



# ARCADIA PROJECT

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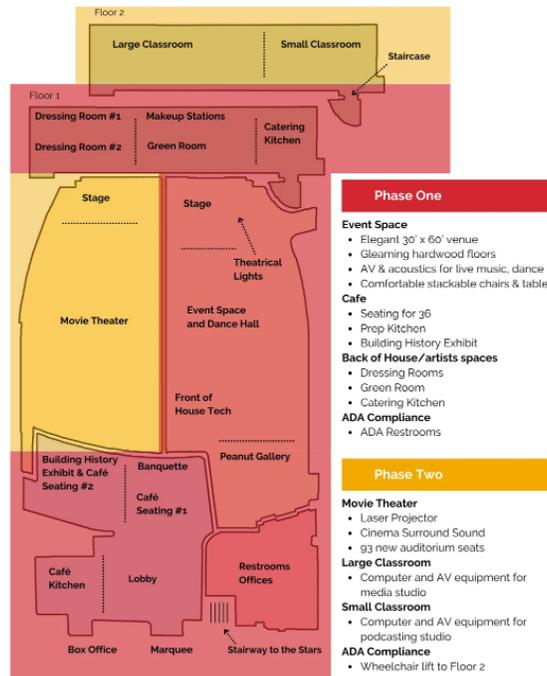
something's happening  
HERE...we go!

## We're on track to begin construction in January 2026!

Yes, you're reading that correctly! Thanks to incredible support from our donors, **we're thrilled to share that construction is set to start in early 2026** to transform our historic downtown theater into a vibrant community gathering place!

We've carefully phased our construction plan:

### CONSTRUCTION PHASES: OUR PLAN



Explore our Building Plan

**Phase One:** Our lively café, an elegant, flexible event space, backstage artist areas and ADA compliant restrooms will **encompasses three-quarters of our planned renovations** and brings us much closer to a truly welcoming, accessible, and inclusive

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**Phase Two:** Fundraising continues to bring our movie theater and second-floor classroom spaces to life—creating a film festival environment with a media education lab.

**We invite you to join us in celebrating this place's unique history as we transform it to meet the needs of the 21st century.**

Support Phase 2 Construction

## Moving the Maze



Thanks to our intrepid volunteers, we whisked our maze parts safely into storage until next year's Queen City Mischief & Magic Festival. Many hands make light work: **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped!

## Celebrating our Volunteers



Our volunteer coordinator, Mary Clare Vogt, created an incredible charcuterie spread for our table!

'Tis the season to express gratitude and thanks!

*Our dedicated volunteers are the driving force behind the progress we've made in bringing the Arcadia Project to life!* While just a small expression of our gratitude for their time and talents, our Volunteer Appreciation Party was an evening of warmth, connection and celebration with the folks who make manifest our mission to connect people through culture and creativity.

To our volunteers: **Thank you!**

We would love for you to join the fun - click the button below with "Volunteer" in the subject line to become a volunteer in 2026!

[Become a Volunteer](#)



L-R: Martha L., Stan G



L-R: Kevyn B, Dwight G, Pam M-W, Serguei P, Mary Clare V, Lindsey G



L-R: Sherry C, Mary Clare V, Bob V, Colin C



An incredible feast of treats!



Special thanks to WQSV DJ Steve Brozman for sharing his time, talents and record collection. He curated a lovely soundtrack to the evening's festivities!



Our Executive Director, Pam Wagner, alongside our Board President, Elizabeth Respass, sharing with our volunteers the wonderful news that we are moving forward with construction in early 2026!

**SMS Coffeehouse Event:  
A Benefit Concert in Support of the**

## Arcadia Project



Choir Club students from Stewart Middle School **have selected the Arcadia Project to be the recipient of their first ever benefit concert!** The students decided that they'd like to support a non-profit organization in the area while simultaneously raising funds for their club operations. We are so inspired by the generosity of these young people, and are delighted to partner with them to promote this event!

### **Stewart Middle School Choir Club's Coffee House Fundraiser Concert**

**Friday, Dec 12, 2025**

**6:30-8:30PM**

**(Tickets at the door)**

**Enter the building through Door 18**

Half of all ticket sales will be donated to the Arcadia Project. Cash or checks made out to Stewart Middle School will be accepted at the door. Donations to both the SMS Choir Club and the Arcadia Project are welcome!



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Fort Defiance, VA 24437**

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## End of Year Giving



If you've never given to the Arcadia Project, now is the perfect time!

With construction starting soon, we invite you to join our current donors as we embark on this exciting journey of reviving a historic Staunton landmark. With year-end approaching, explore your giving options through Qualified Charitable Distribution or Required Minimum Distribution. As tax laws on charitable donations are likely to change in 2026—potentially reducing deductible amounts—now is the ideal

time to make a gift to the mission and maximize your tax benefits.

Together, we're not just restoring a building—we're  
invigorating our community.

We are happy to assist you and answer your questions:  
please email us [info@thearcadiaproject.org](mailto:info@thearcadiaproject.org)

Donate Today!

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