



## SJ Rep called on the carpet!

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Our own [San Jose Repertory Theatre](#) is a really beautiful venue, even more so inside than out. They also generously support our community and youth, and are a huge contributor to the **Cinequest Film Festival**. San Jose would not be such a fun place to live without the Repertory Theatre.

However, upon exiting the balcony from a recent show that I attended, I happened to look down at the steps and was shocked at the condition of the carpet. Threadbare, dull and worn, it really showed the effects of having thousands and thousands of feet walking through over the years. It was so disappointing to see how worn it was, and it really takes away from the great beauty of the rest of the building.

So I was surprised and very happy to hear that the SJ Rep has received a **Challenge Grant** to remedy this exact problem! Emeritus Board member John Michael Sobrato has pledged to pay half the cost of new carpet if The Rep can bring in the other half with contributions. This is a very generous gift, and one I hope will not be missed. In even more wonderful news, The Rep has already raised one third of the matching funds. **The other 2/3 must be raised by June 30, 2009**, and despite their very generous regular donors, they need funds specific to this fundraising goal.

Offers as generous as this don't come around very often. It is my sincere hope that although we are all in some very tough times, the people of the South Bay can help pitch in to take advantage of this offer. If you could contribute just five dollars it would be so appreciated. If you could contribute \$20 or \$50 it would bring them even closer to their goal. They only have one month to collect donations in order to receive this Challenge Grant; I hope we can all pull together and help The Rep achieve this goal.

**Time is of the essence.**

Please contact Development Associate Janet Herrington to make a donation to this cause. She can be reached at 408-367-7264 or [JanetH@sjrep.com](mailto:JanetH@sjrep.com).

