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CUTTING THE RIBBON TO CULTURE



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At the ribbon cutting to open the new Arts & Culture Center at the corner of State and Sola streets in downtown Santa Barbara was Tom Parker, right, president of the nonprofit Hutton Foundation. At center is Ruth Bell, who sold the building to the foundation, with Peter Frisch, executive director of the Granada, on her right, and Santa Barbara Symphony Executive Director John Robinson on her left.

The Hutton Foundation conceived the idea of housing a variety of local nonprofit performing arts and culture groups together to strengthen cooperation and reduce expenses.

The ten groups include: The Granada and the Santa Barbara Symphony, Dance Alliance, Vocal Jazz, Choral Society, Chamber Orchestra, Music Academy of the West, Education Foundation, Patricia Henley Foundation and Opera Santa Barbara.