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# IT'S A Beautiful Day TO EXPERIENCE ESSEX

# WELCOME



From County Executive  
Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
and the Essex County Board  
of Chosen Freeholders

to a destination filled with sights, sounds and flavors that will make your senses come alive with excitement. This brochure offers you just a glimpse of Essex County's fascinating array of attractions, which appeal to visitors of all ages and tastes. Filled with nationally acclaimed museums and performance centers, Essex is New Jersey's mecca for arts and culture. There are galleries and universities to awaken your mind, sports venues to make your heart race, and jazz clubs to move your soul. History buffs, nature lovers and savvy shoppers will all find a place to call their own. The red carpet is out in our 22 towns ~ from our metropolitan hubs to the quaint local main streets. It's always a beautiful day to Experience Essex.



Montclair Museum; photo by Roy Groething

**You'll find creative, inspiring and thought-provoking works in Essex County's incredible concentration of art galleries and exhibitions. An array of styles, media and cultural influences are found in thriving artists' colonies scattered throughout the county. You will also have many opportunities to take part in open studio tours, gallery crawls, and classes.**

**Aljira, A Center for Contemporary Art**  
Newark  
973-622-1600 ▼ [www.aljira.org](http://www.aljira.org)

One of the state's leading visual arts organizations, Aljira's new downtown gallery showcases a wealth of bold art celebrating cultural diversity.

**Ben Georgia Fine Art Studio & Gallery**  
West Orange  
973-731-9652 ▼ [www.ben-georgia-art.com](http://www.ben-georgia-art.com)

This 3,000-square-foot studio and gallery features an exciting selection of expressive abstract and landscape paintings.

**Bradford Brown Gallery, East Orange**  
973-395-9200  
▼ [www.bradfordbrowngallery.com](http://www.bradfordbrowngallery.com)

African American culture is celebrated with an extensive collection of art and shows by top talent.

**Forrest Scott Gallery, Millburn**  
973-376-5030 ▼ [www.forrestscottgallery.com](http://www.forrestscottgallery.com)

An extensive roster of artists working in a wide variety of media is featured.

Montclair Museum; photo by Mike Peters



**Newark Arts Council, Newark**  
973-643-1625 ▼ [www.newarkarts.org](http://www.newarkarts.org)

The council is a great central clearinghouse for information on arts destinations and the latest events in this booming arts community.

**Rose Royce Gallery, Montclair**  
973-783-3876 ▼ [www.roseroyce.net](http://www.roseroyce.net)

Rose Royce showcases a constantly changing collection of paintings, sculpture, prints and photography by emerging artists.

**Studio Montclair, Montclair**  
973-744-1818 ▼ [www.studiomontclair.org](http://www.studiomontclair.org)

Hundreds of artists from around the nation bring their work to the public in Montclair through the studio's programs and exhibitions.



New Jersey Performing Arts Center/Balé Folclórico da Bahia; photo by Mariza Vianna

**If you can see it on stage, odds are you can see it in Essex County. Variety is the buzzword here as big names, world class performers and tomorrow's stars shine in popular theater, dance and musical productions for every taste.**

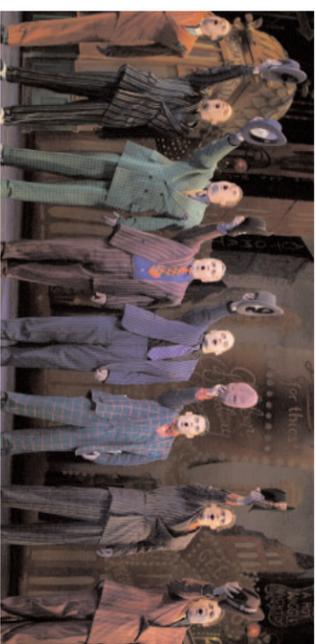
**12 Miles West Theater Company**

Bloomfield  
973-259-9187 ▼ [www.12mileswest.org](http://www.12mileswest.org)

Presents original and lesser-known works as well as innovative interpretations of stage classics.

**African Globe Theater Company, Newark**  
973-624-1584 ▼ [www.africanglobe.com](http://www.africanglobe.com)

New Jersey's only African American-based theater company presents a diverse array of stage productions, spoken word events and the Sankofa Dance Company.



