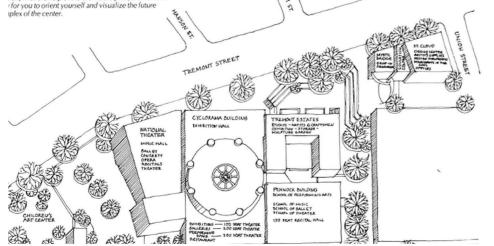






can readily pick out the Cyclorama Building in this to, with Tremont Street running in front of it. From ron, with the help of the architect's plan, it should be rfor you to orient yourself and visualize the future plex of the cente



Dancers renearsing under the spectacular glass dome, which is 127 feet in diameter and 75 feet high at the center. The Cyclorama also houses art exhibitions, opera performances, concerts in the round, dinners, flower shows, and flea markets.

Finally, the novelty wore off and the painting was removed. Fortunately, it was well preserved in crates and now most of the work can be seen in its own building on the battlefield site at Gettysburg.

Through the years the Cyclorama Building changed ownerships and functions. John Gardner once owned it, John L. Sullivan fought there. A bicycle-riding school brought the "cycle" to the Cyclorama. Revival meet-ings were held there. Alfred Champion invented his spark plug under its famous dome. In 1923 the Cyclorama Building, along with its neighbors, became the headquarters of the Boston Flower Exchange and served that purpose until 1970 when the Exchange moved

to Albany Street. It was then that work could begin on transforming it into a permanent home for the Boston Center for the Arts. The Cyclorama is ideal for grand exhibitions for the Center. An immense glass dome was

installed expressly for the purpose of illumi-nating the giant painting... and now lends a fine spacious atmosphere to all events held beneath it. With the brick walls sand-blasted down to their original mellow beauty, the circular building is impressive, indeed.

Moving Day! - as the Flower Exchange moved out," the BCA moved in.

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How will the 7 buildings in the BCA complex be used?

Cyclorama Area for special performances in the round. Art gallery, Exhibition hall. Common lobby for all theaters in the Center. Assembly room. The foyer will contain one of the Center's restaurants. Three theatres – 150-seat, 200-seat, 300-seat.

Tremont Estates Sixty-four studios for individual and groups of painters, sculptors, potters, photographers and theatre companies. In addition the building houses a large rehearsal hall and a 125-seat theatre with dressing rooms and storage areas.

Pennock

Pennock Rehearsal and teaching areas highlight this new home of the Boston Ballet. On the third floor are acoustically-insulated classrooms and practice rooms for the Com-munity Music Center of Boston whose permanent home is here. The floor will include offices, library and a two hundred and fitly seat recital hall equipped for film projection.

Mystic Bridge Building A "drop-in" and educational center which will become the focal point of community relations. The Mystic Bridge program is designed to bring the people of the community into contact with the Center's artists.

St. Cloud

A design center which will include stores with supplies for artists. In addition, some office space will be available for specialized merchants in the arts, and arts-related organizations.

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Children's Art Center A place where children can explore painting, sculpture, and photography. Adjoining the Center will be a children's park suitable for outside educational activities in the arts.

National Theatre

This 3,000-seat auditorium can have a significant place in the future plans of the Center. One of the largest and originally elegant theatres in all of Boston, it lends itself to many uses by performing com-panies desperately in need of an attractive place to show their works.

This view shows how near the Center is to Back Bay. The YWCA building is at the corner of Stuart and Clarendon Streets; the new John Hancock tower behind it is on Copley Square Parking garages are within easy reach, and further additions to public transportation are expected soon.





