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**Entertainment Takes Center Stage In  
South Coast Metro's Theatre & Arts District**

SOUTH COAST METRO, Calif., June 2010 – Broadway bombshells. Riveting drama. Classical music concerts. The world's finest dance troupes. It's all to be enjoyed in South Coast Metro's burgeoning 12-acre Theater & Arts District. No wonder the area is often called the standing ovation capital of Orange County.

The District includes the Orange County Performing Arts Center (OCPAC), Segerstrom Center for the Arts and many outstanding works of art. Within the Orange County Performing Arts Center is the architecturally and acoustically superb 3,000-seat Segerstrom Hall and 250-seat Founders Hall.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts comprises the magnificent Cesar Pelli-designed 2,000-seat Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall – home to the Pacific Symphony – and 500-seat Samueli Theater, and the Tony Award-winning South Coast Repertory (SCR). SCR's Folino Theatre Center houses the 507-seat Segerstrom Stage, the 336-seat Julianne Argyros Stage and the Nicholas Studio.

The size and scope of the District provides presenters with greater flexibility to schedule a variety of performances here, such as booking Broadway shows for longer runs, while still having ample room for the classical arts and other offerings.

An expansive 46,000-square foot community plaza, which was created by Peter Walker and Partners, unites the two Centers. Additionally, many movie screens showing the latest box office hits and art films are located nearby.

“The Orange County Performing Arts Center has a strong national reputation for quality programming in dance, jazz, opera, cabaret and musical theatre,” said Terrence Dwyer, The Center's president.

But there's more to this cultural hub than just performing arts. South Coast Metro also features many works of art by some of the world's most renowned artists, including Connector, a towering sculpture designed by Richard Serra that is situated on the plaza adjacent to the concert hall.

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.

The South Coast Metro Alliance offers a docent-led tour of the District. For more information, contact Diane Pritchett, executive director, at 714.435.2109.

To learn more about what's playing in the District, visit [www.ocpac.org](http://www.ocpac.org) or [www.scr.org](http://www.scr.org).