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BUCKS COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PRESENTS
POPULAR JAZZ GUITARIST ON NOVEMBER 15

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-----Yardley, PA, October 24, 2008

The Bucks County Performing Arts Center (BCPAC) showcases the amazing jazz talents of guitarist Jerry Topinka on Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 P.M. in the historic Yardley Community Centre. Performing with him will be his superb supporting quartet players: Brad Mandigo Piano, Chris Plunkett Bass & James Mizell Drums.

This is the first of 2 jazz concerts presented by BCPAC this season. *The concert is also being offered in honor of our military veterans who have given so much to our country over the years.*

Jerry Topinka began playing guitar in May of 1954, quickly demonstrating a passion for the instrument. Jerry studied with two of the top guitarists of the time – Al Caiola and Joe Cinderella. At the age of 16, Jerry began playing professionally and in 1964 was a featured jazz guitarist in a Bergen County, N.J. nightclub. The great Les Paul stopped by many Saturday nights to hear Jerry play. Today, Jerry's venues range from intimate jazz clubs to major corporate fund-raising events, plus special guest appearances with his long-time friend, Les Paul, at the Iridium in NYC.

In the mid- to late-1970s, Jerry toured the country playing in the top Las Vegas clubs alongside stars such as Buddy Rich and Gloria Gaynor. Jerry accompanied Stephanie Mills and recorded a duet of "Danny Boy" with Al Green. He toured extensively with the band Chailo, whose 1978 song "Joanie" received significant radio play leading to an enthusiastic write-up of the band in Billboard magazine.

The album "Wind" by Tchic and Yovani features Jerry's playing on an instrumental song "Nostalgia," nominated in 2000 for a Grammy in the Native American category. Jerry engineered and performed on "Kamban Oru Kannile" by Charan and Devan, a CD achieving gold-level sales in India. Jerry's Indian friends sought him out to hire and manage musicians for the 2000 U.S.A. and Canadian tour of A.R. Rahman, an acclaimed Indian performer and composer who recently worked with Michael Jackson and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

In addition to a busy performing schedule, Jerry teaches private lessons from beginners to master level guitarists. He continues to record, write, and play with his trademark energy and passion.

The business sponsor for this concert is Robert Small & Associates, located in Newtown.

Tickets are available for \$15, \$12(seniors), and \$8(students). Tickets are available by contacting the BCPAC office at (215)493-3010, online at our website (www.bcpac.org) or at the Yardley Community Center prior to each concert.

BCPAC is a registered non-profit organization based in Lower Makefield Township. Its mission is devoted to the creation of community through the arts.

*Building Community Through the Arts*

The Bucks County Performing Arts Center is a registered charitable organization. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained directly from BCPAC or from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.