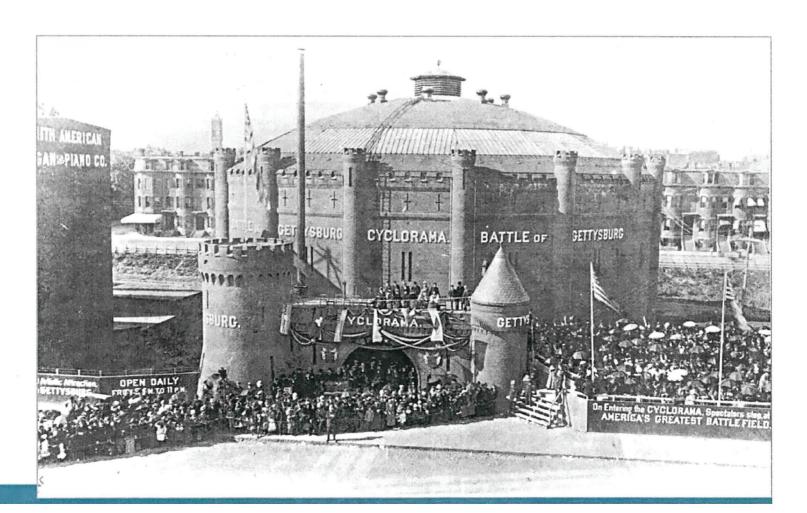
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"BCA is quite special in that it differs from the arts centers of other cities in several ways. We are the rare kind of center in that we were officially asked for by the community in which we are now emerging. And we strongly encourage direct use and participation by the people... From the start we determined that ours would be a true center of an arts community."

- Royal Cloyd, Founding President of Boston Center for the Arts

CYCLORAMA: ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY





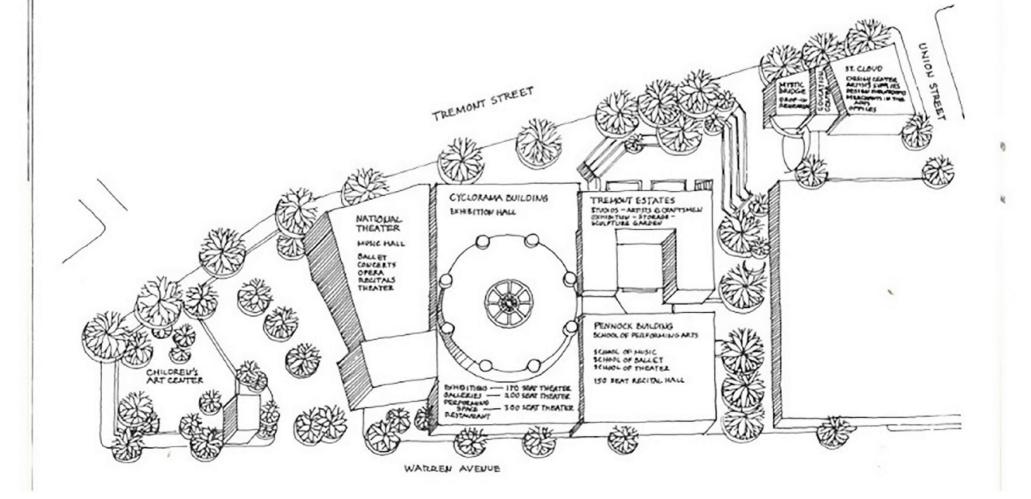
"The reason we chose to go to the SMFA was the hope that someday we would have the chance to show in that magnificent room."

Doug and Mike Starn, on the Cyclorama

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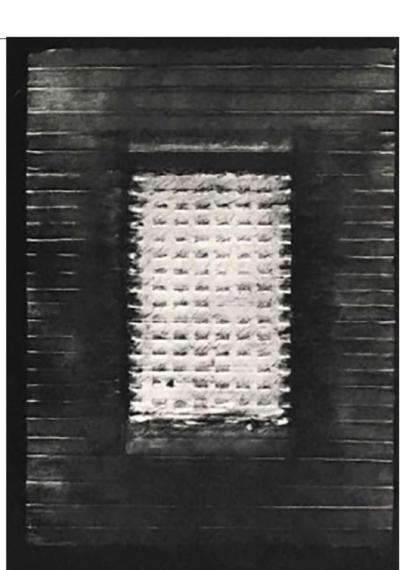
"Boston Center for the Arts is the boldest artistic incubator in the city. We are leading a coalition of artists, arts collectives, nonprofits, arts organizations, and community members to develop and maintain the infrastructure needed by artists and culture-makers to thrive."

