



# SUFFOLK CENTER *for cultural arts*

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### *Preserving a Home for the Arts: A Second Century in These Walls*



#### THE NEED

- The building that houses the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts is 100 years old and has experienced significant water damage due to serious leaks. Parts of the building are unusable, and there are growing safety concerns. Extensive repairs are needed if the building is to remain in use.
- Sound and lighting systems in the magnificent Birdsong Theater and in the ballroom are obsolete and replacement parts are no longer available.
- Theater seats do not comfortably accommodate guests of all abilities and sizes.
- The pergola over our brick walkway needs to be covered to protect guests in inclement weather.

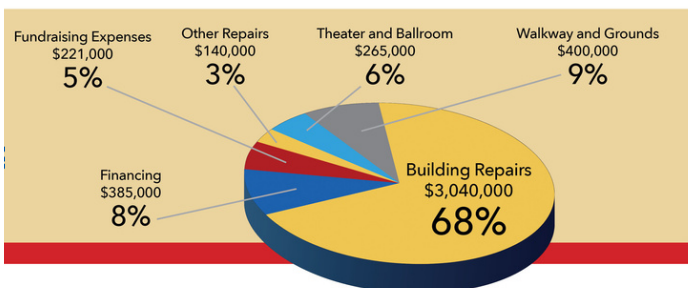


#### THE SOLUTION

- All of the windows across the building will be replaced, along with flashing and steel lintels.
- Crumbling ceiling and wall plaster will be repaired and insulation added to the walls.
- The building will be sealed with a Tnemec coating, a high-performance sealant that will prevent exterior water from penetrating the building while allowing interior water vapor to pass through the coating.
- New sound and lighting systems will be installed in the theater and ballroom.
- A section of theater seats will be replaced to create more accessible seating for guests of all abilities and sizes.
- A cover will be constructed for the pergola, and the walkway will be regraded to prevent flooding.



#### SCCA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUDGET



#### THE CHALLENGE

- Costs of the renovations and upgrades are outside the scope of our annual budget.
- \$4.5 million dollars is needed to cover the costs. It is our hope that our community and those impacted by the Center will help us ensure the preservation of this grand building for generations to come.



# Creation and re-creation are at the heart of the Suffolk Center, the largest comprehensive cultural arts center serving Western Tidewater.

## MISSION

- The mission of the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts is to encourage and advocate the visual and performing arts by providing a forum where diverse audiences can actively participate in cultural experiences.
- The Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts is committed to supporting the economic vitality of Suffolk by enhancing the life experiences of our citizens and visitors.

## HISTORY

- Built in 1922, Suffolk High School served as a beloved place of gathering and learning for thousands of students, parents, teachers, administrators and many others until its doors were closed in 1990.
- Thanks to the foresight and years of diligent efforts by community leaders, the building was repurposed as a community arts center, opening in the summer of 2006.

## IMPACT

- Each year approximately 30,000 people participate in arts-related and community events at the Suffolk Center or through our numerous outreach efforts.
- A myriad of classes and workshops provide the opportunity to discover the uplifting power of artistic expression.
- We partner with local public and private schools and homeschooling families to bring arts education to young people.
- Lasting memories are made at the Suffolk Center as our beautiful spaces host meetings, conferences, performances, recitals, art exhibitions, weddings, banquets, and class reunions.



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\$4.5 MILLION!

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