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Riverspace: Much to offer close to home

Recently, my wife and I attended a Zydeco concert at Riverspace Arts in Nyack. As part of the Mardi Gras Festival

(Jan. 31-Feb. 9) a five-musician group, The Upsouth Twisters, entertained the audience with a two-hour set of Cajun music. People were literally dancing in the aisles to the beat of this infectious music. Zydeco is a mixture of blues, rockabilly and dance party tunes. The price of admission was \$20, \$10 for students and seniors. The concert would have easily cost \$75-\$100 if it were performed in New York City.

Riverspace (formerly the Helen Hayes Theatre) holds 585 seats, yet less than 100 people were in attendance. The house should have been sold out. Where was everyone? The theater operates as a nonprofit agency. I presume it has a limited budget for advertising. For this show, I saw a small notice in The Scene section of the Hotline page in the Feb. 8 Journal News.

It is important that Rocklanders come out and support Riverspace. It is right in our own backyard and is a great alternative to the Palisades Center. Remember what happened to the Nanuet Star Theater, a top-notch entertainment center in the 1970s? Visit Riverspace.org to view a monthly events calendar.

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