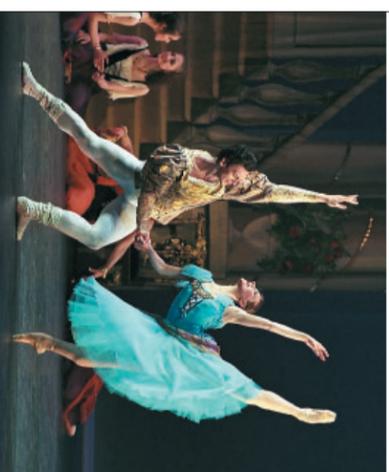
Paper Mill Playhouse; photo by Jerry Dalia

**Arts Maplewood, Maplewood**  
973-378-2133 ▼ [www.artsmaplewood.org](http://www.artsmaplewood.org)

Sponsors such offerings as the Maplewood Jazz Weekend, kids concerts, an Underground Concert Series, and comedic performances by the What Exit? Theater Company.

**Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra, Bloomfield**  
973-748-0081  
▼ <http://nj.mandolins.home.att.net>

Presents a local schedule of classical and folk music.



New Jersey Ballet; photo by Joseph Schembri

**Dreamcatcher Repertory Theater**

South Orange  
973-378-7754 x2228  
▼ [www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org)

Performs contemporary work that awakens the viewer's imagination.

**Luna Stage, Montclair**  
973-744-3309 ▼ [www.lunastage.org](http://www.lunastage.org)

Provides a broad spectrum of theatrical experiences in an intimate off-off Broadway setting.



New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; courtesy NJ Symphony Orchestra

**New Jersey Ballet, Livingston**  
973-597-9600 ▼ [www.njballet.org](http://www.njballet.org)

The state's leading ballet company, the New Jersey Ballet has excited dance lovers since 1958 with a combination of classical, contemporary, cutting-edge, and youth performances.

**New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark**  
800-90-njpac ▼ [www.njpac.org](http://www.njpac.org)

One of America's premier performance venues, NJPAC showcases the world's finest dance, theater music, family and popular performers.

**New Jersey Symphony Orchestra**  
800-ALLEGRO ▼ [www.njsymphony.org](http://www.njsymphony.org)

Based at NJPAC, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra is a nationally recognized orchestra and cultural leader that plays a varied program of classical and contemporary music concerts throughout the year.

**New Jersey Tap Ensemble, Bloomfield**  
973-743-0600 ▼ [www.njte.org](http://www.njte.org)

This diverse company's repertoire includes development of new tap works, concert performances, community outreach and programs in arts education.

**Newark Symphony Hall, Newark**  
973-643-4550  
▼ [www.newarksymphonyhall.org](http://www.newarksymphonyhall.org)

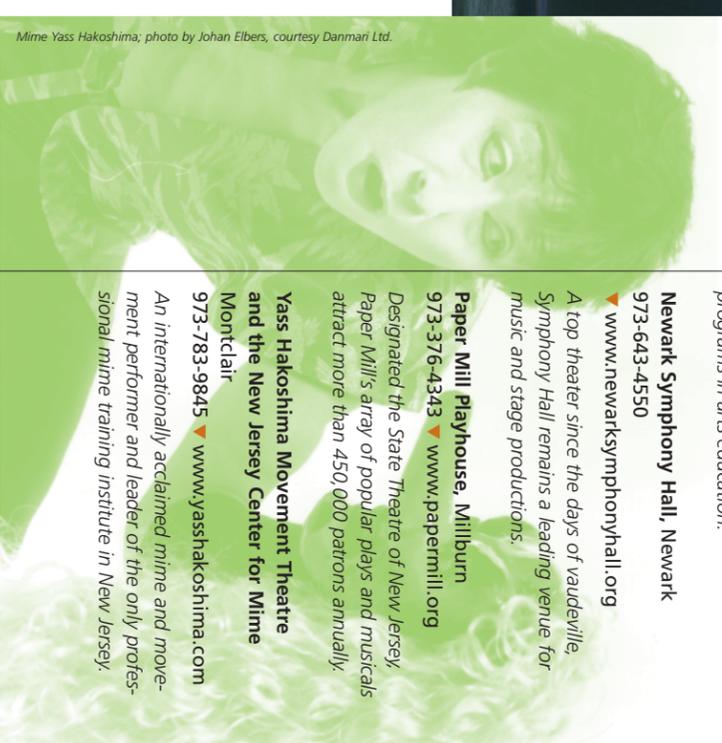
A top theater since the days of vaudeville, Symphony Hall remains a leading venue for music and stage productions.

**Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn**  
973-376-4343 ▼ [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org)

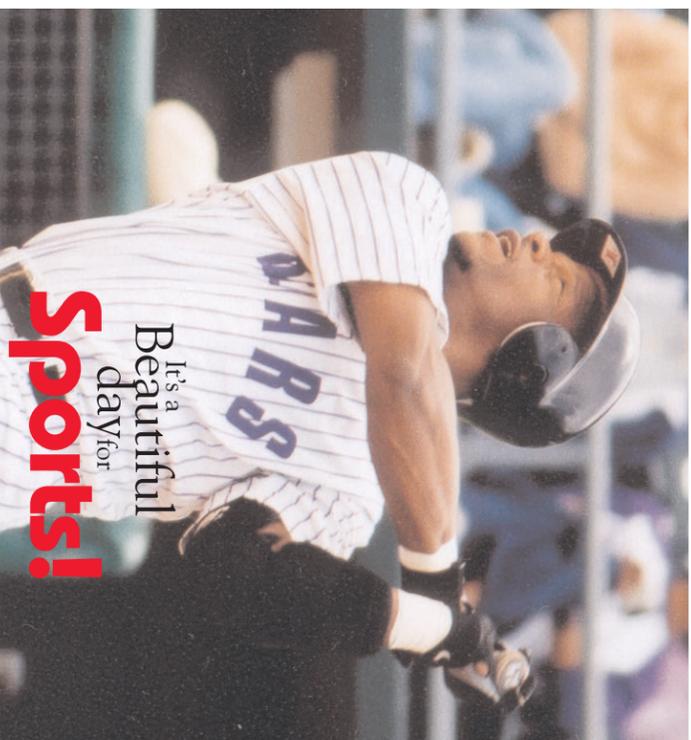
Designated the State Theatre of New Jersey, Paper Mill's array of popular plays and musicals attract more than 450,000 patrons annually.

**Yass Hakoshima Movement Theatre and the New Jersey Center for Mime**  
Montclair  
973-783-9845 ▼ [www.yasshakoshima.com](http://www.yasshakoshima.com)

An internationally acclaimed mime and movement performer and leader of the only professional mime training institute in New Jersey.



Mime Yass Hakoshima; photo by Johan Elbers, courtesy Danman Ltd.



Rickey Henderson; courtesy Newark Bears



Golf at Essex County Weequahic Park; Essex County South Mountain Arena; photos by Glen Frieson

**Essex County South Mountain Arena**  
West Orange  
973-731-3828

Watch practice sessions for the three-time Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils, or strap on the skates for a spin around the ice at this recently refurbished facility.

**Golf**  
In Essex County, you'll find 18 lush courses, including an array of well-regarded public courses and impeccably manicured private clubs.

**Essex County Public Courses**  
**Francis Byrne County Golf Course**, West Orange  
973-736-2306  
**Hendricks Field County Golf Club**, Belleville  
973-751-0178  
**Weequahic County Golf Course**, Newark  
973-923-1838

**Other Public Courses**  
**Fernwood Golf Club**, Roseland  
973-226-3200

From first base to the fairway and points in between, sports excitement isn't far away in Essex. Whether you're cheering for your team in the grandstand at the county's state-of-the-art stadium in Newark or creating your own sports memories on the links, your heart will be racing!



Pride Bowl; courtesy U.S. Military Academy Athletic Department

**New Jersey Jackals Baseball**  
Upper Montclair  
973-746-7434 ▼ [www.jackals.com](http://www.jackals.com)

Four-time champions since their start in 1998, the Jackals showcase a hard-hitting brand of minor league baseball at Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State University.

**Newark Bears Baseball**, Newark  
973-848-1000 ▼ [www.newarkbears.com](http://www.newarkbears.com)

Rickey Henderson and Jose Canseco are just two of the former major leaguers who have joined up-and-coming stars to bring big-league excitement to New Jersey's largest city.