- Emily Foster Day and Kristi Keefe Co-Executive Directors





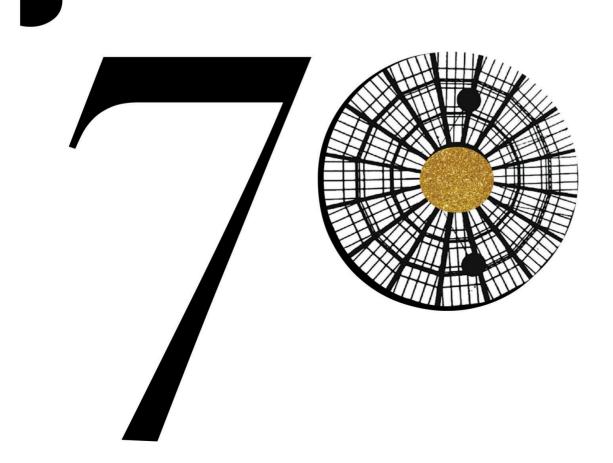
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HAREL KEDEM Recent Paintings and Drawings

Mills Gallery Boston Center for the Arts 549 Tremont Street Boston, Massachusetts 02116 October 5-26, 1979

Opening reception: Friday, October 5, 1979 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday 11-4 and by appointment 426-7700





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An Exhibition of Watercolors at the Boston Center for the Arts Gallery 547 Tremont Street, Boston May 8 – June 6, 1977 Opening: Sunday, May 8 from 3–5 p.m. Gallery hours: Tues.–Sat., 11–4

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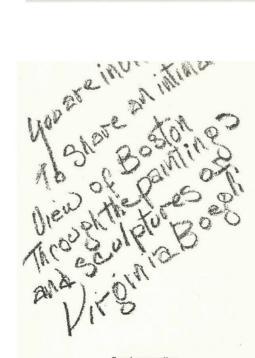
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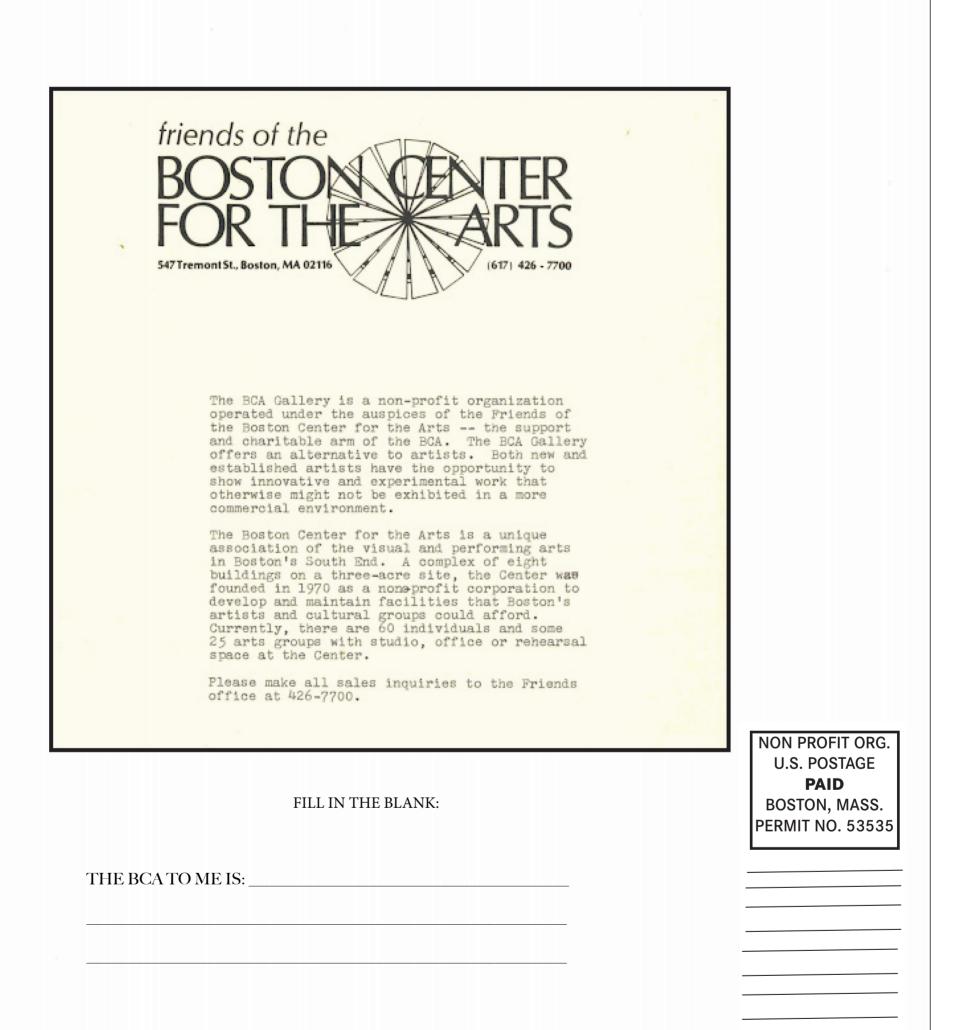


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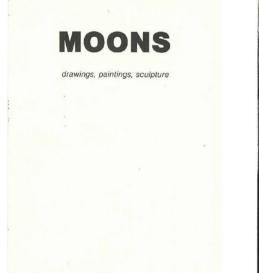






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Joseph Wheelwright

February 14 - March 14 at the Boston Center for the Arts Mills Gallery 551 Tremont St.

