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New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (NJVLA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a registered New Jersey charity that provides *pro bono* (free) legal referrals to organizations involved in culture or the arts and individuals involved in any creative or cultural endeavor, including musicians, songwriters, visual artists, dancers, poets, filmmakers, and writers.

NJVLA matches New Jersey artist and arts and cultural organization clients with volunteer attorneys who assist them with arts-related legal issues such as copyright, contracts between artists of every discipline and other parties, organization

formation, taxes on artist royalties, and real estate and landlord/tenant issues regarding studio and gallery space, as well as many other types of arts-related legal problems.

NJVLA also presents educational programs and provides speakers on a wide range of arts-related legal topics. Our website, www.njvla.org, contains information on a variety of legal issues and links to many legal and arts resources.

NJVLA is proud to announce that, since NJVLA's inception in 2005, our corps of dedi-

cated attorneys has provided thousands of hours of *pro bono* legal services valued at more than one million dollars directly to the New Jersey Arts Community.

NJVLA is the recipient of grant awards from The New Jersey State Council on the Arts; the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; and The IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.



Presenting

A Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts V:

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

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September is rapidly approaching, and with it comes the *New Jersey Law Journal's Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts V*. On Wednesday, September 14, 2011, lawyers from

all over the state will take the stage at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark to perform an original production of the award-winning musical comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

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The *Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts* has a long and — of course — creative history. The event began in 2003 to mark the 125th birthday of the *New Jersey Law Journal* and to encourage lawyers to develop their creativity. Since 2003, multitalented lawyers have presented a musical revue, which has showcased everything from classical piano to stand-up comedy, “An Evening of Legal Vaudeville,” *The Pajama Game*, and *Bye, Bye Birdie*, as well as an annual visual arts exhibition by legal community visual artists.

In addition to showcasing New Jersey’s talented lawyers, the Celebration, through the tireless efforts of many of its core performers, also was instrumental in the founding of NJVLA. Proceeds from this event will be donated to NJVLA., to help cover operating costs.


The night will begin at 5:30pm in the NJPAC lobby. Guests will enjoy cocktails and a dinner buffet while surrounded by paintings, photographs, and sculptures by New Jersey lawyers, including former Chief Justice James Zazzali. There will be music by three lawyer cocktail pianists, as well as the Courting Disaster Barbershop Quartet led by former federal court chief judge Jack Bissell, and Nick Pablo Thang, the band that includes former NJVLA Board President Nick Stevens and Newark Business Administrator Julien Neals.

At 7:45pm, the show, produced by *New Jersey Law Journal* Publisher Robert Steinbaum and directed by Rozanne Sullivan, will begin. As usual, the performance boasts numerous creative and talented attorneys. In the house of Senex, NJVLA Board President Peter Skolnik lords over Jodi Rosenberg as his wife Domina, Jeffrey Stephens as his son Hero, and Mark Pfeffer as head slave Hysterium. As Pseudolus, Daniel Brintz dreams, schemes, and plots to gain his free-

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New Jersey Law Journal

INVITES YOU TO A CELEBRATION OF LAWYERS IN THE ARTS V



**A FUNNY THING HAPPENED
ON THE WAY
TO THE
FORUM**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
ONE CENTER STREET • NEWARK

5:30 — 7:30 PM
COCKTAILS AND DINNER BUFFET
IN THE NJPAC LOBBY SURROUNDED BY PAINTINGS,
PHOTOGRAPHY AND SCULPTURE
BY NEW JERSEY LAWYERS AND
MUSIC BY "NICK PABLO THANG" AND PIANO SOLOISTS

7:45 — 9:30 PM
OUR ORIGINAL PRODUCTION OF THE
AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL COMEDY
"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE
WAY TO THE FORUM"
PERFORMED BY NEW JERSEY LAWYERS

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dom, he aids Hero, who is in love with Philia, played by Lauren Fraser, who has been promised to Miles Gloriosus, played by Jonathan Peck.

Marcus Lycus, the buyer and seller of beautiful women, is played by Jeff Gardner, and Joey Novick plays Erronius, a father searching for his long-lost children. They are surrounded by courtesans and Proteans, who play multiple roles in this fast-paced, door-slamming, pun-filled, mistaken identity-prone Roman farce.

A Broadway favorite, *Forum*, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, first opened in 1962, and won five Tony Awards.

Favorite songs from *Forum* include “Comedy Tonight,” “Everybody Ought to Have a

Maid,” and “That’ll Show Him,” accompanied by a full orchestra of musical lawyers. For more information and to purchase tickets or space in the ad book, please visit www.njvla.org/celebration.html.

Regular price tickets are \$165, \$100 of which is a tax-deductible contribution to NJVLA. Government/Nonprofit employee and student tickets are available for \$115, of which \$50 is a tax-deductible contribution. 100% of all advertising is a tax-deductible contribution to benefit New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and registered New Jersey charity.

Because of the current economic downturn and the resulting decrease in available funding, NJVLA needs your support now more than ever. So buy a ticket, purchase an ad in the ad book, buy a ticket for the 50-50 raffle to be held the night of the event, bid on items in the silent auction, or just make a tax-deductible donation to NJVLA. Help us to continue to serve the Arts in the great Garden State.

Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts V

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NJVLA provides artists and arts and cultural organizations with referrals to volunteer attorneys who provide a range of services:



The Legal Line: An attorney discusses an arts-related legal issue with a client in a 30-60 minute telephone consultation.



The Law Fax: An attorney reviews a short (three pages or fewer) legal document and discusses the contents with the client in a 30-60 minute telephone consultation.



The Full Service

Referral: An attorney takes on a case for an artist or arts or cultural

organization when an arts-related legal issue cannot be resolved in a single telephone call, such as litigation, negotiation, document drafting, and organization formation. The attorney's time is provided free, with the client responsible for any costs such as court fees. Please contact us to see if you qualify for this service.