

Last year's devastating earthquake elicited an interfaith response from The Presbyterian Church of Tenafly in tandem with Temple Sinai of Bergen County along with 25 other neighboring houses of worship. They underwrote a benefit concert entitled "**Sending Our Love To Haiti**," which was facilitated at the Bergen PAC (Performing Arts Center) in Englewood, New Jersey. It featured top tier talent from the New York Philharmonic, Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Opera and Broadway along with presentations by local area physicians who donated their time, skill and sweat equity in the trenches of Haiti to those in need. The event resulted in donations of over \$100K, with proceeds going to various Haitian relief funds including: Church World Service, Catholic Charities, UJA North Jersey, Project Hope Orphanage (Theo's Works), Reformation Hope Orphanage and *Hôpital Sacré Coeur in Milot*.

The 2nd annual benefit is taking place at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 30th.

Emcee Marion Grodin, one of the funniest working stand-up comedians today is sure to keep the audience entertained while keeping the entire program on track. Performances will include an eclectic mix of classical and Broadway performers such as: **MICHELLE MI-KYUNG KIM**, a prolific violinist and Assistant Concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic since 2001 and **YUNAH LEE**, lyric soprano from the New York City Opera will perform. Ms. Lee has thrilled audiences throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia with her "handsomely colored fully lyric sound." Together they are certain to be a highlight of the evening;. Also featured will be **ROY WOOTEN**, a five-time Grammy Award-winning percussionist and member of the jazz quartet Béla Fleck and the Flecktones, numerous Broadway artists as well as gifted performers from smaller stages.

Our **Doctor's Counsel** will also provide updates and footage of their work in Haiti following the earthquake to date. In a spirit of diplomacy and stewardship, **Ambassador Y.M. Kim** of South Korea will serve as an emissary to help instill a culture of giving for a nation in crisis. He will offer a few inspirational words to underscore that Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, continues to be a nation in need of aid, and the critical importance of reaching into our collective hearts and pocketbooks to help ensure that they get the support they need to continue to rise above their circumstance.

Please help us to accomplish our goals by purchasing seats, raffle tickets and attending this special event. With your generous support, the people of Haiti can continue to lay a foundation for a brighter tomorrow!



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The Second Annual “Sending Our Love to Haiti” Benefit Concert

Featuring an All-Star Cast from

**Broadway, the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center
Live at Bergen PAC**

Sunday January 30th 2011 at 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$89.00-\$79.00-49.00-29.00

VIP Tickets: \$250.00 (Includes Admission to VIP reception prior to Concert)

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey-December 6, 2010 – The 2nd Annual “Sending Our Love to Haiti” Benefit concert has been scheduled for Sunday January 30th at the Bergen PAC in Englewood NJ at 7:30 PM. The concert will feature an all-star cast from Broadway, Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Opera and the Lincoln Center.

Last year’s show featured from Broadway over twenty stars including: **Beth Leavel** (Tony Award Winning actress); **Judy McLane**, (*currently starring in Mama Mia*); **Craig Schulman** (Phantom of the Opera, Les Meserables and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.); **Norm Lewis** (King Triton in *Little Mermaid*); Bergen County’s own **Page Simonovich**, (*Finian’s Rainbow*). The stage was also graced with stars from the New York Philharmonic: world renowned principal clarinetist, **Mark Nuccio** and assistant concertmistress and violinist, **Michelle Kim**, along with **John Hancock**, now in his 10th season with the Metropolitan Opera. The cast for this year’s show will be announced in subsequent press releases in the coming weeks.

On the heels of the devastating earthquake in Haiti last January, the “Sending Our Love to Haiti” inaugural event last February raised over \$100,000 with donations going to Haiti relief funds for Church World Service, United Jewish Appeal North Jersey and Catholic Charities, along with Hospital Sacre Coeur’ in Milot, Reformation Hope Orphanage and Project Hope

Orphanage in Les Cayes Haiti. The concert last year was sponsored by an interfaith movement of over 25 House of Worship throughout Bergen County led by The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly (PCAT) and Temple Sinai of Bergen County, who will lead the efforts again this year.

