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Kathleen Battle, Savion Glover, Chita Rivera and Wynton Marsalis are among those scheduled to appear at a benefit gala on Oct. 18 to open

the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Also appearing will be the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and the Argentine dance revue "Tango X2." Sponsored by the Women's Board of the center, the gala is expected to raise the last \$1.5 million of the \$180 million cost of the project. The event, at 6:30 P.M., will be taped for a later broadcast for PBS's "Great Performances." Benefit tickets, which include a reception and dinner, cost \$1,000 to \$2,500 each; for information, call (973) 242-6000, extension 3. Tickets to the performance alone go on sale on Aug. 15; information, (888) 466-5722.

Newark Arts Gala