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40 Reasons to Love NJ

For NJM's 40th, we've rounded up 40 Jersey people, places and peculiarities that fill us with pride and joy.

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Large or small, Jersey's museums offer deep dives into every one of the visual arts, as well as aviation, boating, doo-wop, glassblowing, minerals and more. The quality and range of theater and dance in the Garden State are just as remarkable. The Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn won the 2016 Regional Theater Tony Award for its Broadway-quality musicals. The Two River Theater in Red Bank, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey at Drew University in Madison and the McCarter Theatre Center in Princeton are as adventurous in repertoire as they are thrilling in execution. But for astute selection of the cutting edge in dance, music and performance art, nothing tops Montclair State University's Peak Performances series, held in the intimate, 2004 Alexander Kasser Theater, where every seat is \$20 and there are no bad seats.—EL