Reverend Dr. Eileen Lindner the Pastor at PCAT and Co-Chair of the Organization stated, "Once again we are extremely pleased to be partnering with Temple Sinai in this important endeavor and we look forward to working with all of the Houses of Worship throughout North Jersey as we build our interfaith coalition to sponsor this year's event."

Rabbi Millstein, Co-Chair from Temple Sinai, stated "Last year at our inaugural event we made a promise that we would not forget the children and their families suffering in Haiti from the aftermath of the earthquake or even more recently the hurricane and cholera epidemic. This year's benefit concert is our commitment to that promise."

Tickets for the event go on sale December 15th at the Bergen PAC box office or at Ticketmaster. Ticket prices range from \$29.00 up to \$250.00 (The \$250.00 tickets include admission to the VIP party prior to the concert.) The details of the VIP reception will be announced at a later date.

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About **Bergen Performing Arts Center**: Known as The John Harms Center for 27 years, this cultural hub in Englewood, has been reborn as **Bergen Performing Arts Center** or *bergenPAC*. This 1367- seat theater is a landmark, and in its seventh season as *bergenPAC* it remains one of the finest acoustic halls in the United States. The legendary Tony Bennett and Canadian crooner k.d. lang recorded their 2003 Grammy award-winning CD live on *bergenPAC*'s own stage through a broadband fiber-optic connection with Bennett Studios. *bergenPAC* is the home of a media production system that is unparalleled, upholding its reputation as a venue for outstanding music, dance and theater. As a non-profit corporation, *bergenPAC* has thrived thanks to the aid and generosity of sponsors, donors and patrons.

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Stars shine at Haiti benefit

Monday, February 22, 2010

BY MARY JO LAYTON

The Record

STAFF WRITER

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ENGLEWOOD — A benefit for Haiti earthquake relief on Sunday evening featuring stars from Broadway, the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera is expected to raise about \$100,000, according to organizers.

Every cent will help the ravaged nation because the cost of the event, held at the Bergen Performing Arts Center, was underwritten by 11 churches, nine synagogues and a mosque in Teaneck. Organizers said this was the first time the houses of worship banded together for a major philanthropic event.

"This is a loaves and fishes story," said the Rev. Eileen Lindner, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly and a key organizer of the "Sending Our Love to Haiti" benefit. "There will be an enduring contribution to Haiti, and an enduring contribution to our sense of community."

More than 1,000 tickets were sold. Silent and live auctions of items valued at \$40,000 — including sports memorabilia, jewelry and services — were held before the concert.

Organizers said they could raise as much as \$100,000 overall through ticket sales of \$75,000, auctions and other contributions.

Meanwhile, six restaurants in the area pledged to donate 10 percent of their proceeds from weekend sales to benefit Haiti relief efforts, said John Coppolino, project manager. Even stagehands at bergenPAC joined in the effort, Coppolino said. They donated their wages for the weekend to the benefit, he said.

More than 40 stars of Broadway, including Tony-award winning actress Beth Leavel and Judy McLane, both starring in "Mama Mia," performed signature numbers from popular shows. Michelle Kim and Mark Nuccio of the New York Philharmonic also performed, as well as baritone John Hancock of the Metropolitan Opera.

Broadway singers Kelli Rabke-Agresta, who sits on the board of bergenPAC, and Darius de Haas sang "In Whatever Time We Have," a duet from "Children of Eden."

"I would love to think of this as my contribution to the benefit. It's amazing how quickly they put this together," Rabke-Agresta said before her performance.

"The Broadway community has been very generous in times of need," de Haas said. "We want to do whatever we can."

Several North Jersey physicians who traveled to Haiti and treated victims in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake also attended the benefit Sunday night and told of grueling missions to save lives.

Dr. Jennifer Ashton, an Englewood obstetrician who spent eight days treating earthquake victims, praised the event organizers.

"All of these communities coming together is so important not only for the humanitarian purpose it serves, but it reinforces in all of us a sense of community and selflessness that really should be part of our everyday existence," Ashton said.

Ashton, who said she plans to return to Haiti as early as this summer, said "the scope of human suffering is unparalleled."

