

Southwest Arts Center Performance Theater and Gallery

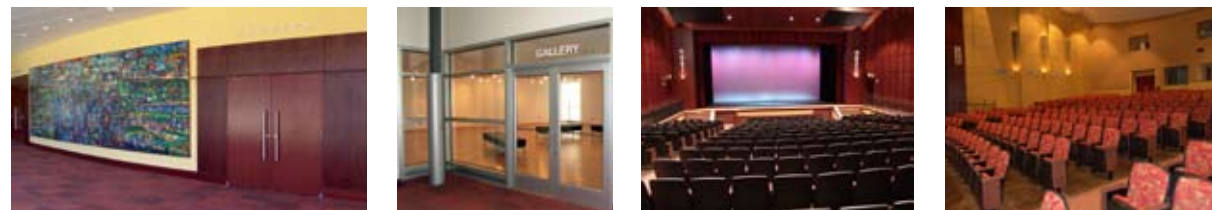
As a result of the leadership of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, especially Commission Vice Chair, William "Bill" Edwards of District 7 and District 5 Commissioner Emma I. Darnell, the Southwest Arts Center now exists as a premier arts and cultural facility in the region. The new Performance Theater and Gallery will greatly enhance the ability of Fulton County to make the arts more accessible and expand arts programming for children, youth and families, thus enhancing the quality of life in our community.

With the addition of the Performance Theater and Gallery, the Southwest Arts Center (SWAC) has grown into a 27 acre cultural campus with 32,500 square feet of creative space. SWAC now includes the Studio Building and the SWAC Performance Theater and Gallery as well as outdoor performance areas and welcoming green spaces.

In the Studio Building classes for all ages are taught in a wide range of artistic disciplines including music, dance, theater, painting, drawing, quilting, web design, photography, creative writing, film making and others. In addition, throughout the year, the Studio building hosts a number of cultural events and programs including intimate performances in our 100 seat Black Box Theater; exhibitions, film screening, meetings, workshops and master classes.



The Performance Theater and Gallery building is home to our main stage with a 375 seat capacity and a 1300 square foot professional gallery. The theater is a first class facility where concerts, plays, musicals, films, conferences and special events will take place. In our professional gallery, works from important established and emerging artists will be presented. In 2009 look for some of our partners on the main stage including True Colors Theatre Company, Ballethnic Dance Company, the Center for Puppetry Arts and the National Black Arts Festival as well as a number of concerts, plays and other performances.



P R O G R A M M E

Welcome

Zachary Williams
County Manager

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Gregory A. Sutton, Senior Pastor
Jackson Memorial Baptist Church

Occasion

Commissioner Emma I. Darnell, District 5
Vice Chair William "Bill" Edwards, Commissioner, District 7

Remarks

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Project Overview

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Gardner Spencer Smith Tench & Jarbeau
Richard DuCree
Fulton County Construction Projects Director

Ribbon Cutting

Performances by:

Edeliegba-H.J.C. Bowden Senior Dance Ensemble
Axam Dance Theatre
Fly by Theatre
Esaba Hebert
Geoffrey Williams
Chanda Leigh McKnight
Malik Simanga
Camille Sims
Mike Spring
Erin Washington
Denise Willingham

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