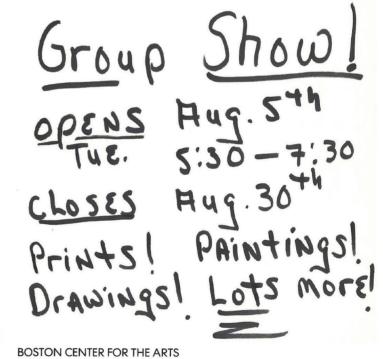
Opening on the New Moon Saturday, February 16, 5-8 pm

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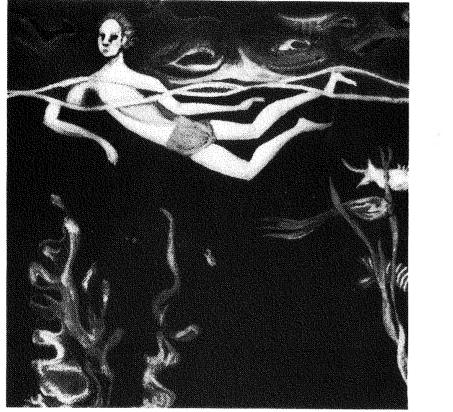


MILLS GALLERY NOV. 20 - DEC. 12 **Opening Reception** Nov. 20 - 5-8 p.m.

DIANA RUTHERFORD DAYS & NIGHTS ON TORTOLA

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Mills Gallery Floor Plan

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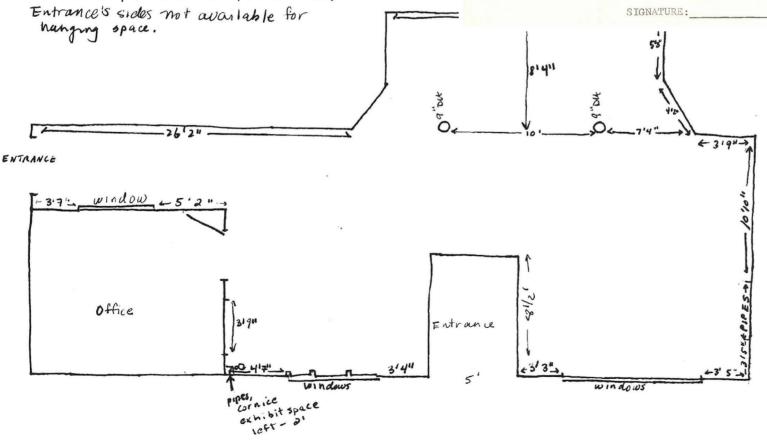
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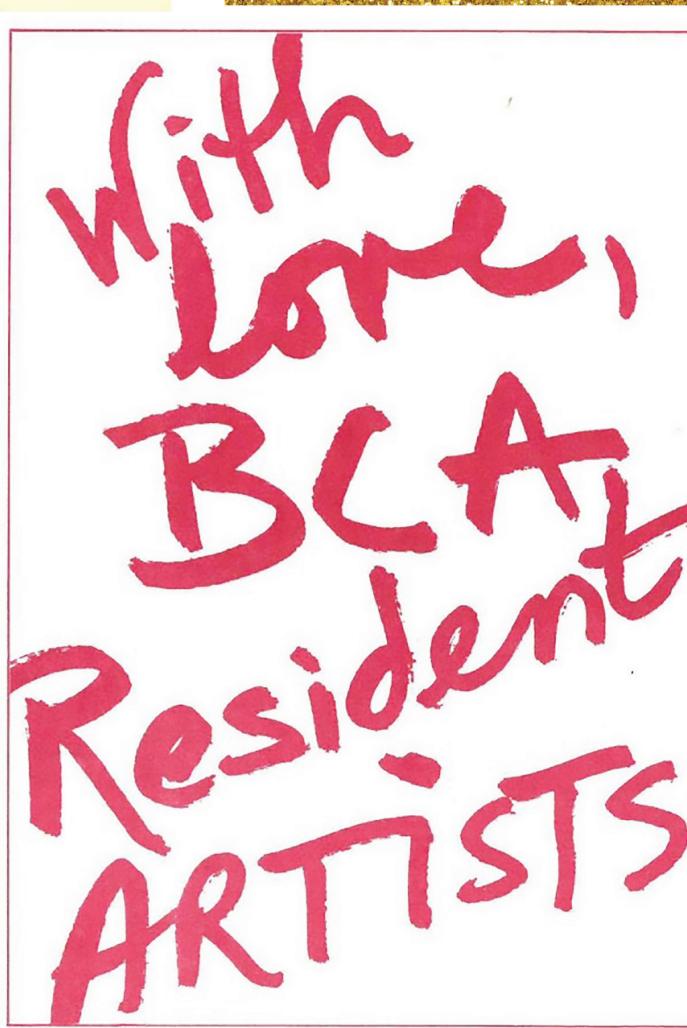
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Chairperson Friends Boston Center for the Arts

