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Costa Mesa takes center stage in the Theater & Arts District

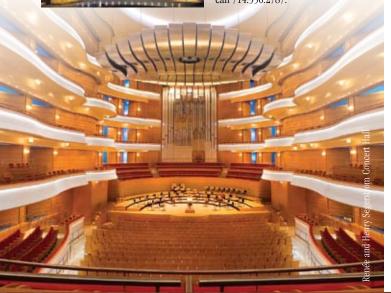
Costa Mesa is home to the Theater & Arts District, which represents one of the finest collections of performing and visual arts to be found anywhere in the world.

The Orange County Performing Arts Center's Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, Samueli Theater, the Lawrence and Kristina Dodge Education Center and Leatherby's Cafe Rouge are located in Segerstrom Center for the Arts, adjacent to the Center's original venues. Internationally acclaimed architect Cesar Pelli designed the structure with impeccable acoustics by Artec Consultants. The concert hall opened in 2006.

The concert hall features a magnificent façade of Portuguese limestone and gracefully glass wall. Through the glass, visitors and patrons can see the dramatic multi-tiered foyer and circular staircase. Once inside, guests can look out and across the Center's 46,000 square-foot community plaza to the original Segerstrom Hall with its signature sculpture, Fire Bird, by noted artist Richard Lippold and the imposing Connector created by Richard Serra. Soaring above the Spanish granite lobby floor is the ceiling finished in silver leaf and a breathtaking lighting installation titled Constellation. This award-winning piece of architectural jewelry includes faceted Swarovski crystal LED globes and 300 silver lavalieres suspended in graduated lengths that are

tipped in illuminated Baccarat crystal pendants.

For more information, visit the Orange County Performing Arts Center Web site at <u>OCPAC.org</u> or call 714.556.2787.



The Samueli Theater has its own distinctive entrance with large frosted glass panels illuminated from behind and producing a subtle glow against the building's white limestone facade. A spectacular outdoor plaza created by Peter Walker and Partners unites the new venues with the current Center and **South Coast Repertory**.

South Coast Repertory is a professional resident theatre, founded in 1964 by David Emmes and Martin Benson who continue to serve as artistic directors. The theatre season (September — June) includes works drawn from classic and modern theatre repertoires, with five plays on the 507-seat Segerstrom Stage and four on the 336-seat Julianne Argyros Stage, plus a three-play series, Theatre for Young Audiences. SCR offers a variety of outreach and education programs and is renowned for its new play development program of works by emerging and established writers, presented each season in public reading and during the Pacific Playwrights Festival.

*For a current listing of events in Costa Mesa and Orange County, visit www.TravelCostaMesa.com and click on events.



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Visual arts abound in Costa Mesa, too. Visitors are encouraged to take a walking tour to experience the spectacular works of Jean Dubuffet, Henry Moore, Joan Miro, Charles O. Perry and Isamu Noguchi, among other world-class figures whose artistry is on public display locally.

A centerpiece is Noguchi's 1.6-acre collection of sculptures and plantings called *California Scenario*. This sculpture and horticultural landscape presents an abstract, condensed vision of the Golden State itself. The garden is located behind Pacific Arts Plaza situated at the corner of Park Center Drive and Anton Boulevard.





California Scenario

Performing Arts

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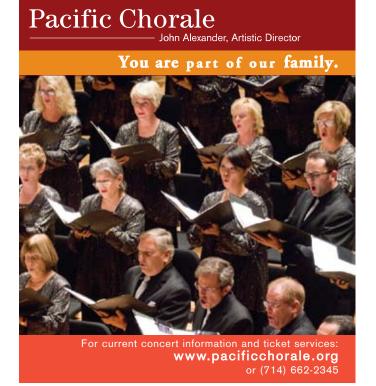


From the familiar to the unexpected, we have performances to thrill, amuse, challenge and delight you.

