[CHATHAM, NY] As the days get longer and warmer it's time to go alfresco at PS21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century presents a brand-new season of music, dance, theater, and film in the state-of-the-art pavilion theater. Highlights from the 2019 Summer Season include trumpeter and singer Bria Skonberg; the Annual Paul Grunberg Memorial Bach Concert of Johann Sebastian Bach’s masterpiece the Mass in B minor; and Ephrat
Asherie Dance (EAD) performing Odeon, an original work for seven dancers and four musicians! Plus, there are free Friday afternoon performances for kids and families! For detailed information on all of PS21’s Summer events, visit ps21chatham.org.

“We are excited about the offerings of our 14th season, the second in our brand-new state-of-the-art theater,” said PS21 Board President and founder Judy Grunberg. “The summer season begins with our second annual Opening Night Revue, a showcase for some of our favorite past and present performers and an opportunity for our members to share the anticipation of a new season. All in all, we think we have an amazing lineup of performances, any one of which will lift our spirits; together, they comprise an extraordinarily broad experience in the performing arts.”

DETAILS OF THE 2019 SEASON:
Opening Night Revue
Saturday, June 29, 8 pm
PS21 begins the summer performance season with a brilliant evening of dance and music featuring members of the Jamal Jackson Dance Company, Dance Heginbotham, Parsons Dance, Jeremy Kittel, and comedian Hilary Chaplain.

MUSIC
Stride and Choros: from New York to Brazil
Co-presented with Catskill Jazz Factory
Friday, July 5, 8 pm
Travel from New York to Brazil and back again with the Brazilian-tinged jazz of pianist Ehud Asherie and trumpeter Jon-Erik Kellso.

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Walsh-Drucker-Cooper Trio
Saturday, July 6, 8 pm
Hailed as one of the world’s finest ensembles, the Walsh-Drucker-Cooper Trio, will be performing works by Mozart, Prokofiev, and Mendelssohn.
Jazz: Swingin’ the Songbook – Led by Aaron Johnson
Co-presented with Catskill Jazz Factory
Friday, July 12, 8 pm
The young jazz-master Aaron Johnson leads an all-star cast of musicians as they swing their way through the American Songbook and explore the history of the blues.

Kittel & Co
Saturday, July 13, 8 pm
Grammy-nominated violinist and fiddler Jeremy Kittel brings his original music and a phenomenal group of players to PS21.

Jazz: Bria Skonberg band
Friday, July 19, 8 pm
Trumpeter and singer Bria Skonberg brings her bold horn melodies and smoky vocals to PS21.

Annual Paul Grunberg Memorial Bach Concert – Mass in B minor
Saturday, July 20, 8 pm
This year’s Annual Paul Grunberg Memorial Bach Concert celebrates Johann Sebastian Bach’s Mass in B minor, presented by regionally-based Concerts in the Village (CITV) and featuring the Chatham Festival Chorus, the resident CITV Broad Street Orchestra, and distinguished soloists.

The third annual Rory Block Gospel and Blues Festival
Rory Block Slide Guitar Workshop
Thursday, July 25, 7 pm
Rory Block, a master of the blues slide technique, offers an inspiring guitar workshop on the use of the bottleneck to create the soulful steel slide guitar sound. Held at ChurchLIVE; The Old Methodist Church, 8 Church Lane, Chatham Center NY 12184
The Duke Robillard Band
Friday, July 26, 8 pm
Grammy-nominated Duke Robillard brings his immense talent and signature sound to swing standards, ballads, rockabilly hits, and Chicago gutbucket blues.

An Evening with Rory Block & Shemekia Copeland
Saturday, July 27, 7:30 pm
Rory Block
Rory Block, who has been called “a living landmark” and “a national treasure” by the music press kicks off the night with her fiery and haunting guitar and vocal style that redefines the boundaries of acoustic blues and folk.
Shemekia Copeland
At 9 p.m. Shemekia Copeland takes the stage with her instantly recognizable voice that swings between sultry, assertive and roaring, on contemporary Americana roots and soul music.

The Heavenly Echoes at ChurchLive
Sunday, July 28, 3 pm
For more than fifty years the Heavenly Echoes have brought their inspiring, rocking, and joyous music to the world and now they’re bringing it to the PS21 stage.

The Chatham Dance Festival
Ephrat Asherie: Odeon
Friday & Saturday, August 2 & 3, 8 pm
Rooted in street and social dance, Ephrat Asherie Dance presents Odeon, an original work for seven dancers and four musicians.

Philadanco! Dance Company
Friday & Saturday, August 9 & 10, 8 pm
The Philadelphia Dance Company (Philadanco!) is internationally celebrated for its electrifying performances and innovative choreography that blends African American-based dance with ballet, jazz, and modern.

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Bridgman | Packer Dance
Friday & Saturday, August 16 & 17, 8 pm
Bridgman Packer Dance pioneered and continue to push the boundaries of live performance and video technology. They will perform two works at the Chatham Dance Festival this August: Table Bed Mirror and Voyeur.

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Parsons Dance
Friday & Saturday, August 23 & 24, 8 pm
The New York City-based Parsons Dance known for inspiring performances and stunning visuals brings its accessible and enriching artistry to the PS21 stage.

FILM
Black Ballerina (2016, 57min.)
Tuesday, August 6, 8:30 pm
The documentary film "Black Ballerina" tells the story of several black women from different generations who fell in love with ballet and their struggles against racism, exclusion and unequal opportunity on the way to fulfilling their dreams.

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Dirty Dancing (1987, 100 min)
Tuesday, August 20, 8:30 pm
Don’t miss the 1980s classic "Dirty Dancing," starring Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze. This romantic drama is centered around forbidden love between a guest and a dance instructor at a Catskills resort in the early 1960s.

JUST FOR FUN (Free kids performances!)
Jazz: Just For Fun – Trumpeter Bria Skonberg!
Friday, July 19, 1 pm
Singer, trumpeter and songwriter Bria Skonberg performs a special musical program for the kids and their families.

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Just for Fun – West African Dance and Drum Performance
Friday, July 26, 1 pm
Choreographer/dancer Jamal Jackson and members of his company will join the kids from the dance and drum workshop to sweep us up in a high energy display of West African dance and drumming from Mali.

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Just For Fun – Ephrat Asherie Dance
Friday, August 2, 1 pm
Ephrat Asherie Dance leads a multi-generational movement demonstration created to inform, connect and bring individuals from all generations together through street and social dance.

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Just For Fun – Philadanco! Dance Company
Friday, August 9, 1 pm
Philadanco! will share some of the elements of its celebrated contemporary dance style and engage the Just For Fun audience in a celebration of its 50 years as one of the leading African-American dance companies in the world.

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Just For Fun – Bridgman | Packer Dance
Friday, August 16, 1 pm
Bridgman Packer Dance brings an exciting special performance to the Just For Fun stage with out of this world moves and visuals.
Get your tickets now for our summer season filled with the very best the performing arts have to offer. For advance tickets for all performances and more information go to PS21chatham.org. PS21 is located at 2980 NY-66, Chatham, NY 12037.