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Foundation Grant Supports New Jersey Performing Arts Center

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY — Investors Foundation, which provides grant funding for not-for-profit organizations that enrich the communities served by Investors Bank, has awarded \$125,000 to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), one of the largest performing arts centers in the United States.

The grant will be used to support NJPAC's School Time performance series.

"Thanks to the generosity of Investors Foundation, thousands of schoolchildren each year, many from economically challenged families, have the opportunity to share the magic of live entertainment," said NJPAC President and CEO John Schreiber. "SchoolTime Performance Series brings storytelling to life through music, dance, theater and puppetry and nurtures in students an appreciation for the arts. In addition, teachers are able to relate what their classes see on stage to world history, language arts and science, as well as other areas of study."

NJPAC's SchoolTime performance series introduces students to the magic of the performing arts on stage. Programs feature world-class artists from a wide variety of traditions. Music, dance, storytelling, puppetry, and more ignite the imagination and cultivate lifelong enthusiasm for the arts. Productions are linked to curriculum areas such as world languages, social studies, and language arts and are appropriate for a broad range of ages.

"Arts education has been an integral part of our mission since NJPAC's opening in 1997. Each season we present world-class artists who inspire our littlest audience members, who number more than 75,000 every academic year, to become arts patrons and even performers of tomorrow," Schreiber said. "This ensures NJPAC's future as a center where culture, education and civic discourse can thrive and where lives are transformed on a daily basis."

NJPAC started in 1986 as an idea of then-Governor Thomas H. Kean, who believed New Jersey deserved its own world-class performing arts center. Ultimately it was decided that this center would take root in downtown Newark to not only host the world's greatest performers, but also act as a catalyst to revitalize the state's largest city.

Since opening night, NJPAC has attracted more than 9 million visitors and reached more than 1.5 million Newark and New Jersey children with innovative arts education programs. Today, NJPAC is the artistic, cultural, educational and civic center of New Jersey—where great performances and events enhance and transform lives every day.

For more information about NJPAC, please visit njpac.org.

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