



BWW Preview: Give the Gift of NEW JERSEY ENTERTAINMENT

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New Jersey's top theatres are gearing up for the holiday season with gift certificates for single shows or you can purchase a full season's subscription. Give that special someone the joy of live theatre, music and dance. There's no limit to the type of shows you can give to your family, friends and co-workers. Entertainment is a present that makes special memories. And be sure to stop by the individual theatres to find out what may be available to purchase like CD's, books, tee-shirts, sweatshirts and show memorabilia. Gift items may also be found on some of the theatre's web sites.

MADISON The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey currently has *The Merry Wives of Windsor* onstage and their next season's announcement is coming soon. Visit: <http://www.shakespearenj.org/>.

PRINCETON The American Repertory Ballet (ARB) will return to McCarter Theatre on 4/8 to present works by masters of ballet and modern dance. They will be accompanied by the Princeton University Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Michael Pratt. Visit: <http://www.americanrepertoryballet.org/>.

MILLBURN Paper Mill Playhouse now has *A Christmas Story: The Musical* onstage through January 3rd and next up is *A Bronx Tale* followed by *Pump Boys and Dinettes*. Visit: www.papermill.org/.

NETCONG The Growing Stage, The Children's Theatre of New Jersey now has *A Christmas Carol: The Musical* now onstage. Up next is *The Book of D*. Visit: <http://www.growingstage.com/>.

RAHWAY Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC) has a fantastic array of upcoming performances at their three venues that include music, theatre, dance and their classic film series. Visit: <http://www.ucpac.org/>.

NEW BRUNSWICK Crossroads Theatre is producing their annual holiday show, *Holiday Jubilee* through December 20th. Next up is *College Colors*. Visit: <http://www.crossroadstheatrecompany.org/>.

MORRISTOWN Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC) has the *Nutcracker* by New Jersey Ballet onstage with musical accompaniment by The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra through December 26th. MPAC performances also include an all-star line-up of shows. Visit: <http://www.mayoarts.org/>.

PRINCETON McCarter Theatre has *A Christmas Carol* now onstage through December 27th followed by *The Piano Lesson*. One-night only musical performances are also available. Visit: <http://www.mccarter.org/>.

NEWARK New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) has performances at their world-class venue for many different tastes and styles. See the their star-studded line up of guests and performances for the best in dance and music. Visit: <http://www.njpac.org/>.

RED BANK Two River Theater continues their season with *Lives of Reason* followed by *Pericles*. They also have CD's available for one of their recent hits, *Be More Chill*. Visit: <http://www.tworivertheater.org/>.

LONG BRANCH New Jersey Repertory Company will have *Substance of Bliss* onstage beginning on 1/14. The year-round theatre is renowned for producing new works. Visit: <http://www.njrep.org/>.

NEW BRUNSWICK George Street Playhouse has the comedy show, *OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES* from December 2nd through January 3rd. Next up is *Nureyev's Eyes*. Visit: <http://www.georgestreetplayhouse.org/>.