

# THEATRE ARTS BUILDING

## ROCKVILLE CAMPUS

Investing in Students, Educational Excellence,  
and Homegrown Talent

### Today, outdated classrooms and labs, obsolete systems, and too little space

With performing arts course enrollment up 12% from 2024 to 2025, it is time to renovate Theatre Arts, an aged academic facility. Students need modern learning spaces, technology, and equipment that meet today's academic and industry standards to succeed in the theater sector.

#### • Beyond its useful life at 60 years old

- Limited rehearsal and classroom space.
- Lack of full ADA accessibility.
- Insufficient electrical and lighting systems—incompatible with current technology.
- Water leaks, pest issues, warped stage, and interior damage.

### Tomorrow, a modern right-sized building

- Space to meet enrollment demands.
- Technology-ready, flexible classrooms, and new rehearsal lab.
- Modernized HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems.
- Improved ADA accessibility with updated elevator.
- Right-sized experimental theatre (Black Box).
- Optimized, safer scene shop workspace, storage, and delivery/loading dock.
- Increased energy efficiency.
- Enhanced community use space.

### Project Needs

- \$8.4M—Design
- \$96M—Total Project Costs



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Homework for Performing Arts students is different than other academic programs. Students must be in the performance space to explore acting and directing with lighting, sound, set, props—those things can't be rehearsed in the library or at home.

—Frank Trezza, Ph.D.  
Dean of the Arts



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### Arts Education Powers Our Economy

**\$184M**

Annual economic activity generated by Montgomery County's nonprofit arts and culture sector

source: creativemoco.com, 2022

**#4 in the U.S.**

DMV ranked among the nation's most vibrant arts communities

source: SMU DataArts

**374 Job Openings**

In the regional arts and entertainment sector

source: lightcast, October 2025

**28,000+ Jobs**

Employed in the DMV arts and entertainment industry

source: lightcast, October 2025

### Alumni Fuel Theater Sector

MC alumni are professionals in the arts industry, working as performers, stage managers, sound and lighting engineers, carpenters, costume designers, writers, producers, and directors across the DMV, NYC, and beyond.

- BlackRock Center for the Arts
- Silver Spring Stage
- Olney Theatre
- Imagination Stage
- Round House Theatre
- Toby's Dinner Theater



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Because of my MC experience, I built a successful career as a professional actor, director, and leader. I've performed in a national tour, venues in New York City, and across the DMV—Ford's Theater, Olney Theatre, Arena Stage, and Chesapeake Shakespeare.

—Shaquille Stewart  
MC Alumnus '15  
Former Executive Director  
Silver Spring Stage