Ashton and five other physicians are serving on the Doctor's Counsel for the benefit and shared their stories with several guests. They include: Dr. Joshua Hyman, a surgeon at Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian who also has an office in Englewood (and said he hoped to go back to Haiti in March); Drs. Timothy Finley and Alan Gwertzman, anesthesiologists from Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck; Dr. David Butler, an OB-GYN who practices in Englewood and Teaneck, and Dr. Katlyne Lubin, a development pediatrician and a native of Haiti.

"Sending Our Love to Haiti" spun off the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly's annual fundraiser in which members hold a star-studded benefit, which includes performances by Broadway stars and other musicians with connections to the congregation, Lindner said.

But given the devastation in Haiti, Lindner knew the 400-member congregation would need reinforcements, so she contacted Rabbi Jordan Millstein of Temple Sinai of Bergen County in Tenafly and the two signed up several other clergy to support the event.

"Millions of people have had their lives upended," said Millstein, co-chairman of the event. "The amount of effort it will take for the people who have survived to carry on requires us to do much more than we typically do."

Millstein called it "a breakthrough moment" because so many different houses of worship were coming together for one cause.

"We have different faiths and come from different places but we have a common humanity," he said. "We as individuals and as a community need to reach out to those in need. This is what God demands of us."

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Sending our love

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Anita Ehrler's Elite Co. Dancers rubbed elbows with some of Broadway's best in a benefit performance "Sending our love to Haiti", on Sun. Feb. 21 at BergenPAC in Englewood. The date was proclaimed by County Executive Dennis McNerney as "Sending Our Love to Haiti Day". Anita Ehrler's company dancers performed along with many stars from Broadway, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall & The Metropolitan Opera in a gala evening. One hundred percent of the proceeds from ticket sales have been donated by the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly and the Temple Sinai of Bergen County to aid in bringing relief to the children of Haiti. Anita Ehrler's Dance Extensions in Park Ridge has been a part of the local community for 23 years. Visit at www.Danceextensions.com.



Leavel, McLane, Schulman, Lewis, Simunovich et al. Set for 'Sending Our Love to Haiti' Benefit Concert, 2/21

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On Sunday, February 21, 2010, a silent auction will be held at 7:00 p.m. followed by an 8:00 p.m. benefit concert for the children of Haiti and their families at the Bergen Performing

Arts Center (PAC) in Englewood, New Jersey. A live auction will be held during intermission. The event is being underwritten and organized by The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly and Temple Sinai of Bergen County and being sponsored by over twenty churches and synagogues throughout Bergen County.

The array of Broadway stars performing that evening include current and former leads from the biggest hits on Broadway; Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, Mama Mia, Showboat, Drowsy Chaperone, Chicago, Les Miserables, Carousel, Young Frankenstein, 42nd Street, Fiddler on the Roof, Beauty and the Beast, Little Mermaid, along with many others.

From Broadway (some being whisked from a stage in Manhattan to the stage in Englewood), over twenty stars will be performing including: Beth Leavel (Tony Award Winning actress from The Drowsy Chaperone and currently starring as Donna Sheridan in Mama Mia); Judy McLane, (critically acclaimed for her role as Vienna in Johnny Guitar and currently starring in Mama Mia); Craig Schulman (Jean Valjean in Les Miserables, The Phantom in Phantom of the Opera, and the lead in Jekyll & Hyde.); Norm Lewis (King Triton in Little Mermaid and Javert in Les Miserables); Page Simonovich, (Bergen County's own young actress who recently made her Broadway debut in Finian's Rainbow.); Steven Skeels (Rusty in Starlight Express) has written a song choreographed by Brian Thomas, (Emmy nominated choreographer, who has worked with superstars such as; Michael Jackson, Liza Minnelli, Usher, Whitney Houston and Mary J Blige).

The stage will also be graced with future Broadway stars, Rosie's Broadway Kids. Rosie's Broadway Kids program is dedicated to enriching the lives of children through the arts, providing instruction in dance and music and a professional theater experience for children who might otherwise not have the opportunity.