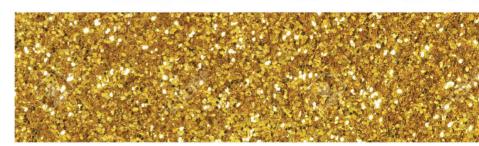


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A special Benefit Preview on Friday evening, September 10, will feature guest speakers Dr. J. Kenneth Galbraith and Dr. Philip Morrison, and original music composed for the show.

For information and reservations call 227-3688 or 426-0276.

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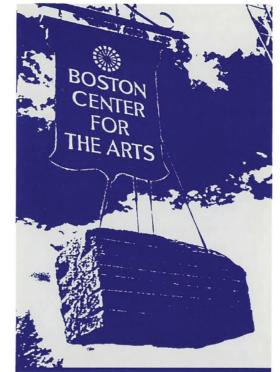
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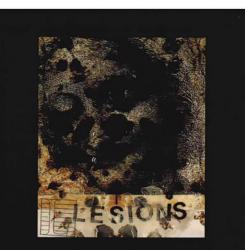


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John Proulx
.Bob Rosinsky
Scott Wall
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The Four Windows

November 22, 1996 through January 26, 1997

A collaborative installation honoring the four elements.

Laura Baring-Gould and Michael Dowling

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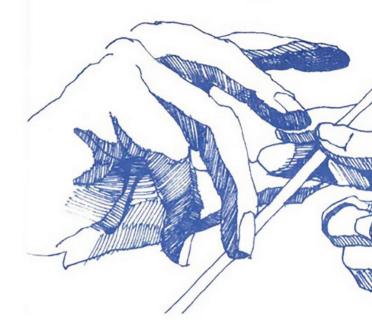
Medicine Wheel

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36 pedestals and portable shrines by Michael Dowling and the site of a week-long observance of World AIDS Day.

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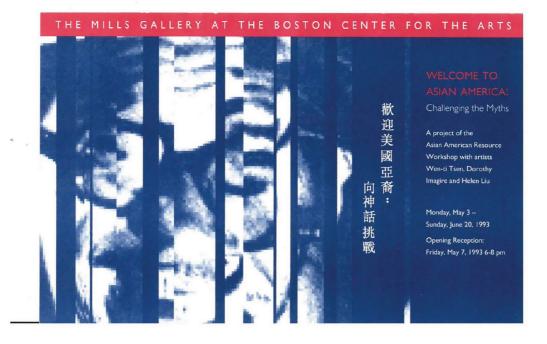


