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SOCSA looks to the future in 2008-09!

The SOCSA academy is stronger than ever with hundreds of students in the five majors of Dance, Instrumental Music, Theatre, Visual Arts and Vocal. SOCSA students and faculty are ready for the year ahead with exciting productions such as Bye Bye Birdie, the Fall Musical, Broadway Night, Opera Night, Showcase, and many other main stage and smaller events.

The 2007-08 school year was phenomenal for SOCSA that started the year with, SOCSA's Artistic Director, Mr. Ray Woods, receiving Arts Orange County's 2007 Outstanding Arts Educator of the Year award on behalf of SOCSA. Then our outstanding students won artistic awards all over the county.

We celebrated classical music and operatic talents of our students at the Bowers Museum in March and then the year only got better when in April of 2008, the CUSD Trustees voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of a \$3 million CTE match grant from the State of California to help fund a new \$13 million, 500-seat Performing Arts Center for SOCSA on the campus of Dana Hills High School. Visit www.SOCSArts.org for the latest updates on the plans for the new Performing Arts Center and to learn how you can help SOCSA make this dream come true. You can subscribe to the SOCSA email list from the SOCSArts.org web site to receive the latest SOCSA news and events.

The culminating event was the wonderful all-major collaborative end of the year celebration ("Showcase") held at the Orange County Performing Arts Center, Renee and Henry Segerstrom Hall, where SOCSA students for the second year in a row had the opportunity to perform on a stage normally reserved for world famous artists.

Please mark your calendars for SOCSA's mandatory parent meeting on September 17 at 7:00 pm in the Porthole Theater and visit our website at www.SOCSArts.org where you can find out more about us as well as buy tickets on line for great upcoming events.

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