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ON THE COVER
 Isabel Prescott

Hello CLIFTON PARK RESIDENTS

We are so lucky to have many wonderful venues and events to attend in our area year round. But the summer explodes with attractions that pull in tourists from around the world! This year we celebrate one of those attractions – SPAC. Hailed as the 2015 #1 Best Outdoor Venue in America by a USA Today poll, SPAC celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

As a non-profit performing arts center, SPAC has managed to flourish while other arts venues are fading away under the financial pressure. Besides being a wonderful cultural venue, SPAC is also a major economic force in the area, generating an estimated \$100 million for the area and attracting over 350,000 visitors into our hotels, restaurants and shops. However, other than a small grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, SPAC does not receive any direct support from the local or federal governments. They survive on the support of the community.

The state of the art amphitheater was created to have the best acoustics and dance space available in an outdoor space. Designed with two of the greatest artists in American history, George Balanchine, Founder of the New York City Ballet and Eugene Ormandy, Conductor of The Philadelphia Orchestra, this space is unparalleled and allows the venue to continue to grow and diversify its programming. But after 50 years of use, many of the original elements of the venue need to be replaced or updated in order to keep it a viable force in our community. If you want to help, visit <http://www.spac50.org/contribute.html>. Learn more about the interesting history of this institute at <http://www.spac50.org/the-vision.html>. And above all get out and enjoy the many events planned for this summer at this unique local gem!



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