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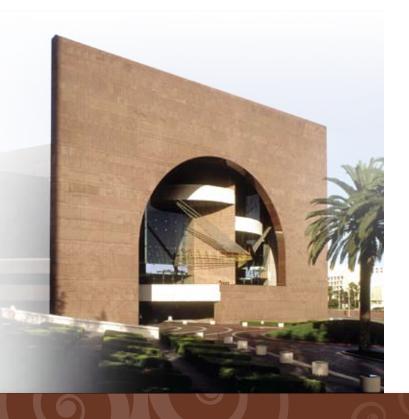




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The following are other fine examples of the visual arts in Costa Mesa.

> Visual performing arts abound inCosta Mesa





"Connector" by Richard Serra Located at The Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall



"Tour Aux Jambes" by Jean Dubuffet Located in Park Tower on Town Center Drive and Bristol Street.



"Fire Bird" by Richard Lippold Located at Orange County Performing Arts Center



"The Ram" by Charles O. Perry Located between Park Tower and the Westin South Coast Plaza.



"Night Shift" by Jim Huntington Located in Town Center Park behind Park Tower and The Westin South Coast Plaza



"Neptune Water Spouts" by Betty Davenport Ford Located behind the lobby of The Westin South Coast Plaza.



"Reclining Figure" by Henry Moore Located at the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

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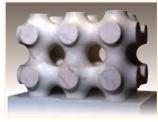
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"Sun Glitter" and "Jonah and the Whale" by Carl Milles - Located outside of the Center Club in the lower level of Center Tower on Town Center Drive.



"Oiseau" by Joan Miro Located in the lobby of the Center Tower on Town Center Drive.



"Fermi" by Tony Smith Located in the Center Club lobby of Center Tower.



"Four Lines Oblique Gyratory-Square IV" by George Rickey Located at the Center Tower on Park Center Drive.



"Utsurohi 91 - Costa Mesa" by Aiko Miyawaki - Located on a grassy rectangle adjacent to Plaza Tower on Anton Bouleyard and Avenue of the Arts.



"Sun Ribbon" by Claire Falkenstein
Located in Pacific Arts Plaza near the
intersection of Anton Boulevard
and Park Center Drive.



"Spatio Virtuo Teatro" by Jason Meadows Located at South Coast Repertory



(See advertisement on page 31)

The Showcase Gallery - South Coast Plaza Village 714.540.6430 Visit this gallery, sponsored by the Orange County Fine Arts Society. The artists displaying work are juried by a committee of the Society. All works displayed are for sale to the public.

Bear Street Gallery - South Coast Plaza Village 714.825.0592 This gallery is located right next to the Showcase Gallery; this new space changes exhibits every two months. Artists who wish to display at this gallery are juried by a professional consultant.

Orange Lounge at South Coast Plaza 714.689,3680 Located in the Crate & Barrel/Macy's Home Store wing of South Coast Plaza, the Orange Lounge is the West Coast's first museum space dedicated exclusively to the presentation of digital and video art.

The Pageant of The Masters is a world-famous stage presentation featuring re-creations of classical and contemporary artworks with live models accompanied by a full orchestra and live narration. Presented nightly during July and August. Tickets: 800.487.3378 or www.LagunaFestivalofArts.org.

Readers of *American Style Magazine* voted the **Sawdust Art Festival** one of the top three art festivals in the nation. The summer event hosts 190 artists, entertainment and art workshops. The four-weekend Winter Fantasy begins each year in November.

Call: 949.494.3030 or visit www.SawdustArtFestival.org.

The Art-a-Fair Festival, featuring more than 140 artists and fine craftsman, is open July through Labor Day. Call 949.494.4514 or visit www.art-a-fair.com.

The Festival of Arts, California's Premier Fine Art Exhibition, is also open in July through Labor Day. This top-rated art show features original artworks by Orange County's most accomplished artists, as well as art workshops, tours and special events. Call 800.487.3378 or visit www.foapom.com.

The Laguna Craft Guild sponsors bi-monthly Sunday shows in the downtown Laguna Beach main beach area, from September through June. All artwork is by local Laguna Beach artists. Call 949.499.2681.

Finally, on your way back to Costa Mesa, stop to enjoy spectacular floral displays set amid bubbling tile fountains at **Sherman Library and Gardens** in Corona del Mar. Call 949.673.2261 or visit www.slgardens.org.









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