

October 2007

Calvary Center for Culture and Community

CCCC brings community members together.

The Board of the Calvary Center for Culture and Community wishes to express sincere gratitude and thank all organizations and community members who contributed financial support in 2006, without which this milestone progress could not have been made. Those patrons include:

- PA Historical & Museum Commission
- Partners for Sacred Places
- Trustees of Calvary United Methodist Church
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- Gary Bronson Stained Glass Engraphics
- University City Bed & Breakfast
- Calvary Center Board Members
- Members of Calvary UMC
- Individual Community Donors

Record Year of Achievement at Calvary Center Centennial Gala was a Huge Success!

The historic church, which houses the tenants of the Calvary Center for Culture and Community, has much to celebrate. Having survived 100 years, the building came back from near ruin 10 years ago, and is now the hub of University City. The great number of volunteers who worked to make the Centennial Gala held on September 16, 2006 a

great success exemplifies the resurgence of activity at the Center.

Well over 200 attendees enjoyed Cecelia Chaisson (her first CD featuring that concert music is complete), Curio Theatre, and cuisine from local restaurants. All proceeds went toward the Building Fund.

That evening marked the first time CCCC hosted such an event in the history of the building. A special thanks to our attendees and of course the gala committee: Heather Calvert, Roy Harker, Rich Kirk, Paul Kuhn, and Keren White.

Ask us for a Calvary Centennial commemoration booklet!

\$235,000 Down, \$625,000 to Go!



Renovations continue at CCCC, with 100% masonry replacement done at the top of the tower and gables. Other significant upgrades to the interior of the building will include improvements to the

building's electrical wiring, repair of the stage, ceiling, and scagliola columns, new seating, and refurbished pews.

Major fundraising has begun for renovation of the sanctuary, which we hope to begin using in 2008. The sanctuary will be a venue primarily for professional theater, as well as concerts and other events. To accommodate a schedule of events, the sanctuary must be made habitable and usable (even while being fully restored) as soon as possible. Sanctuary restoration will more than double the Center's capacity for hosting evening cultural events and more.

An estimated \$625,000 would enable CCCC to provide disability access to the entire building and restore the sanctuary. CCCC continues to seek support for historic preservation, community building, and the cultivation of arts and culture at the Center.

Stop to Smell the Flowers at Calvary

With the help of neighbors, volunteers, and the leadership of the CCCC board, gardens surrounding the Calvary building are more beautiful than ever.

Look for the blooming flowers and the newly lit directory sign on the tower.

Check with our office for more information on how to post information on the community bulletin board.



Become a part of our community.

Volunteer with CCCC & our partners.

Put your skills and interests to work for a better West Philadelphia!

Curio Theatre Season Has Something for Everyone!

Curio's theater season includes something for all audiences, from a political thriller to a magical holiday show for the whole family; see the list of shows below along with class and summer theater camp dates below. Find out more at www.curiotheatre.org or call 215-525-1350 to purchase tickets, a season subscription, or find more information.

FALL 2007 PLAYS

Death and the Maiden

By Ariel Dorfman
October 4 - 27, 2007

The Nutcracker

By E.T.A Hoffmann,
Adapted by Drew Petersen & Tim Martin
December 7 - 29, 2007

The Odyssey

By Homer, adapted by Jared Reed
February 21 - March 15, 2008

What the Butler Saw

By Joe Orton
April 24 - May 17, 2008

FALL 2007 CLASSES

Classes October 13 - December 1
(no class
Thanksgiving weekend)
Showcase - December 8th at 12pm

WINTER 2008 CLASSES

Classes January 26 - March 8
Showcase - March 8th at 12pm

SPRING 2008 CLASSES

Classes March 29 - May 10
Showcase - May 10th at 12pm

SUMMER THEATRE CAMP 2008

Session 1 - July 7 - July 18,
Showcase July 18, 2pm

Session 2 - July 21 - August 1,

Crossroads Music Series Enters its Fifth Season



is one of Philadelphia's newest venues for traditional, ethnic, international, and related non-commercial music. Unless otherwise noted, events take place at 7:30 pm in Calvary Center. Here is a sampling of fall events. See more about these events online at <http://www.crossroadsconcerts.org>

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Bjornsdotter Reid
Swedish Fiddle Music and
West Philadelphia Orchestra
Traditional music for strings from Hungary, Macedonia, and Serbia

Saturday, October 13, 2007

DisCanto
Folk music of Abruzzo, Italy

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Kalman Balogh and the Gypsy Cimbalom Orchestra
One of the greatest living masters of Hungarian music

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Patrick Street
The original Irish "supergroup"

Saturday, December 1, 2007

Liz Carroll & John Doyle
Irish fiddle and guitar

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Programs & Partners at CCCC

Cedar Park Neighbors
Crossroads Music Series
Curio Theatre Company
International Action Center
12-Step Programs
Prometheus Radio
University City Historical
Society
Martial Arts Classes
Center for Grieving Children &
Families

Congregations

Calvary United Methodist
Church
Grace Chapel Pentecostal
Church
Kol Tzedek West Philadelphia
Synagogue
Thompson Temple of Faith
West Philadelphia Mennonite
Fellowship

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What's happening at Calvary?
Check out our online calendar:

<http://www.calvary-center.org>

We could use your time...

- ❖ Water and maintain our garden
- ❖ Assist with regular building maintenance and clean up clean up
- ❖ Provide clerical assistance to the board and Center staff
- ❖ Bookkeeping, or serve as special event staff

And your money!

- ❖ Hold a house party and ask guests for donations
- ❖ Remember us with a small gift during the holiday season
- ❖ Hold a garage sale or flea market and donate the proceeds to CCCC
- ❖ Purchase beautiful Calvary greeting cards (see the web site!)

Our Wish List

Here are a few suggestions for improvements for the Center. We want to do them all, but we need sponsorships to make them happen.

- Outdoor seating area in garden, stone table (\$500), five stone benches (\$150 each), concrete seating area (\$750).
- New garden sign featuring worship hours for all congregations (\$1,500).
- Tower lights (\$8,000).
- Restore the Richard Watson mural damaged by water (\$900).

And, of course anyone can contribute to our \$110,000 cost for making the building ADA accessible!

About CCCC...

The Calvary Center for Culture and Community (CCCC) is part of the active community housed in the landmark 1906 Calvary United Methodist Church building at 48th & Baltimore Avenue in West

Philadelphia. The Calvary Building, congregation, and Center serve over 10,000 community members yearly, acting as the "town hall" for one of the nation's most vibrant and diverse communities.

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