

Help open the doors at COPA

Support for COPA is gaining momentum from individuals, arts organizations, civic groups and the City of Fitchburg. It will be funded by leaders who understand that the arts bring vibrancy to a community, and their participation is required to make it affordable and accessible.



The COPA will be built and owned by a non-profit 501c3 organization. Integral to our approach and sustainability, we will build an endowment fund to support arts organizations and participants.

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COPA

community
organizations
promoting the arts

Let's build a lively hub of arts
and opportunity for our youth.



Inspire youth and open more doors

Magic happens within a community space where arts opportunities are accessible and affordable for everyone – a place where youth and adults can learn to play instruments, act, dance, paint, perform on stage or gain technical skills that bring the arts to life.

“ COPA will give children in South Madison and Dane County access to an important center for learning, engaging in and developing valuable knowledge and skills in the performing arts. It will also serve as a center for educating children for the future, and for celebrating our city’s diverse community through the arts. ”

Kaleem Caire
Founder and CEO, One City Schools

A unique space...

Community Organizations Promoting the Arts (COPA) is much more than a building. It will serve as a permanent home for arts organizations and their specific needs. In addition to rehearsal and state-of-art performance space, it contains administrative space to run the organizations and civic space to foster collaboration among the organizations.

State-of-the-Art Amenities:

- Multi-use event center
- 400 seat proscenium-style theater
- Large rehearsal halls for orchestras and other users
- Classrooms
- Individual practice rooms
- Administrative offices
- Rathskellar
- Storage facilities
- Design and workshop facility
- Free parking

...uniquely located to serve


This comprehensive \$35 million, 70,000 square foot special use building will demonstrate our community’s commitment to the arts, making it more affordable and accessible to nearly all of Dane County and its diverse residents. Strategically placed within the burgeoning arts district in Fitchburg, COPA is within a 15-mile radius of more than three quarters of Dane County residents. The facility will be uniquely positioned to engage underserved populations in the surrounding community with convenient public transit.



The specialty use facility includes state-of-the-art acoustical finishes, theatrical lighting, and a proscenium style theater with orchestra pit and fly loft. Other amenities make it a unique civic space for youth and their families to connect, collaborate and create.

Impacting our community today and into the future

Dane County is home to more than 100 arts organizations, hundreds of individual artists and thousands of aspiring performers and audience members who will benefit from the COPA education, facility and operations. There is a tremendous need for this space, and its impact will be felt today and into future generations.



“ It is no longer a theory. Visionary people and groups across America are proving that arts matter to communities. There is an economic impact, a social impact, and most importantly, an individual impact. Every day, thousands of people find their lives transformed through their connection with the arts, and through the arts, they find connections to each other. It is these connections that truly define a community. ”

Michael George
Past President, Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra



Create. Perform.
Grow.