



Hosting everything from gallery shows and artist receptions to concerts, recitals and movie premieres, the Centre for the Performing and Visual Arts is a treasured addition to the Coweta arts scene.

# CENTRE FOR PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS SERVES COMMUNITY WITH VARIETY OF PROGRAMMING

By Leigh Knight, Photos by John Beck and Bob Fraley

Great things are happening at the Centre for Performing and Visual Arts, a modern 48,000-square-foot facility nestled off Lower Fayetteville Road near the city of Newnan. This pearl of the community contains an elegant lobby, diverse art gallery, lecture halls, and star quality dressing rooms, all anchored by a 999-seat, state-of-the-art theater. Construction of the center was funded by a Special Purpose

Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) grant along with an investment by the Coweta County School System. The center is available for use by all of the citizens of the surrounding communities with special priority being given to school system events.

Several private donations add to the distinction of the center. One of the more notable donations was a Steinway concert grand piano given

through the New York Bank by the estate of the late Tom McKeehan of Senoia. The Lauren Stapaniak Foundation, honoring Lauren Stapaniak, the former principal of Madras Middle School who lost her battle with breast cancer, donated funds to purchase string instruments to be used by Coweta County middle school students.

In addition, the center has received





a watercolor from world-renowned artist Bruno Zupan to begin a collection. It is also home to two pieces by Francoise Gilot, for whom one of the galleries is named, one Natasha Zupan mixed media piece, and a wood carving from local artist John Andrews.


For those who enjoy singing, the Masterworks Chorale meets at the center. The premise of this organization is to further the art of singing exceptional choral music

through rehearsal and performance. Masterworks is open by audition to all residents 18 years or older in Coweta County and surrounding areas. The choir presents at least three performances each year.

Although the Masterworks is in only its fourth year of existence, it has reached audiences of several hundred and is thriving through involvement with the community and schools of the area. The chorus has been in workshop

with internationally known choral conductor and professor Don Neuen and has performed with Dove Award-winning Linda McKechnie and the Atlanta Pops orchestra.

For Coweta County children in grades 4-7, there is Young Singers, an auditioned group of Coweta County children. The chorus is conducted by longtime music educator and Coweta County Board of Education Member Sue Brown. The Young Singers meet weekly at the center for rehearsal and perform several concerts throughout the year. Auditions are typically held in August and January for any who are interested in joining the group. There is a small fee for music. Uniform dress is required.

This year, back by popular demand is the Taste of Home Cooking School presented by Newnan Utilities and The Times-Herald/Newnan-Coweta Magazine on Oct. 23, 2007. As part of Taste of Home magazine's national program, a professional home economics guru guides the audience through quick and easy recipes sure to please any family. The show concludes with the "Fabulous Food Finale," giving guests a chance to win door prizes. Make plans early to attend, because tickets sell out fast. 



## Centre for Performing and Visual Arts calendar

- Army Band Concert, Sept. 6, 2007, 7 p.m.
- Celtic Christmas Concert, Dec. 15, 2007, 7 p.m.
- Golden Dragon Acrobats from China, Sept. 9, 2007, 2:30 p.m.
- Georgia Youth Ballet's The Nutcracker, Dec. 8 and 9, 2007 – show times TBA
- Magicians and illusionists The Spencers, Nov. 2, 2007, 7 p.m.
- Tommy Dorsey Band Concert, Jan. 13, 2008, 2:30 p.m.
- The Masterworks Chorale, Nov. 27, 2007, 7 p.m.
- Masterworks Chorale Concert, Feb. 10, 2008, 2:30 p.m.
- Army Band Holiday Concert, Dec. 2, 2007, 3 p.m.
- Tap Kids Perform, March 27 and 28, 2008, times TBA
- Doris Russell School of Performing Arts Christmas Show, Dec. 1, 2007, 7 p.m.
- Masterworks Chorale Concert, May 30, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

For more information and the latest performance schedules, visit [www.thecentreonline.net](http://www.thecentreonline.net)



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