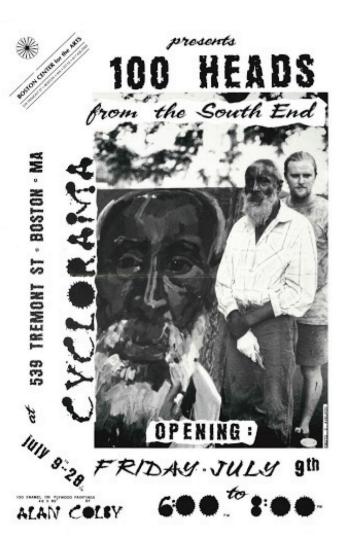




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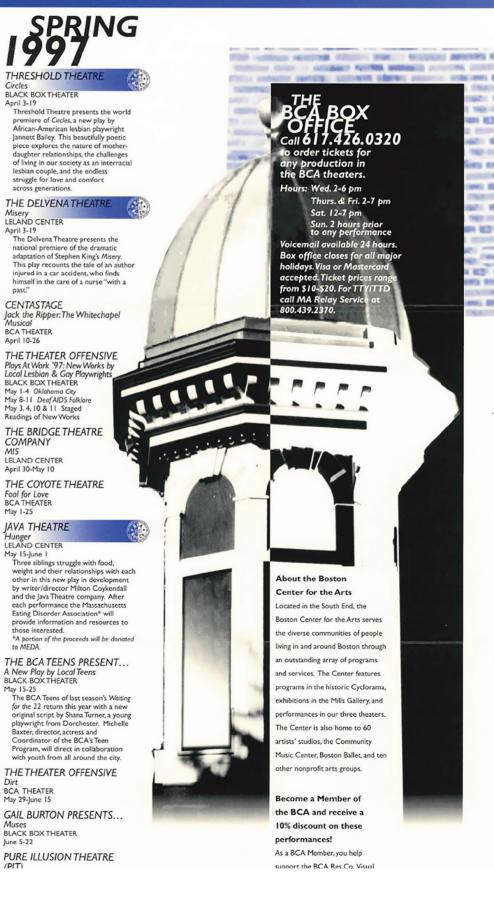
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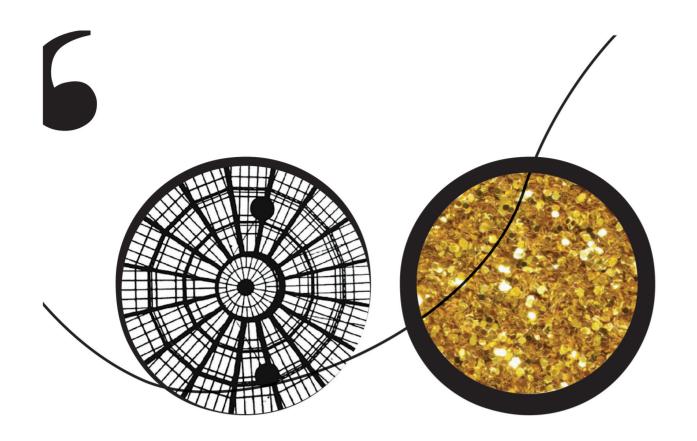
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New home for small theaters



mid the excitement over Tuesday's ribbon-cutting for the two new Pavilion theaters at the Boston Cen-

Pavilion theaters at the Boston Cen-tre for the Arts, a seismic shift is taking place behind the scenes. For years, small- to mid-sized theater companies have been frustrated by a lack of spaces to grow into, and fledgling theater companies have been frustrated by a lack of spaces to grow into, and fledgling theater companies have been frustrated by a lack of spaces to grow into, and fledgling theater companies have been frustrated by a lack of spaces to grow into, and fledgling the space to grow into, and fledgling theater companies have been frustrated order liably high-quality theater over the space density high-quality theater over the part of this season, moving next door into the twe Nancy and Edward Roberts Black Box in the we Stanford Calderovod Pavilion. As SpeakEasy and Sugan move up, everyone fese graduates, too, making room for the next graduates, zeitgeis Stage Company, Up You Mighty Race Performing Arts Company.





12th Annual Masquerade Gala



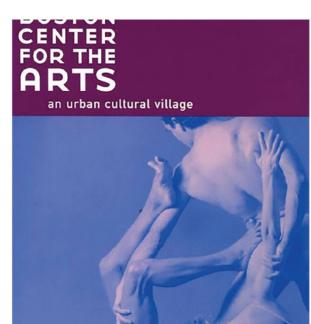
Golahead

Stephen Sondheim's "Being Alive" makes us sob, and his "Getting Married Today" makes us laugh. SpeakEasy Stage Company's bi-polar "Company" runs through Nov. 13. BCA Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St. & Tonight at 8. \$35-\$40. 617-933-8600.