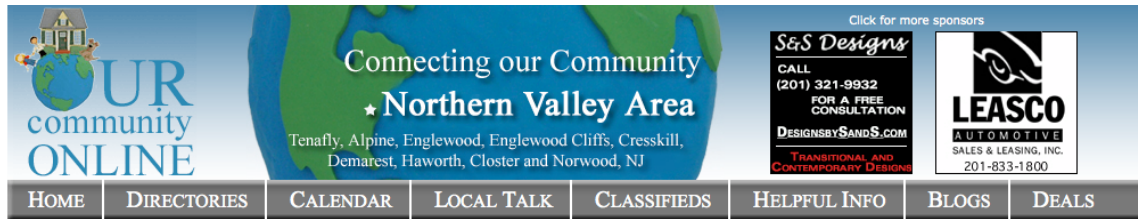
The evening will also include Stars from the New York Philharmonic: world renowned principal clarinetist, Mark Nuccio and assistant concert mistress and violinist, Michelle Kim. Also performing will be John Hancock, now in his 10th season with the Metropolitan Opera.

A special Guest Appearance by Haiti Quartet Buyu Ambroise & The Blues in Red Band featuring Buyu Ambroise (saxophone), Lou Rainone (piano), Bobby Raymond (bass), Allan Mednard (drums) and Markus Schwartz (percussion) will fill the night with the Jazz sounds from their homeland.

Tickets are now on sale at all Ticketmaster locations and at the Bergen PAC Theater box office located at 320 Van Brunt Street, Englewood, NJ (201) 227-1030. Ticket prices range from \$29.00 to \$99.00. A limited number of Preferred Tickets are available directly through the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly and Temple Sinai of Bergen County for \$250.00 (Silver Sponsor) and \$500.00 (Gold Sponsor).

The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday night; a cocktail reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Solaia Bar and Restaurant located adjacent to the theater for Gold and Silver sponsors. In addition, Gold sponsors will also be invited to a post-show party at Solaia to meet members of the cast.

For more information, please call Cecelia at The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly at 201-567-0111 or Michelle at Temple Sinai of Bergen County at 201-568-3035. Please also visit our website, www.sendingourlovetohaiti.org.



Calendar Event: Sending Our Love to Haiti benefit concert

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Leading stars from Broadway, The Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, and Carnegie Hall (including celebrities such as Rosie O'Donnell) will perform "Sending Our Love to Haiti," a benefit concert at Bergen PAC (Bergen Performing Arts Center.)

This benefit concert, underwritten by Temple Sinai of Bergen County and The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly, will send 100 percent of the proceeds to Haiti Relief Funds of the Church World Service, United Jewish Appeal of Northern New Jersey, Catholic Relief Services and the Reformation Hope Orphanage in Port au Prince and Hospital Sacre Coeur in Milot , Haiti .

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Churches and Synagogues Unite to Benefit the Children of Haiti and Their Families

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Bergen PAC

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Honorary Co-Chairs of the event are The Reverend Dr. Eileen Lindner of The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly and Rabbi Jordan Millstein of Temple Sinai of Bergen County. "We're blessed with an abundance of talent, energy, and generosity of spirit in Manhattan and Bergen County," said Dr. Lindner. "This initiative began when one person asked, 'What can we do to help?'" Rabbi Millstein added, "I am thrilled to be part of this groundbreaking interfaith event to help the people of Haiti. There is nothing more inspiring than people of different faiths joining together to make a difference in this world. I am confident that the citizens of Bergen County will support this evening of entertainment for a critically important cause."

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Feb 21, 2010

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February 18, 2010

Broadway stars come out to support Haiti relief

PC(USA) churches, synagogue unite to benefit Haitian families, children

by Jerry L. Van Marter

Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — Leading stars from Broadway, the Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, and Carnegie Hall will perform “Sending Our Love to Haiti,” a benefit concert Feb. 21 at the Bergen (N.J.) Performing Arts Center.

The benefit concert is co-underwritten by The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly (N.J.) and Temple Sinai of Bergen County. Organizers promise that 100 percent of the proceeds from the gala will go Haiti relief efforts of Church World Service, United Jewish Appeal of Northern New Jersey, Catholic Relief Services and the Reformation Hope Orphanage in Port au Prince and Hospital Sacre Coeur in Milot, Haiti.

Honorary co-chairs of the event are The Rev. Eileen Lindner, pastor of the Tenafly Church and interim executive for Palisades Presbytery, and Rabbi Jordan Millstein of Temple Sinai of Bergen County.

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