

OUR SOLUTION

The ECCT Board has adopted a resolution to purchase the property at 1814 Oxford Avenue. This downtown property as defined in the Hyatt-Palma study will help ECCT meet the challenges we outlined. This property will allow ECCT to provide more services and offer multiple programming options simultaneously with expanded rehearsal and classroom spaces, with plenty of room for storage. The 1.4 acre lot will allow for the future addition of rehearsal/performance spaces. As arts community leaders we also want to be involved in the community that supports us by taking a larger role in downtown redevelopment.

OUR CAMPAIGN PROFILE

The goal of our fundraising effort is \$350,000 which includes the purchase of the building and necessary renovations. Renovations include upgrading of HVAC systems, adding handicapped restrooms, insulating for energy efficiency and constructing walls to create spaces to meet our program needs.

The timeline for raising the funds is as such:

- May 3, 2007- \$8,000 in earnest money to owners- remodeling starts
- June 11, 2007- \$80,000 due at closing
- Aug. 31, 2007- \$50,000 for necessary renovations- occupancy on this date
- Dec. 31, 2007- \$42,000 to complete 20% of bank payoff
- June 1, 2008- \$85,000 for 50% of bank payoff
- June 1, 2009- \$85,000 to complete bank payoff

Time is of the essence as outlined above; however we are prepared to take pledges for up to a three-year period and set up installment payments as needed. We are also able to accept donations of stocks and other securities and will also be looking for connections to in-kind donations of products and services.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP... YOUR TIME

We will need a large number of volunteers over the course of the summer for a wide variety of projects- some short term and some ongoing. Call 839-8877 to find out about work days, special projects, fundraising events and moving days.

YOUR TALENT

Everyone has a special talent that they can share in a large project like this:

Electrical & plumbing skills	Painting
Cleaning and moving	Fundraising
Landscaping and lawn care	Carpentry
Duct work	Phone and computer systems
Promotions	Tile and masonry work

YOUR TREASURE

In addition to financial contributions you may be able to find things for us that decrease the overall cost of the project. Things like:

Office Furniture	Refrigerator
Conference table and chairs	
Lobby furniture	Carpet runners
Microwave oven	A lawn mower
Bathroom fixtures	Ceramic tile
Building supplies	Ceiling fans
Wood flooring	Insulation
Heavy duty vacuums and floor scrubber	

Call 839-8877 for a complete Wish List!



**TOMORROW'S STARS
NEED YOU TODAY!**



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OUR CHALLENGE

Over the last 18 years, ECCT has experienced tremendous growth in the number of patrons served, the number of students taking classes and the number of productions, special events and season extras being presented. Since May, 1994, the group has been in a leased space at 18 S. Barstow Street (The Theatre Annex) for offices, rehearsals, classes and storage. Set construction takes place in the basement of the State Theatre; the costume shop, initially housed in the Annex, was moved into its own space next door in 2000. In 2001 the ECCT Board initiated a search for the purchase of a commercial space that would allow the group to adequately meet the growing needs of the organization and allow for future expansion.

Over the last six years the search for a building has continued in an attempt to meet four challenges facing ECCT in its current space:

- * Lack of classroom space- the current location does not provide adequate space to offer any more than two classes or workshops at one time, limiting the number of classes offered and thus the number of participants.
- * Lack of rehearsal space- there is now space to run two concurrent rehearsals. With recent increases in programming it has been necessary to send volunteers to other locations to rehearse, as space was not available for them.
- * Lack of storage space- the storage capacity of the current location has been maximized with no options for future expansion
- * Lack of performance space- there is no performance space or potential for expansion, particularly for smaller productions targeting our youngest audience members.



BUILDING TOMORROW'S STARS TODAY

Our performers love being the star of the show, and now's your chance to share in that excitement by securing your spot in the Galaxy of Stars display at the new building. Here's how...

PLATINUM STAR:

As the centerpiece of the Galaxy of Stars there will only be 5 of these stars available. For a gift of \$10,000+ the donor will receive:

- ◆ An engraved platinum star in the center of the Galaxy of Stars at the new ECCT building
- ◆ An engraved crystal piece for your home or office
- ◆ 10 2007-2008 season tickets
- ◆ An invitation to the opening night reception for THE WIZARD OF OZ this July and an exclusive backstage special effects tour
- ◆ The chance to send 4 busloads of students to an ECCT matinee, from the school of your choice
- ◆ A public Thank You on the new building marquee

GOLD STAR:

For a gift of \$5000-\$9999 the donor will receive:

- ◆ An engraved gold star in the Galaxy of Stars
- ◆ An etched plaque for your home or office
- ◆ 8 2007-2008 season tickets
- ◆ An invitation to the opening night reception for THE WIZARD OF OZ this July
- ◆ The chance to send 2 busloads of students to an ECCT matinee, from the school of your choice

SILVER STAR:

For a gift of \$1000-\$4999 the donor will receive:

- ◆ An engraved silver star in the Galaxy of Stars
- ◆ An etched plaque for your home or office
- ◆ 6 2007-2008 season tickets
- ◆ An invitation to the opening night reception for THE WIZARD OF OZ this July