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At OUT ON THE EDGE Festival of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Theater, how does hiphop's Hanifah Walidah keep her 17 parts conceptually straight through Oct. 3? BCA Plaza Theater, 539 Tremont St. at 8. \$12-\$29. 617-933-8600. Festival ends Oct. 24.





Stanford Calderwood Pavilion Opening

Together, Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) and Huntington will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony and opening celebration of the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA with Mayor Thomas M. Menino on Tuesday, September 28th at 11:00 am. Ribbon cutting begins at 11:00 am sharp, followed by a short speaking program and tours of the new facility.

In fall 2000, the Huntington and the Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) entered into a partnership to build, manage, and program two new theatres in the South End. The Pavilion is named in perpetuity to honor longtime Huntington patron and Boston arts benefactor Stanford Calderwood. The pavilion will house the 360-seat Virginia Wimberly Theatre and the 200-seat Nancy and Edward Roberts Studio Theatre – the first new theatres built in Boston in more than 75 years. They will be managed by the Huntington and programmed jointly with the BCA. In addition to providing a second stage for the Huntington, the new theatres will also host a range of performances by smaller arts organizations.



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For those of us who remember when you had to cross the stage to get to the bathrooms at the Boston

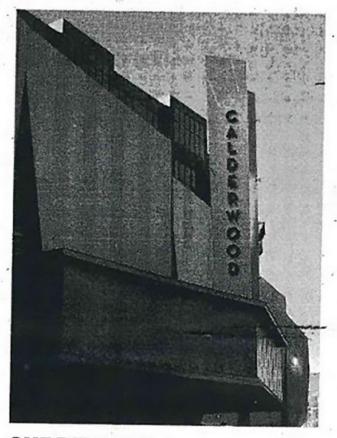


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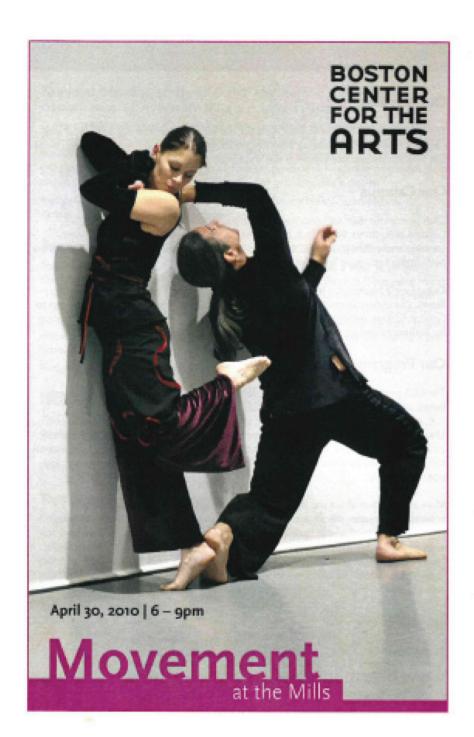
hyperbole "the Arts block."

At the unveiling, Mayor Menino called the Huntington — which will manage the new complex and share booking with the resident companies of the BCA — "the counterpart to



SUDDENLY, Boston seems to be sprouting new theaters.

Boston's beloved Red Sox," pointing out that the spaces will accommodate "the farm teams, where local talent is recognized and nurtured." The BCA resident companies include SpeakEasy Stage Company and

























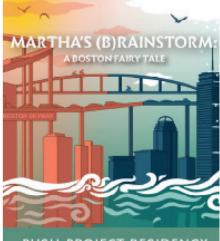


Saturday, September 21 | 8–10 pm



#HellaBlack: BCA Mixtape is back! We're lifting up the many intersections of blackness through dance, music, spoken word and visual art and proving once again that black art matters.

Tickets & Info: www.bcaonline.org



PUSH PROJECT RESIDENCY Fresh Ink Theatre June 7–June 15



















community



From "Know No", by Masary Studios. Photo by Aram Boghosian.



Amy Larkin

What's your fondest/funniest/weirdest memory of BCA? There are so many! However, one does come to mind...

When I was just newly installed as Board Chair, I recall having a BCA friend-raiser in my loft on Washington Street with its view of the Cyclorama dome and the construction of Atelier 505 in the distance. Due to our high ceilings, we surprised everyone in attendance with a music and dance program performed on stilts! When the program started (and after everyone had had a glass of wine or two) there were gasps of surprise and delight as the performers suddenly hopped up and wowed the crowd with their movement and choreography. Even my husband Tim and I - who were in on the secret - were thrilled to experience something so inventive and original in our own home. I remember saying, "That's the BCA, always fun and surprising!" Everyone agreed - and it's even more true today. Congratulations and Happy 50th!

