hall (God Friended Me), Michelle Mitchenor (Lethal Weapon), Richard Lawson (Saints & Sinners), Telma Hopkins (Family Matters), Marcel Spears (The Neighborhood), Meagan Tandy (The CW's upcoming Batwoman), Bernard David Jones (The Mayor), Tosin Morohunfola (The Chi), Jasmin Brown (50 Central), Amber Chardae Robinson (Hell On Wheels), Joy Brunson (This is Us) and Lalah Hathaway co-star.

Harriett - November 2019

Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, Harriet tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Her courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. Starring Cynthia Erivo as Harriet Tubman and co-starring Janelle Monáe (Hidden Figures, Moonlight) and Leslie Odom, Jr. (from the smash Broadway musical Hamilton).

21 Bridges – November 2019

After uncovering a massive conspiracy, an embattled NYPD detective joins a citywide manhunt for two young cop killers. As the night unfolds, he soon becomes unsure of who to pursue -- and who's in pursuit of him. When the search intensifies, authorities decide to take extreme measures by closing all of Manhattan's 21 bridges to prevent the suspects from escaping.

Quim and Slim – November 2019

Slim and Queen's first date takes an unexpected turn when a policeman pulls them over for a minor traffic violation. When the situation escalates, Slim takes the officer's gun and shoots him in self-defence. Now labelled cop killers in the media, Slim and Queen feel that they have no choice but to go on the run and evade the law. When a video of the incident goes viral, the unwitting outlaws soon become a symbol of trauma, terror, grief and pain for people all across the country.



PERFORMING ARTS

NJPAC

The Temptations and Four Tops October 12th 2019

We “heard it through the grapevine” that The Temptations and The Four Tops are headed to NJPAC for one night only! Put a smooth groove in your step with these two Motown super groups. Backed by a tight rhythm section and blazing brass ensemble, every song is a solid gold hit. Bring your sweetie, bring your grandkids—you’re guaranteed to smile and sing along ‘til it’s time to go home!

Chaka Khan November 14th 2019

The reigning Queen of funk, soul, and R&B—and ten-time GRAMMY® winner—Chaka Khan returns to NJPAC for what’s sure to be a classic concert, featuring such iconic hits as “I Feel for You,” “Through the Fire,” “I’m Every Woman,” “Ain’t Nobody” and others. Opening the performance is up-and-coming jazz vocalist Emmaline. Critics have praised the singer/songwriter’s ethereal vocals and lyrics combined with elements of vintage jazz harmonies and modern neo-soul grooves to create a soulful vibe. A dance party in the lobby immediately follows the performance, free to all ticketholders.

Musiq Soulchild, Marsha Ambrosius, Lyfe Jennings November 22nd 2019

Philly’s own Musiq Soulchild returns to NJPAC! The hip hop soul artist built his reputation freestyling on the open mic circuit, beatboxing for MC’s and singing for strangers on the streets. Now, his smooth ‘70s sound has earned him gold and platinum records, thirteen GRAMMY® noms and multiple Top Ten singles. Marsha Ambrosius first gained worldwide attention for her fusion of R&B, neo-soul, poetry and spoken word as part of the popular duo, Floetry. The Liverpool native and GRAMMY®-nominated R&B singer-songwriter hit the Billboard charts with her debut solo album, Late Nights & Early Mornings, and its follow-up, Friend & Lovers. Lyfe Jennings is a platinum-selling R&B and soul singer-songwriter, record producer and instrumentalist who plays guitar, bass and piano. After 15 years in music and six albums, he announced plans to retire from the industry after the release of his August 2019 album, 777.

Maurice Hines- Tapping Thru Life with the Diva Jazz Orchestra November 23rd

Jazz so good you’ll tap your feet. (But please leave the tap dancing to Maurice Hines.) Fresh from a successful off-Broadway run, Tappin’ Thru Life comes to NJPAC! Tony Award nominated Broadway dancer Maurice Hines taps us through his incredible career in this song-and-dance celebration that pays tribute to his brother, the legendary Gregory Hines. Backed by fellow hooper John Manzari and accompanied by the acclaimed, all-female DIVA Jazz Orchestra directed by Sherrie Maricle, Tappin’ Thru Life includes Hines’ distinctive take on your favorite American standards,

Hip Hop Nutcracker featuring Kurtis Blow December 20th – 21st

Celebrate the season with NJPAC’s original holiday extravaganza, which reimagines the traditional Tchaikovsky ballet with explosive urban choreography. Featuring rap legend Kurtis Blow as special guest MC. A dozen unstoppable all-star dancers go full-out from start to finish, wrapping the classic story of The Nutcracker in New York City style. Expect twists, turns and tons of fun in this full-length show that celebrates love, community and the magic of the holiday season. Last year, NJPAC’s production of The Hip Hop Nutcracker completed its fifth national tour, spread out across 28 U.S. cities, earning acclaim from critics and audiences coast to coast. “Hip Hop Nutcracker brings a generous dose of contemporary spirit, sure to heat up even the most restless and wintry of souls.”



PERFORMING ARTS

Mayo Performing Arts Center

Trombone Shorty and Orleans Ave October 15th

Trombone Shorty's new album opens with a dirge, but if you think the beloved bandleader, singer, songwriter and horn-blower born Troy Andrews came here to mourn, you got it all wrong. That bit of beautiful New Orleans soul—"Laveau Dirge No. 1," named after one of the city's most famous voodoo queens—shows off our host's roots before Parking Lot Symphony branches out wildly, wonderfully, funkily across 12 diverse cuts. True to its title, this album contains multitudes of sound—from brass band blare and deep-groove funk, to bluesy beauty and hip-hop/pop swagger—and plenty of emotion all anchored, of course, by stellar playing and the idea that, even in the toughest of times, as Andrews says, "Music brings unity."

Harlem 100 Featuring Mwenso and the Shakes October 27th

The Harlem Renaissance was an age when legendary artists such as Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, Langston Hughes and Billie Holiday made Harlem the cultural center of the country. This multimedia concert captures the sounds of that special era when 125th Street shaped the music of the nation. Featuring Mwenso and the Shakes with special guests Brianna Thomas, Vuyo Sotashe, and Michela Marino Lerman.

Ruben sings Luther October 30th

There will never be another singer like Luther Vandross, but no voice comes closer to him the Ruben Studdard – the remarkable singer who was hailed as the "next Luther" during his American Idol championship run. Studdard recreates the magic and music of Luther Vandross, performing hits including "A House Is Not a Home," "Superstar" and "Always & Forever."

An evening with Gladys Knight November 24th

Very few singers over the last fifty years have matched Gladys Knight's unassailable artistry. This seven-time Grammy winner has enjoyed #1 hits in Pop, Gospel, R&B and Adult Contemporary, and has triumphed in film, television and live performance. Enjoy classics like "Neither One of Us (Wants to be the First to Say Goodbye)," "Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me," "Midnight Train to Georgia" and more.

BROADWAY

Tina Turner – The Musical

Pop diva biomedicals have been in vogue. Carole King, Cher, Gloria Estefan and Donna Summer have had them—and now it's Tina Turner's turn, with Adrienne Warren (Shuffle Along) in the title role. Directed by Phyllida Lloyd (Mamma Mia!), the show follows the former Anna Mae Bullock from her early years through her rise to soul stardom with her abusive husband and her eventual liberation and self-reinvention as a solo star in the 1980s. The score includes such Turner classic numbers as "Proud Mary," "River Deep Mountain High," "Private Dancer" and "What's Love Got to Do With It?"