

# Entertainment Fact Sheet



## Overview

The nation's largest performing arts center outside New York City, Playhouse Square attracts 1.1 million guests annually to its 11 performance spaces (year built):

- KeyBank State Theatre (1921)
- Mimi Ohio Theatre (1921)
- Hanna Theatre (1921)
- Allen Theatre (1921)
- Upper Allen (1921)
- Connor Palace (1922)
- Kennedy's Cabaret (1975)
- U.S. Bank Plaza (1996)
- Westfield Studio Theatre (2005)
- Helen Rosenfeld Lewis Bialosky Lab Theatre (2012)
- Outcalt Theatre (2012)

Playhouse Square's five historic theaters were saved from demolition in the 1970s by a grassroots effort that would become the not-for-profit Playhouse Square organization. The painstaking renovation of the theaters remains "the largest theater restoration in the world."

Northeast Ohio's home for great entertainment, Playhouse Square offers the best of touring Broadway, children's theater, concerts, comedy and dance performances, and is home to seven resident companies, two of which are professional theater companies producing world premieres and classics.

## Facts

- Hosts 1,000+ events, on average, each year (more than the local sports teams and various entertainment arenas combined)
- Draws more than 120,000 guests each year from outside the Northeast Ohio region
- Is one of only five cities in the United States able to present Broadway shows for three weeks or longer
- Is home to seven resident companies: Cleveland Ballet, Cleveland International Film Festival, Cleveland Play House, Cleveland State University Department of Theatre and Dance, DANCECleveland, Great Lakes Theater and Tri-C JazzFest
- Annually receives more than 170,000 hours of community service from 2,000 volunteer ushers
- Presents touring Broadway in Akron and other Northeast Ohio locations outside of Cleveland
- Produces plays, musicals and dance performances
- Presents a wide variety of international performing arts including Sir Matthew Bourne's *Sleeping Beauty*, Israel's *Not By Bread Alone* and South Korea's *Yao Yao*

