



COVER STORY

Fundraiser seeks help from school's alumni

New SCPA at a glance

Cost: \$62 million

What it is: A public arts school that will combine Schiel Primary School for Arts Enrichment (now K-3) in Coryville and SCPA (now 4-12) in Pendleton.

The partners: Cincinnati Public Schools and the Greater Cincinnati Arts and Education Center, a private group founded in 1996 and led by Erich Kunzel, Cincinnati Pops conductor. The group has raised \$22.4 million in capital funds toward a goal of \$31 million and must raise about \$10 million more, including \$3 million for cost of the first architectural drawings and administrative costs.

Architectural firms: Cole and Russell Architects of Cincinnati, Fanning/Howey of Celina, Ohio, and Moody-Nolan of Columbus

Acoustical consultant: Stan Roller of Naperville, Ill.

Theater consultant: Bill Conner of Oak Park, Ill.

Timeline: Construction to begin in spring 2007; completion 2009-10.

Other issues: GCAEC, Cincinnati and Cincinnati Center City Development Corp. (3CDC) are in discussions with the Drop-Inn Center, a homeless shelter that owns property on the northwest corner of the new school's site. The parties hope to move the buildings before construction begins.

Parking: The school will have 47 parking spaces on-site, with another 300 available nearby.

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The Greater Cincinnati Arts and Education Center, a group led by Cincinnati Pops conductor Erich Kunzel since 1996, began fundraising for the new, \$62 million arts school three years ago. To date, \$22.4 million has been raised toward a goal of \$31 million. The lead donor is the Corbett Foundation, pledging \$5 million. Other major donors include Procter & Gamble (\$3 million), the Mayerson Foundation (\$2 million) and Fifth Third Bank (\$1.5 million).

On Tuesday, the group launched the national phase of its campaign.

"We are going to involve alumni from the school and other celebrities," said Tom Klinedinst, the group's chairman.

Local celeb Peter Frampton, who is on the board of GCAEC, will be assisting in the national fundrais-

ing and is planning a benefit concert, although a date has not been set, Klinedinst said.

Below are a few celebrity alumni of SCPA:

- Sarah Jessica Parker
- Carmen Electra
- Rebecca Budig
- Nick and Drew Lachey
- Justin Jeffre
- Alton Fitzgerald White ("The Lion King," "Ragtime," "Miss Saigon")
- April Nixon ("Cats," "Damn Yankees," "Smokey Joe's")
- Todd Louiso (TV's "Chicago Hope," "Frasier," "Joan of Arcadia")
- Rocky Carroll ("Chicago Hope," "Roc")
- Jay Goodlet (Cincinnati Ballet)
- Darius Crenshaw (Cincinnati Ballet)
- Heather McFadden ("Phantom of the Opera")



Electra



Carroll



Budig



Nick and Drew Lachey



Parker

SCPA through the years

1910

Woodward High School, designed by Gustav Drech, is dedicated at 1310 Sycamore St. The original school dated from 1831, and claims to be the first high school west of the Alleghenies and the oldest continuous public high school in the United States.

1973

The School for Creative and Performing Arts is established as one of five magnet schools in the Cincinnati Public School district. Consisting of grades 4-6, it shares space in Mount Adams Elementary School.

1975

Moves to the Jewish Community Center in Roselawn.

1976

Moves to the old Woodward High.

1979

The first class of seniors graduates. Student Rocky Carroll is awarded the Presidential Award in the Arts.

1984-85

SCPA is awarded the Excellence in Education Award by the United States Department of Education.

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