



SHAKER FOUNDATION NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM THE SHAKER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION!

We use “Spring” with hope. It’s the right month and Daylight Savings Time has just begun, but March thus far has a decidedly wintry feeling. Fortunately, the Shaker Schools Foundation is generating a lot of energy, raising funds to help enrich the educational experiences of students in the Shaker Heights City Schools. You are reading this newsletter because you support our mission, and we hope you enjoy hearing from us periodically. Thank you for expressing your commitment to the schools through gifts to the Foundation.

Reopening Celebrations for the Large Auditorium

As most of you know, the large auditorium at Shaker Heights High School is open! And it’s beautiful. Thanks to everyone – staff, contractors, donors – for the wonderful success of the renovation project. The Shaker Schools Foundation was pleased to host two reopening celebrations. The first, on January 17, allowed us to thank the donors who helped fund the Large Auditorium Project. Nearly 200 people enjoyed hors d’oeuvres in the Egress before seeing the restored large auditorium for the first time. Shaker Schools Foundation President Nancy Karr, Superintendent Mark Freeman, and Principal Michael Griffith welcomed everyone, after which students Aaron Dunn, Max Chernin, and the Men’s A Cappella Quartet performed, to everyone’s delight. This event was sponsored by Regency Construction Services, Inc.

On February 2, the public reopening of the large auditorium featured the ribbon cutting ceremony and an array of student performances. Three hundred students filled the large auditorium with their presence, their voices, and the sounds of their instruments, as the Junior, Advanced, and Senior Acting Ensembles; Symphonic Orchestra; Shaker Wind Ensemble; and A Cappella Choirs performed. By the end of the evening, some 300 audience members joined the students in singing the Shaker Alma Mater. The large auditorium is once again inhabited by the students for whom this project was envisioned. The Shaker Schools Foundation thanks them, as well as High School faculty members Tom Deep, Donna Dehn, Erik Johnson, Christine McBurney, Robert Schneider, and Chuck Tisdale, for their contributions to the success of the reopening. We also are grateful to City Architecture and Karpinski Engineering for sponsoring the event. Please visit our website for photographs at <http://shaker.org/foundation>.

To date, more than 470 donors have contributed nearly \$1 million to the Auditorium Campaign, for which we are exceedingly grateful. With a goal of \$1.4 million, the Foundation continues to need support. If you would like to participate, please visit our website or call (216) 295-4329. A challenge grant from the Jonathan Lewis Foundation is matching contributions from Shaker graduates. Thank you!



The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (February 2)



The SHHS choirs, orchestra, and Wind Ensemble perform altogether

Shall We Save a Seat for You?

The Shaker Schools Foundation invites you to support the Auditorium Campaign by endowing a seat in the High School's large auditorium. Each endowed seat will have its own nameplate. Many donors are endowing seats in honor or memory of favorite Shaker teachers, family members, or friends, or in their own names and/or the names of their children. One seat can be named for a donation of \$500, and your gift will be fully tax-deductible. Payment can be made by check (to the Shaker Schools Foundation) or credit card.

We are very pleased that 270 seats have been endowed. To ensure that you are included, please call us at 216-295-4329 or go to <http://shaker.org/foundation/auditorium>.

A Night for the Red & White

New meaning was added to the title of Shaker's annual benefit, *A Night for the Red & White*, on March 8, as the "storm of the season" delivered 18 inches of *white* to Cleveland that weekend. However, the nearly 500 brave school supporters who arrived at the InterContinental Hotel enjoyed a wonderful evening. Numbers are not yet final for this year, but to date, the event has raised a total of \$1.3 million to support arts, humanities, and technology in every building in the Shaker Heights City Schools. Congratulations to this year's co-chairs, Heather Fisher and Jean Koznarek, and their hard-working committees. In concert with Mother Nature, they gave us a memorable event!

Annual Fund News

The Shaker Schools Foundation launched its 2008 Annual Fund in September, and we are grateful to our fall and end-of-year donors for their support. The Annual Fund goal is \$100,000, which will help cover the Foundation's modest annual operating expenses. All gifts to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible and support our efforts to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of Shaker's students. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. Thank you!

Note: Large Auditorium Reopening photos by Marc Golub

Do You Know ?

- At the 2008 Honors and Awards Ceremony in May, 30 funds of the Shaker Schools Foundation will support 41 student awards, of which seven are newly established. Many thanks to these donors and funds for recognizing the extraordinary achievements of Shaker's students.
- And speaking of awards: 25 Shaker Heights High School art students were honored at the 2008 Cuyahoga Regional Scholastic Art Awards Program. Senior Joanna Mitchell, who received 11 awards, also has been nominated as a Presidential Scholar in the Arts.

How to Give

The Shaker Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and gratefully accepts contributions to its 2008 Annual Fund, High School Auditorium Campaign, and endowment. Bequests and memorial gifts are welcome, and donors also have the option of establishing or contributing to a special fund within the Foundation. All gifts are tax-deductible. Complete details are available at <http://shaker.org/foundation/giving>.

The Shaker Schools Foundation is extremely grateful for the support it receives from a large community of donors who believe in the Shaker Heights City Schools. Thank you!

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