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MAY 2010**Performance Highlight**

May 4 – 8, 2010 · Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (no Thursday performance)
Orange County Performing Arts Center presents Dance

Compañía Nacional de Danza

Acclaimed choreographer Nacho Duato's Compañía Nacional de Danza has earned a reputation as one of Europe's most exciting dance troupes. This innovative company brings three distinct pieces – *Arenal*, *Castrati* and *Gnawa* – for its official Center debut after appearing in the Fall for Dance festival in 2008.

\$14 - \$80

Seegerstrom Hall

Calendar of Events

May 2, 2010 · Sunday at 3 p.m.

Pacific Symphony presents Classics

Chamber Fantasy

Although Debussy planned a set of six sonatas, he died after completing only three, leaving music lovers to wonder what might have been. Scriabin's Piano Sonatas are often flirtatious and dance-like, contributing to their delicate sensuality. Schumann was the first Romantic composer to pair the piano with the string quartet, resulting in a new lease on life for his creative imagination and the birth of an ensemble form later used by many composers.

\$57 & \$73

Samueli Theater

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Seegerstrom Hall

May 6 – 8, 2010 · Thursday – Saturday at 8 p.m.

Pacific Symphony presents Pops

Good Vibrations: A Beach Boys Tribute

Grab your shades and your flip-flops! Grammy®-nominated surf band Papa Doo Run Run cruises into town to join Pacific Symphony and rock the house with Beach Boys favorites, including "California Girls" and "Surfin' U.S.A."

\$25 - \$185

Renée and Henry Seegerstrom Concert Hall

May 7 – 9, 2010 · Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Orange County Performing Arts Center presents Family

Rogue Artists Ensemble's *The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone*

Inspired by Timothy Basil Ering's book, *The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone* brings us to Cementland, where a very special Boy has created a surprisingly friendly monster to protect his treasure from thieves in the junkyard. Join us as Boy, Frog Belly Rat Bone and more entertaining characters prove the true meaning of friendship.

\$18

Samueli Theater

May 13 - 15, 2010 · Thursday – Saturday at 8 p.m.

Pacific Symphony presents Classics

Beethoven & Rachmaninoff

Written as a ballet score for Martha Graham, Barber's grim depiction of a hideous crime scene nonetheless contains an overriding lyricism. By contrast, Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances* displays warmth and passion, color and majesty. Between these two works, Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 4* shows its revolutionary nature from the very first chords.

\$25 - \$185

Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

May 15, 2010 · Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Orange County Performing Arts Center presents

Kathy Griffin

Spend an evening with America's favorite D-lister, when the two time Emmy® Award winner, Grammy nominee and best-selling author returns to the Center with more of her outrageous stand-up comedy.

\$46 - \$75

Seegerstrom Hall

May 18, 2010 · Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Pacific Symphony presents Special Concert

A Gala Night with Joshua Bell

Like no other violinist of recent times, Joshua Bell has captured the imaginations of both critics and audiences alike. Bell is a true classical music superstar, enjoying a successful concert career; famous chamber music collaborations; partnerships with artists outside the classical arena, including Josh Groban, James Taylor and Sting; and performances as a featured soloist in movie soundtracks, including *The Red Violin* and *Defiance*.

\$29 - \$185

Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

May 23, 2010 · Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Pacific Chorale presents

Rachmaninoff by Candlelight

Pacific Chorale presents Rachmaninoff's breathtaking *Vespers*, based on melodies from the Russian Orthodox chant tradition. Rachmaninoff's exquisite arrangement treats the voices of the choir like an orchestra, building an amazing array of musical colors. Also on the program are spine-tingling works by composers Peter Hallock and Tarik O'Regan for chorus, harp, organ and percussion, featuring organist Lori Loftus and musicians from Pacific Symphony.

\$19 - \$140

Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

May 26 – June 13, 2010 · Tuesday – Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 & 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1 & 6:30 p.m.

Orange County Performing Arts Center presents Curtain Call

Disney's *The Lion King*

Experience the phenomenon of Disney's *The Lion King* as the Tony® Award-winning Broadway sensation makes its highly anticipated return to the Center. Marvel at the breathtaking spectacle of animals brought to life by award-winning director Julie Taymor and the unforgettable score including Elton John and Tim Rice's Oscar®-winning song "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" and "Circle of Life."

\$23.75 - \$133.75

Seegerstrom Hall

Orange County Performing Arts Center

The Orange County Performing Arts Center presents a wide variety of the most significant national and international productions of music, dance and theater to the people of Southern California. It is committed to supporting artistic excellence on all of its stages and offering unsurpassed experiences, engaging the entire community in new and exciting ways through the unique power of live performance and an array of inspiring programs.

As Orange County's largest non-profit arts organization, the Center owns and operates the 3,000-seat Seegerstrom Hall and intimate 250-seat Founders Hall, which opened in 1986, and the 2,000-seat Renée and Henry Seegerstrom Concert Hall, which opened in 2006 and also houses the 500-seat Samuelli Theater, and the Lawrence and Kristina Dodge Education Center's studio performance space and Boeing Education Lab. These state-of-the-art facilities are united by a community arts plaza.

The Center's Renée and Henry Seegerstrom Concert Hall and community plaza, along with facilities of the adjacent Tony® Award-winning South Coast Repertory and a site designated as the new home of the Orange County Museum of Art, are located at Seegerstrom Center for the Arts.

The Orange County Performing Arts Center presents a broad range of programming each season for audiences of all ages from throughout Orange County, and beyond, including international ballet and dance, national tours of top Broadway shows, intimate performances of jazz and cabaret, contemporary artists, classical music performed by renowned chamber orchestras and ensembles, family-friendly programming, free performances open to the public from outdoor movie screenings to dancing on the plaza and many other special events.

It offers many education programs designed to inspire young people through the arts. These programs reach hundreds of thousands of students of all ages with vital arts-in-education programs, enhancing their studies and enriching their lives well into the future.

The Orange County Performing Arts Center is proud to serve as the artistic home to the region's major performing arts organizations: Pacific Symphony, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County and the Pacific Chorale.

For more information, visit OCPAC.org. The Center can also be found online at Blogger, YouTube, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and Flickr.

Free Public Tours

The Center offers tours of Southern California's award-winning home for the performing arts and its expanded facilities. The tours take visitors through the three venues, making this a perfect outing for groups or anyone who wants to know more about the performing arts. The tour is conducted by Center Docents. Public tours are conducted Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Private group tours are by reservation only.

Please note: Private and public tours of all Center halls are now available.

Please call 714.556.2122, ext. 4246 for more information on either the private or the public tours.

For information about individual programs and ticket prices, call:

Performing Arts Center - 714.556.2787

Pacific Chorale – 714.662.2345

Pacific Symphony – 714.755.5799

The Philharmonic Society of Orange County – 949.553.2422

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