

## **The Best Live Entertainment Venue in the Southland is at Governors State University**

University Park, IL, August 24, 2017 – The Southland community has spoken, and for the fourth consecutive year, the Center for Performing Arts (CPA) at Governors State University is where residents want to see live entertainment. *The Daily Southtown* and *Chicago Tribune* published results of a local readers' poll in the Community Star section, giving the CPA top honors. The Best of Winners Guide lists the Center for Performing Arts as the Best Live Entertainment venue for the east zone.

“What is significant about this for us,” said CPA director Lana Rogachevskaya, “is that this is a write-in vote, so readers have to think of us and write our name in. We have listened to patron feedback and presented a mix of programs and artists that are relevant for our community. This recognition means that our community values what we do.”

What makes GSU's Center for Performing Arts different? As part of a public state university, the venue understands its role in serving as an accessible cultural resource. That means pricing, programs, and venue accommodations all reflect an inclusive approach.

Volunteer Advisory Council member Leslie Sigale said she supports the Center because “with so much uncertainty and division in the world today, the arts unite people of all backgrounds in a shared cultural experience. The Center is a shining bright spotlight in the midst of the difficulties of life. I say come to the theater, and take a break from it all.”

Here, you are invited to explore your connection to others through art. Whether you are looking to understand the dynamics of a transgender relationship, bridge cultural and generational divides, learn about the complexities of human nature, or to simply celebrate with family and friends at a concert or *The Nutcracker*, the CPA welcomes you. For a complete list of programs, please visit [CenterTickets.net](http://CenterTickets.net)

### **For Tickets and Information**

Tickets range from \$13 to \$55, with discounts available for students (\$10 tickets), seniors 65+ (\$25 tickets), groups of ten or more and patrons purchasing three or more shows (15% off).

Online: [CenterTickets.net](http://CenterTickets.net)

By phone: 708.235.2222

In person at the box office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL

Box office hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open until 6p.m. on Thursdays) and two hours prior to all performances.

Like us on [Facebook.com/centeratgsu](https://www.facebook.com/centeratgsu) for updates on events, offers, and more.

Parking is free. For best GPS directions always use the location search term “Governors State University” only.

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At Governors State University, the arts are not an afterthought, but an intentional part of campus life. The Center for Performing Arts welcomes over 60,000 people annually, offering quality cultural and arts education experiences, including comedy, dance, family programs, opera, theatre, and school field trip performances that enhance classroom instruction and align with IL learning standards.

Governors State University serves approximately 5,800 undergraduate and graduate students with degree programs that prepare them for success in business, industry, healthcare, the arts, and education. As a state university, GSU is committed to providing high-quality, accessible, and responsible higher education opportunities. GSU is located 35 miles south of Chicago in University Park, IL and offers the most affordable undergraduate tuition and fees in the Southland. GSU is committed to embracing diversity and academic excellence.