**Pride Bowl**, Newark  
973-848-1000 ▼ [www.newarkbears.com](http://www.newarkbears.com)

Known as the "Little Army-Navy Game," this annual clash between the sprint football teams from America's service academies has become a proud local tradition.

## ESSEX COUNTY TOWNS



In a county founded by Puritan settlers in 1666, there is a multitude of historic sites that tell the story of the personalities, places and events that have shaped our rise from a small colonial outpost to the state's premiere industrial, commercial and financial hub.

## It's a Beautiful day for History!

**Ballantine House**, Newark  
973-596-6550  
▼ [www.newarkmuseum.org/pages/collections/ballhse.htm](http://www.newarkmuseum.org/pages/collections/ballhse.htm)

Experience life in the opulent Victorian era at the home of brewing magnate John Holme Ballantine. This National Historic Landmark is part of the Newark Museum.

**Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart**, Newark  
973-484-4600  
▼ [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)

Designated a minor basilica by Pope John Paul II during his historic 1995 visit, this spectacular masterpiece of French Gothic architecture is a National Historic Site.

**Grover Cleveland Birthplace State Historic Site**, Caldwell  
973-226-0001  
▼ [www.westsexquidre.com/gcb](http://www.westsexquidre.com/gcb)

The site features the nation's most complete collection of artifacts from the life of the only man to serve non-consecutive terms as President of the United States.



Above, left to right: Grover Cleveland; Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, LC-USZ62-89792  
Grover Cleveland Birthplace, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, LC-G613-76699  
Thomas Edison; Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, LC-USZ62-67839



**Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society Museum**, Short Hills  
973-564-9519 ▼ [www.mshistsoc.org](http://www.mshistsoc.org)

The Short Hills rail station houses a museum chronicling Millburn's unique history, architecture and genealogy.

**Montclair Historical Society**, Montclair  
973-744-1796  
▼ [www.montclairhistorical.org](http://www.montclairhistorical.org)

The society maintains a collection of 18th and 19th century furniture, paintings, and decorative arts at two museums: Crane House, a 1796 Greek Revival home, and Evergreens, a turn-of-the-century mansion with a panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline.

**New Jersey Historical Society**, Newark  
973-596-8500 ▼ [www.njhistory.org](http://www.njhistory.org)

The state's oldest cultural institution offers collections, exhibits and programs that chronicle New Jersey's rich political, social, cultural and economic history.

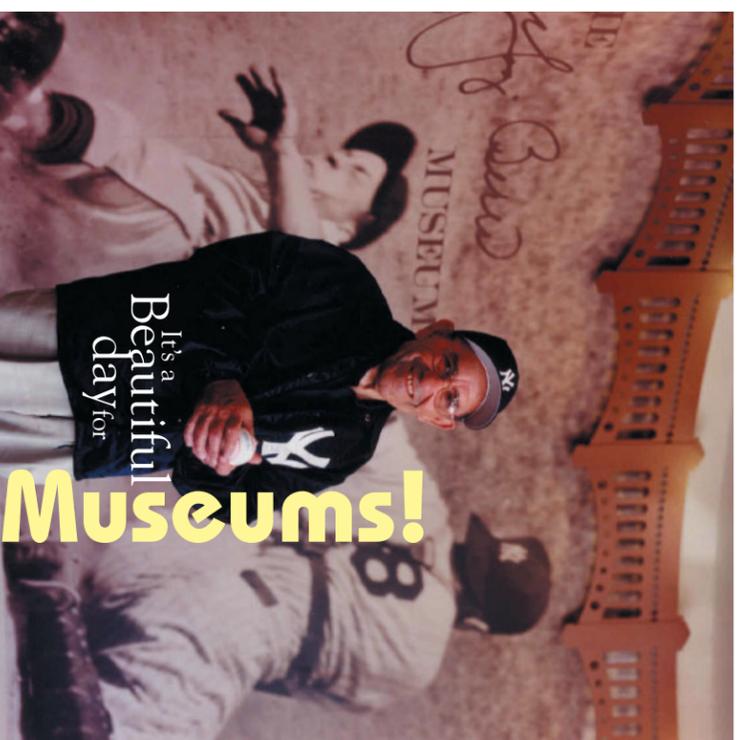
**Old Essex County Courthouse**, Newark  
973-621-4400 ▼ [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org)

This majestic 1906 example of grand civic architecture also features a statue of Abraham Lincoln by Gutzon Borglum, creator of the Presidents monument on Mount Rushmore.