BRONZE STAR:

For a gift of \$500-\$999 the donor will receive:

- ◆ An engraved bronze star in the Galaxy of Stars
- ◆ A small bronze star for your home or office
- ◆ 4 2007-2008 season tickets

BUDDING STAR:

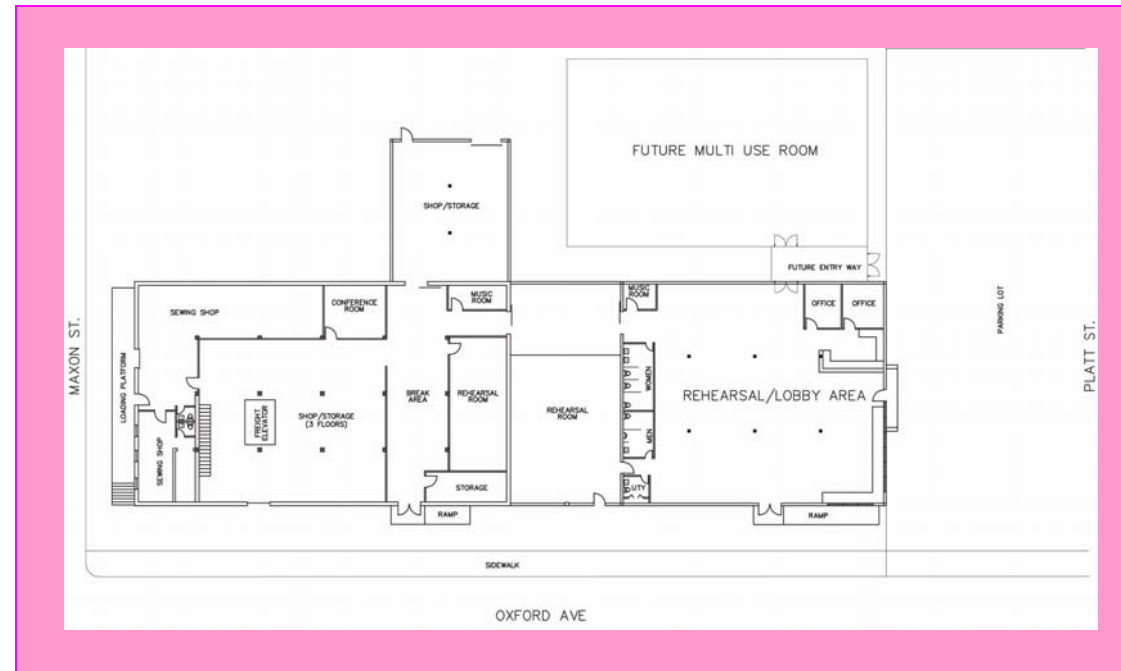
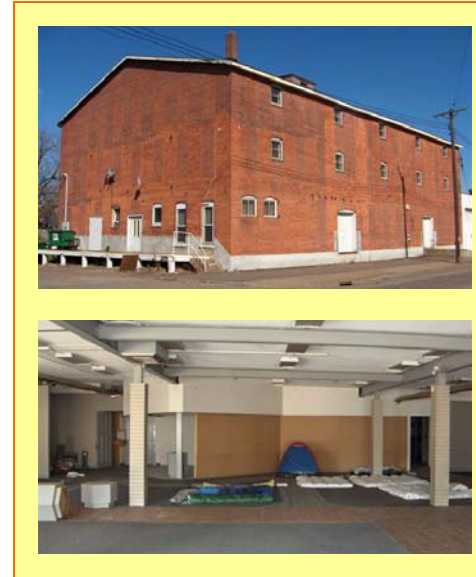
For a gift of \$100-\$499 the donor will receive:

- ◆ Your name engraved on a plaque at the entrance to the new ECCT building
- ◆ 2 2007-2008 season tickets

Donors at all levels will have their names listed in playbills for the 2007-08 season and in a Thank You ad this fall in the Leader Telegram.

OUR NEW BUILDING

The 24,000 sq. ft. building at 1814 Oxford Avenue will provide space for 3 rehearsal/classroom areas, a complete costume shop, 2 offices, a box office, conference room, a scenic shop and storage and two stories of storage for costumes and props. Situated on 1.4 acres there is ample space for expansion into a multi purpose performance space with adequate parking.



Please return this portion in the enclosed envelope.

NAME _____

(as you wish to be acknowledged)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

(to get show reminders & donor offers!)

YES, I/we would like to give a gift of:

- Platinum Star.....\$10,000+
- Gold Star.....\$5000-\$9999
- Silver Star.....\$1000-\$4999
- Bronze Star.....\$500-\$999
- Budding Star.....\$100-\$499

Check payable to "ECCT" is enclosed.

Bill my: . Mastercard . Visa

Exp. Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Signature _____

We would like to make a multi-year pledge or arrange for installment payments. Please contact us by phone at _____.

Check all that apply:

- Our gift will be a transfer of stocks or other securities. This can be arranged through A.G. Edwards- (715) 832-5500. Our DTC # is 0201.
- Send volunteer info
- Send group sales info
- Send planned giving info
- My employer has a matching gift program