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Large Auditorium at Shaker Heights High School Reopens  
Shaker Schools Foundation Celebrates  
Renovation and Restoration on February 2

The Shaker Schools Foundation will mark the completion of the renovation and restoration of the large auditorium at Shaker Heights High School with a special celebration.

- Saturday, February 2, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.
- Large Auditorium at Shaker Heights High School, 15911 Aldersyde Drive, Shaker Heights
- Free and open to the public
- Sponsored by City Architecture
- Information: <http://shaker.org/foundation/events> or call (216) 295-4329

The event will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, continue with performances by students in the High School's music and theatre departments, and conclude with a dessert reception.

The Shaker Schools Foundation partnered with the Shaker Heights City School District to pay for the \$2.4-million capital improvements project, which began in late May 2007. Aspects of the renovation covered by the district include the repair and painting of the interior; safety upgrades; asbestos abatement; and a new heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system. The Foundation is paying for state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems, stage extensions, and restoration of the decorative plasterwork and other historic elements.

Prominent Cleveland architects, Hubbell & Benes, designed Shaker Heights High School. The firm also was responsible for the Cleveland Museum of Art, West Side Market, and St.

Luke's Hospital. When it was built in 1931, the High School's large auditorium was splendid, but seldom used. In those days, the building's capacity was 1,200 students. About 1,800 students are enrolled currently, and the large auditorium is used for music and theatre classes every school day, as well as meetings, assemblies, and ceremonies for the High School and the district. With the completion of this renovation, the beautifully restored and updated large auditorium once again reflects and supports Shaker's extraordinary offerings in the performing arts and other academic areas.

The Shaker Schools Foundation was founded in 1981 to receive financial support for programs not included in the Shaker school district's budget. The first foundation in the state of Ohio to benefit public schools, its mission is to *provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of students in the Shaker Heights City School District.*

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