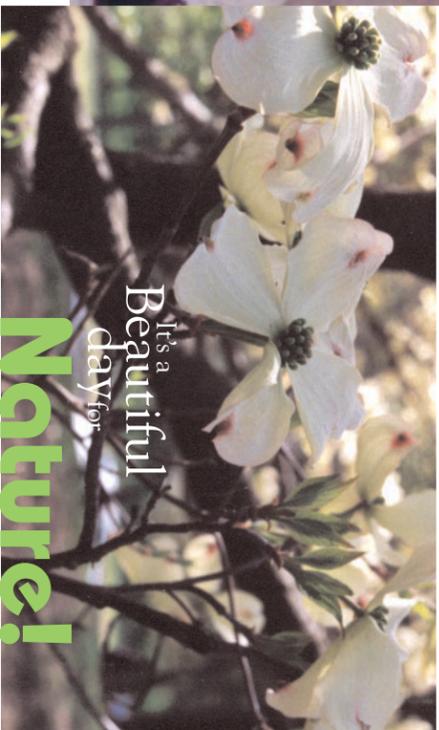
**Thomas Edison National Historic Site**, West Orange  
973-736-0551 ▼ [www.nps.gov/eis](http://www.nps.gov/eis)

Scheduled to reopen in 2005 after a major renovation, visitors will experience the prolific inventor's home, lab and factory complex where he perfected the phonograph, the movie projector, and the fluoroscope — and where the world's first known movie was shot.

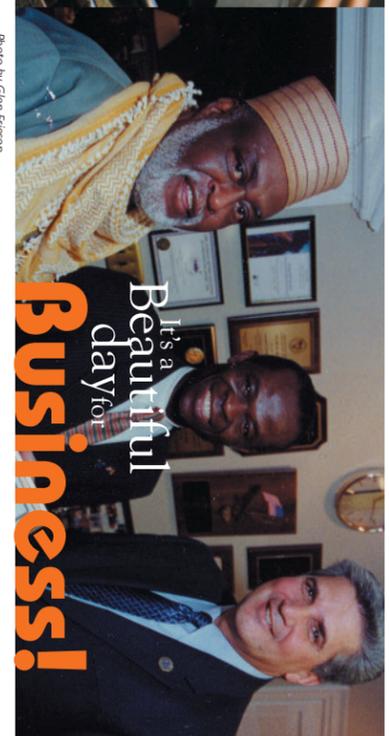
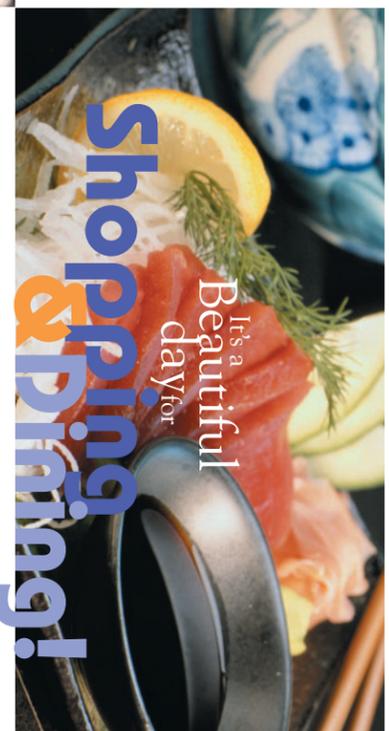
Lincoln statue at Old Essex County Courthouse; photo by Glen Frieson



Yogi Berra Museum; photo by Mike Peters



Cherry Blossoms at Essex County Branch Brook Park



**Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center**  
Upper Montclair  
973-655-2378  
▼ [www.yogiberramuseum.com](http://www.yogiberramuseum.com)  
Exhibits and memorabilia showcase the career of baseball hall of famer and master of the malaprop Yogi Berra. The center also sponsors numerous programs exploring sports in America.

