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Discover Jersey Arts Launches Spring Guide 2025: "You Gotta Be Here"

Celebrating Spontaneity, Connection, and the Spirit of New Jersey's Arts Community

BURLINGTON, N.J. – April 1, 2025 – As winter gives way to the vibrant energy of spring, Discover Jersey Arts is proud to announce the release of its **Spring Guide 2025**—a curated collection of arts experiences designed to inspire, connect, and invite New Jersey arts lovers to escape the everyday. This year's guide celebrates creativity and encourages you to immerse yourself in the rich cultural pulse of the Garden State.

"The Spring Guide invites everyone to escape and immerse themselves in the creativity that flourishes throughout New Jersey," said Adam Perle, President & CEO of ArtPride New Jersey. "Whether it's catching an impromptu performance, exploring a pop-up art installation, or discovering a new favorite local artist, this guide highlights the power of arts to transform ordinary moments into extraordinary experiences."

Highlights from the 2025 Spring Guide:

- **Atlantic City Ballet presents *Cinderella***
April 18 at The Strand Theater, Lakewood, NJ | April 19 at Caesars Atlantic City, Atlantic City, NJ
A magical tale of romance and elegance comes to life in Phyllis Papa's sparkling ballet. With whimsical humor, stunning classical choreography, and the enchantment of fairy dust and glass slippers, this beloved story will captivate audiences of all ages.
- **Melissa Etheridge & Joss Stone in Concert**
April 24 at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ
Two powerhouse voices on one unforgettable night. Rock icon Melissa Etheridge and soul sensation Joss Stone share the stage for a soul-stirring performance packed with hits, heart, and vocal fireworks.
- **South Jersey Arts Fest**
April 26 at Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, Elmer, NJ
A vibrant, family-friendly festival celebrating South Jersey's creative spirit. Enjoy live music, food trucks, craft vendors, wine & spirits, art-making workshops, and a youth art gallery — all for free!
- **Manual Cinema's *Frankenstein***
May 3 at Alexander Kasser Theater, Montclair, NJ

A hauntingly beautiful multimedia experience, *Frankenstein* fuses shadow puppetry, cinematic techniques, and live performance to reimagine Mary Shelley's timeless tale. A must-see for adventurous theater lovers.

- **1776 at Algonquin Arts Theatre**

May 9–18 in Manasquan, NJ

Travel back to America's founding days in this Tony Award-winning musical. *1776* brings the drama, debate, and daring of the Declaration of Independence to the stage with stirring songs and unforgettable characters.

With the **2025 Spring Guide**, Discover Jersey Arts encourages residents and visitors alike to **break free from their routines** by stepping into the unexpected and engaging with the arts on a deeper level. The guide is designed to make it easy to explore the rich artistic fabric of New Jersey, featuring everything from intimate gallery shows to large-scale public events.

For a list of featured events, visit JerseyArts.com/Spring.

About Discover Jersey Arts

Discover Jersey Arts is a program of the ArtPride New Jersey Foundation dedicated to increasing awareness of and participation in the arts statewide. The JerseyArts.com website showcases New Jersey's creative community with feature stories, videos, and podcasts; highlighted events; details on Jersey Arts Membership; and other content. Discover Jersey Arts was cofounded and is supported by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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