



## Terra Nova Theater Launches

This past year saw the start of a new theatrical group, Terra Nova. Based in Canonsburg but offering shows at venues from Southpointe to Washington, the artistic team at Terra Nova Theatre Group celebrates creative and intellectual freedom with compassionate and respectful collaboration.



Their inaugural show, *The Guys*, told the story of a reporter who was helping a New York City Fire Department captain write eulogies for the men he lost on 9/11. The two-person show opened at the Southpointe Golf Club to great reviews and nary a dry eye in the house.

Artistic Director William Cameron wrote and directed the company's second offering, a comedy entitled *Thespians* about a community theater group and their season of mishaps. Cameron is a veteran performer and director in the area, as well as being Chair of Washington and Jefferson's Department of Theatre and Communication, and his plays have been staged nationwide.

Terra Nova's first season ended with *All the Great Books (Abridged)* and *The Music Lesson*. The plays were not selected haphazardly. Cameron chose the season so that each play would focus on an area of the arts: literature, theater, film and music. The hope was to raise questions about the creative process of art and how art shapes the world around us.

For more information about Terra Nova, call 724-942-4270 or visit them online at [www.terranovatheatgroup.org](http://www.terranovatheatgroup.org).

## Jazz CD Released

Washington resident Patrick Arena will release a CD of Jazz standards just in time to woo you loved one for Valentine's Day.

Slated to be released Feb. 14, 2008, Patrick Arena's "Night and Day" is a feast of sensual sounds: From the mellow Brazilian flavor of the title track and "Moonlight" to the churning rhythms of his original song "How Could I Not Love You?", this new recording celebrates Arena's 45 years in show business.

"Night and Day" is the singer's third CD release on his own label Arenamusic. This time out, jazz guitarist Mark Lucas serves as both musician and producer. Several tracks feature Mr. Lucas' emotional guitar work in duet with Mr. Arena's voice. Others on the disc include Skip Peck (piano), Tony DePaolis (bass) and Alex Peck (drums).

For more information on this and other work by Arena, visit [www.PatrickArenaMusic.com](http://www.PatrickArenaMusic.com).





# In the Neighborhood



## Shambhava Yoga Center Turns 10

The Shambhava Yoga Center in Houston will be celebrating its tenth anniversary in April. The only yoga center in the region will be undertaking several changes in its anniversary year, among them a name change and a part of the center will

become a commercial enterprise.

“We are known for our non-profit yoga ashram,” explained owner and yoga instructor Shivani Taylor, “where people can participate in the Center’s offerings and the specialized practices we teach.” The new part of the Center will offer yoga teacher training programs and may allow the Center to open a second location in the Washington area.

One couple that has seen the Center grow for the past 10 years is Park and Alice Burroughs, who have studied with Taylor

since her first year in business.

“It really hasn’t changed at all,” said Park Burroughs. “For five or six years, Shivani did just everything.” Since then Taylor has brought in two additional teachers, Annette Dashofy and Tara Gump.

“It’s a relaxing place,” said Alice Burroughs. “There are no distractions of a gym or a wellness center, which isn’t to say it’s all serious: We do have fun and laugh.”

The Burroughs, who have been married for 37 years and attend the Center’s Thursday evening class, appreciate the consistency the Center has shown over the past decade.

“Having the same teacher through almost 10 years is really beneficial,” Park Burroughs said. “(Shivani) varies the routine enough that it’s always fresh. If you had different teachers all the time, you wouldn’t have the constant attention that a single teacher provides.”

As for her anniversary, Taylor isn’t quite sure what she’ll do to celebrate.

“People like to come in and try us out,” she said. “Maybe we’ll offer a free class for our tenth year anniversary.”

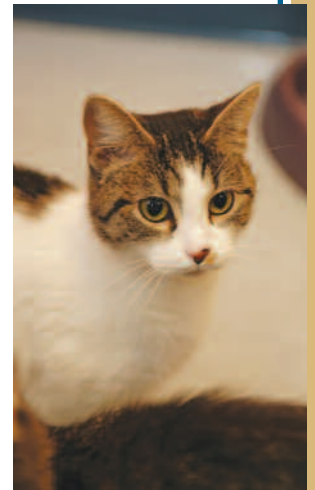
The center can be reached at 724-746-1327.

## Humane Society Needs Your Help!

The 101 year old Washington Area Humane Society is trying to win a \$1 million makeover. Currently, they are ranked #3 nationwide to win this prize and need help from the public. The prize will be given to the shelter that has earned the most points by March 31, 2008. The No-Kill shelter is hoping to use the much-needed funds to replace the sewer system and the condemned cat sanctuary building. Second place is a \$10,000 prize and the next 18 shelters receive \$5,000 each.

There are three easy steps to earn 200 points:

1. Go to [www.zootoo.com](http://www.zootoo.com) and register to earn points for the Washington Area Humane Society of Eighty Four, PA, 15330. You will need to use ZIP code 15330 when you register.
2. Once registered, you will receive an e-mail from [www.zootoo.com](http://www.zootoo.com) instructing you to validate your registration. You must validate your registration to earn the 100 points for the WAHS.
3. Once you validate, log on to your profile and click the "Volunteer 100pts" tab and add at least one volunteer item to your profile to earn another 100 points.



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