David J. Hacin FAIA [principal] Hacin + Associates



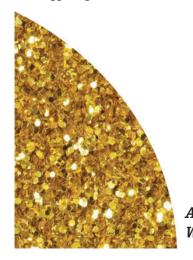
Annie Yang-Perez

I love having my own space in a building I love, a door that opens and closes when I wish, being enclosed in walls to the ceiling and big windows, freedom to work as I wish. I love being in the professional exhibits the BCA has offered over the years: The Mills, The Cyclorama; The ASB Lobby, and I love seeing images of my and other BCA artists work on its website. I love the sense of a mix of artist presences, visual and otherwise, older and younger, working on the same floor or in general under the same roof day or night or weekends, sometimes meeting and talking in the hallways or in a studio. I count the friends I have made here as a big plus. I am grateful to the BCA for providing me with a working home for many years. A done good deed for me and others which I hope can be passed on in the future, even if the time span for each artist might have to be abbreviated and condensed.

Aileen O. Erickson Longtime Tenant of the ASB



Selina Narov Triggering town, Chandelier, curated by Randi Hopkins





I lived at 15 Dartmouth Street in the 70's when Royal Cloyd was BCA Director. I heard the 1st concert given in the National Theater (Schubert Mass w/UMass choir?) & saw 2 operas there too (Mother of Us All & Merry Wives of Windsor). I also attended the "breakthrough" party when the Cyclorama & National were joined by a new large doorway.

Ron Johns



Suzanne Merritt, artist BCA studio 402

All postcards, clippings, and images for this zine were collected from physical and digital archives at BCA. We sincerely apologize for any credits that were inadvertently excluded or incorrect.

My favorite memory at the BCA would be hosting the after party in my studio for the artists and their family and friends after open studios for the past decade. We swap stories, eat pizza, and enjoy live music played by musician artists in the building.

I love the BCA because I can be around other artists to share ideas. Would like more opportunities to have the public visit my studio. When I think of the BCA, I think of creating and relating.

I want to see more big dramatic performances in the Cyclorama in the next 50 years. Like the year they did the Tibetan Book of Living and Dying. That was amazing.

Suzanne Merritt





Gianna Stewart

Meryl Blinder

There are two memories of events I have seen at the Cyclorama over the years. One was the Dinner Party by Judy Chicago. My husband I were so very impressed by the intricacy of the piece and the excellent creation presentation posters. We stayed a long time and the piece engendered a lot of discussion about the chosen honored women. I can still see it in my mind. The other indelible piece we saw there were the flying dances of Meister Echkart. It was an amazing mystical experience.

Fun People

I moved to the South End in 1971, and the BCA has been a wonderful part of my life ever since. The first time I walked into the Cyclorama I fell in love with the space as well as the old and appealing block of buildings along Tremont Street. These were the early days of South End gentrification so there were plenty of liquor stores selling nips and homeless people in all the doorways, which added to the contrast of South End Historical Society's fancy parties in the vast, freezing cold Cyclorama.

As an artist my primary interest has always been in the visual arts and in the offerings of the Mills and the Cyclorama. My kids participated in dance and art classes and the wonderful Community Music Center and we all loved and learned from the theatrical offerings. There were many incredible art/music/ dance /theatrical experiences over the years. Judy Chicago's The Dinner Party (1980) was one of the most famous and memorable Installation, but there were others less famous which also fed the artistic needs of the Boston community. The bi-annual drawing shows in the Mills still attract and excite Boston artists after 26 shows and the Mills' Gallery keeps offering wonderful cutting-edge programs.

As a former member of the board for eleven years I witnessed the comings and goings of directors, the ebb and flow, good times and not so good, but here we are in the moment...the BCA going strong and adapting and emerging from the pandemic, ready to go, providing support for its artists and its theaters and giving its community the art we need.

Jeanne Traxler

When I think of BCA, I think of: _

Culture

Ellen Rich

On the vanguard of artistic thought.

VIBRANT LOCAL ART SCENE

Open and engaging.

Creativity, a place for Boston artists

BRILLIANTLY CREATING: CREATING Arts, creating audiences, Creating Buzz.

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