

DRAFT: New Performing and Cultural Facility

The Richmond Arts Coalition, in association with the Gateway Theatre has gathered information from artists and arts organizations in Richmond using surveys, meetings, conversations, and emails.

Here is a current list of what our community would like in a new Cultural Facility:

Location:

- Near public transportation
- Near restaurants
- Include an "Arts Bus" stop shuttle for parking options
- Easy access road - multiple access points
- Centrally located

Structure:

- Multi-winged facility
- Lofts for artists/seniors living above creative space
- Reception Hall
- Lounge (food)
- Adequate Lobby space
- Maintenance Rooms
- Security

Exterior:

- Exterior public art
- Main gathering space
- Outdoor exhibition and performing areas
- Adequate Parking
- Adequate Lighting

Interior:

Performing Arts Wing

- Concert Hall: 1200-1500 seats
 - Large stage to accommodate 80+performers, 160 singer risers, 80 musicians
 - Pit size must accommodate 60 people
 - Acoustically sound for concert performances
 - Rear projection opportunities with cyclorama
 - Raked stage options
 - Call system with monitors
 - Large dressing rooms
 - Warm-up room that is climate controlled
 - Small dressing rooms for guest artists

- Performing Arts Theatre: 600-800 seats
 - Stage for 40 Dancers + Orchestra Pit
 - Rear projection opportunities with cyclorama

- Stage width of current Gateway Theatre Facility
- Deep stage for extra wing space
- Hydraulic fly system
- Trap doors opportunity in floor
- Acoustically sound
- Dance floor
- Ground row lighting
- Large dressing rooms

- ❑ Studio Theatre: - 200-300 seats
 - Multi-purpose
 - Movable Theatre Seats
 - Black Box with full equipment
 - Dressing rooms

- ❑ Rehearsal and studio space
 - 1 large sized auditorium
 - 2 medium sized auditoria
 - 5 studios with sprung dance floor
 - 10 teaching studios for instrumental instruction (with pianos)

- ❑ Wardrobe Room
- ❑ Scene & Prop Shop
- ❑ Music Library
- ❑ Recording / Film Studio

Visual Arts Wing

- ❑ Gallery
- ❑ 10 Visual Arts Studios for Artists
- ❑ Pottery room with kilns
- ❑ Glassblowing area with kilns
- ❑ Sculpting studio for wood, metal, other

Literary Arts Wing

- ❑ Vancouver Children's Art Gallery and Literacy Centre
- ❑ Archives
- ❑ Art Library

Administration Wing

- ❑ 20-30 offices
- ❑ Boardroom
- ❑ Common area/facilities
- ❑ Storage