High fashion, hidden treasures and bargains are all here for the savvy shopper. Explore lively downtowns in Montclair, Millburn, and Maplewood, where antiques and stylish boutiques are the rage. Find hot new fashions in urban centers like Newark. Or settle in for a day at The Mall at Short Hills, considered one of America's most upscale shopping centers. There's also Livingston Mall, featuring major retailers and more than 100 specialty stores.

**To find the Essex County restaurant for you, visit [www.njra.org](http://www.njra.org) or [www.njra.com/dining](http://www.njra.com/dining)**

When it comes to dining, Essex County offers an almost endless menu. Newark's famed Ironbound section, with dozens of restaurants serving Iberian and Brazilian fare, is just one option for international cuisine, which you'll find in abundance countywide. Head to one of our downtowns for a trendy bistro, or dress up for a night on the town at an elegant, four-star eatery.



With superior air, sea, rail and highway transportation systems, close proximity to a mega-market of more than 21 million people and a well-developed labor force generated by ten colleges and universities, Essex County offers unique opportunities for business to boom. Helping businesses of every size tap the potential this market offers is the mission of the Economic Development Corporation of Essex County. The EDC fosters business growth and job creation in a wide variety of ways, including financing programs, business services, location assistance, tourism and trade promotion and community development initiatives.

**To find out how the EDC can help your business boom, call 973-621-4454.**

**They're not your grandfather's museums!** Visits to Essex County's museums are hands-on experiences with ample opportunity for the entire family to learn more about subjects ranging from fossils and pharaohs to sculpture and stolen bases!

**Jersey Explorer Children's Museum, East Orange**  
973-673-6900  
Children of all ages enjoy a creative environment where they learn through experience and dynamic presentations.

**Montclair Art Museum, Montclair**  
973-746-5555  
▼ [www.montclair-art.org](http://www.montclair-art.org)  
An extensive permanent collection of American and Native American art is complemented by exhibitions and special events featuring leading artists.

**Newark Museum, Newark**  
973-596-6550  
▼ [www.newarkmuseum.org](http://www.newarkmuseum.org)

Home to more than 80 eclectic galleries that include North America's most extensive Tibetan collection, an interactive natural history exhibit, planetarium and mini-zoo with more than 100 animals.

Tibetan Buddhist altar; courtesy The Newark Museum



**The bustle of our great metropolitan area gives way to numerous, tranquil retreats where you can touch nature, howl with wolves, and inhale the fragrance of spring blooms.**

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo



**Essex County Park System, Countywide**  
973-268-3500 ▼ [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org)  
The first county park system in America, Essex offers more than 6,000 acres of parkland, reservations and golf courses. Take in magnificent vistas and waterfalls at South Mountain Reservation... scope out migrating birds at West Essex Park... revel in the vibrant colors of the nation's largest Cherry Blossom Festival at Branch Brook Park. The possibilities are endless!

**Essex County Environmental Center**  
Roseland, 973-268-3500 X270  
▼ [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org)  
A new, 8,900-square-foot environmental center, scheduled for completion in 2005, will bring the wonders of nature alive for children and families through innovative programming.

**Essex County Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange**  
973-731-5800 ▼ [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org)  
A Great Plains exhibit, bobcats, cougars, bald eagles and wolves are among the diverse species found at the county zoo, which recently underwent a multimillion dollar upgrade. A brand new black bear exhibit is scheduled to open in 2005.

**The College Scene**

What do Mikhail Baryshnikov and Pulitzer Prize-winner David McCullough have in common? They're just two of the colorful personalities recently featured in special programs on our college campuses. The county's ten campuses are hotbeds for lectures, film series, arts festivals, cutting edge theater productions, visual arts exhibitions, musical performances and collegiate sports.



**Bloomfield College, Bloomfield**  
[www.bloomfield.edu](http://www.bloomfield.edu), 973-748-9000  
**Caldwell College, Caldwell**  
[www.caldwell.edu](http://www.caldwell.edu), 973-618-3000  
**Essex County College, Newark**  
[www.essex.edu](http://www.essex.edu), 973-877-3000  
**Montclair State University, Montclair**  
[www.montclair.edu](http://www.montclair.edu), 973-655-4000  
**New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark**  
[www.njit.edu](http://www.njit.edu), 973-596-3000  
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