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Arts Incubator to Produce and Present Year-Round Programming at OSPAC

July 23, 2012 -- WEST ORANGE, NJ - Mayor Robert D. Parisi has announced that the Township has entered into an agreement with the New Jersey Arts Incubator (NJAI) for the organization to provide year-round programming at the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center (OSPAC).

NJAI is an organization dedicated to the economic and creative growth of performing and visual artists, musicians and writers. It provides education, programming and revenue raising opportunities, and is both a producing and presenting organization.

The lease arrangement provides that the Township will continue to maintain the exterior maintenance of the facility, and NJAI will assume the operational costs, including their own insurance.

Under the direction of NJAI's Executive and Artistic Director, Carol Berman, OSPAC will add additional artistic disciplines to the programming and work towards creating a year-round facility.

"Our plans include creating a facility that supports our mission, serves the New Jersey artist community and is a gathering place and events location for the residents of West Orange," Berman said. "We will present and produce theater, music, dance, gallery exhibits, classes, summer camp programs and more."

"We are all aware of the value of investing in the arts in our communities, not only as a way to engage our residents but also as a way to bolster the economic realities of our small businesses," said Mayor Parisi. "Creating this partnership with NJAI will benefit our Township and the community by having a full and varied schedule of programming at the facility."

For programming information, please visit njai.org.

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