

Scottsdale Center for Arts undergoing renovations

Construction work is underway on the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts' much-anticipated renovation, which has been designed by architect John Douglas of Douglas Architecture and Planning, P.C. with theater consultant Alec Stoll of Fisher Dachs Associates.

"We're thrilled to begin this exciting project," said Kathy Hotchner, vice president and director of the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. "When the renovation is finished, the Center will have a beautiful new atrium lobby and theater that will provide our audiences with the highest-quality arts experience."

During the renovation's first phase, which began in March, a number of major upgrades will be made to the atrium lobby, including a new floor, box office and café.

The Scottsdale Public Art Program also plans to commission a major new work for the space.

The renovation's second phase, a year-long overhaul of the 838-seat Virginia G. Piper Theater, will begin in the summer. When the theater reopens in the fall of 2009, patrons will enjoy many new improvements, including enhanced acoustics, lighting, seating, sightlines, air conditioning and accessibility.

The Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts will be open for business throughout the renovation and will continue to offer to the community an exciting schedule

of dance, jazz, classical and world music, theater and satire, as well as its educational programs and celebrated outdoor festivals.

During the 2008-09 season, while the Virginia G. Piper Theater is undergoing renovation, many of the Center's performances will be presented at venues around the Valley.

Classical performances will be held at the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in north Scottsdale and at Theater 4301 at the Galleria Corporate Centre in downtown Scottsdale.

The Center's dance, jazz, world music and theater series will be presented at venues in Tempe and central Phoenix, as well as in Theater 4301.

In addition, the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts' newly renovated atrium will be available for special events during the 2008-09 season, and a wide variety of performances will be presented in the Center's 136-seat Stage 2, the 2,200-seat Scottsdale Civic Center Mall Amphitheater and the 326-seat Theater 4301.

The box office and popular Store @ Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts also will be open throughout the renovation.

SCPA opened in 1975 as part of the Scottsdale Civic Center complex designed by Arizona architect Benjie Gonzales. The City of Scottsdale, the owner of the facility, is funding the \$14-million capital-improvement project through its general fund.



Here's what's on screen at Farrelli's

"21" (PG-13)

"21" is a fact based story about six MIT students who were trained to become experts in card counting and subsequently took Vegas casinos for millions in winnings with the help of mentor, Kevin Spacey. Nice, intriguing story with interesting characters.

Leatherheads (PG-13)

A romantic comedy, starring George Clooney and Renee Zellweger, set in the world of 1920s football, where the owner of a professional team drafts a strait-laced college sensation, only to watch his new coach fall for his fiancé. George Clooney on the big screen...what else is there to say?

Horton Hears a Who (G)

Jim Carrey and Steve Carrell provide the hilarious voice characters to this great animated comedy. Horton the elephant struggles to protect a microscopic community from his neighbors, who refuse to believe it exists. Great for the whole family!

What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

Set in Sin City, this comedy revolves around two people (Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz, who discover they've gotten married following a night of debauchery. Quickly,

they try to separate but one of them has one a huge jackpot after playing the other's quarter. The unhappy pair try to undermine each other and reluctantly stay together to try and get their hands on the money. The film also stars the hilarious and local resident, Dennis Farina and Queen Latifah.

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Do you know your movie quotes? Figure out the movies these famous lines are from, log on to www.cinemasupperclub.com and e-mail us your answers.

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Who Said it? Name the actor and the movie

"I do wish we could chat longer, but I am having an old friend for dinner."

"Wax on, wax off."

"My precious."

"I feel the need - the need for speed."

"To infinity, and beyond!"

Jazz, art, cupcakes part of Yang Friday

The Yang Friday event series at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art continues Friday, May 30 from 7 to 10 p.m. with music, drinks, dessert and a guest speaker.

Live jazz, appetizers and cocktails enhance curator conversations and art-minded guests. Throughout the evening, musician Scott Sadlon plays with bassist Dwight Kilian and pianist Michael Kocour for an entertaining and talented musical experience.

Sadlon previously studied with Carl Tassi, student of legendary drumming guru Freddie Gruber.

His musical entourage, Kilian and Kocour, features two talented faculty members

of the jazz department at Arizona State University.

Delectable desserts are provided by Sugar Blossom Cupcakes and specialty designer sodas are courtesy of Pop Soda Shop.

Guest Speaker Claire Schneider is SMoCA's new senior curator.

Schneider joined the SMoCA staff after 10 years as a curator of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, N.Y.

Tickets are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

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