



esyjo EMPIRE STATE
YOUTH ORCHESTRA

THE ESYO CENTER FOR MUSICAL YOUTH

WHO WE ARE

ESYO values the **joyful pursuit of musical excellence**. Its mission, to challenge and inspire young people to achieve excellence through music, has **guided its growth since 1979**.

14 performing ensembles & CHIME, including chorale, symphonic, Jazz, and percussion.

600 musicians within a 2-hour radius of Schenectady including western New England.

30 annual public performances including the Young People's Concert that **serves 2000 regional school children** and a free Senior's Concert.

3 national ASCAP awards for adventurous programming including creative learning projects, youth leadership training, a chamber program, master classes, and college/conservatory prep program.

OUR NEW HOME

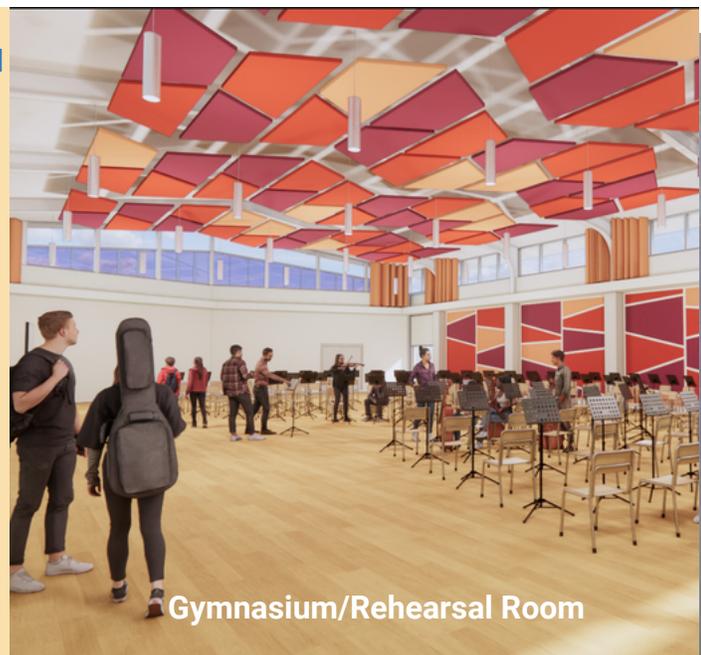
Seeking Capital support to fund the **transformation of the old St. Joseph's Parish School** in Scotia-Glenville into the **region's first center for musical youth** and the permanent home of the Empire State Youth Orchestra. 45 MacArthur Drive's 8 acres offer an ideal setting for a year-round music education program.

COST & PHASES TOTAL PROJECT COST \$12.7 MILLION

Feasibility & Schematic Design- Envision Architects, Acoustic Distinctions, GSI, Dalto Engineering, and Ambient Environmental. The resulting report provided a high-level cost estimate and proved feasible.

Phase One (approx. \$4.5 million) Transform the gymnasium into a 4,800 sq. ft. state-of-the-art rehearsal space. Address abatement, hazmat removal, and the construction of administrative offices. Construction services provided by Sano-Rubin/LeChase with Project Management from Cresa, Albany.

Phase Two (approx. \$8.2 million) New HVAC system, a new 3000 sq. ft. addition for a second rehearsal space, and acoustic treatments to transform classrooms into music studios.



Gymnasium/Rehearsal Room



OUR VISION

To create a space dedicated to the region's musical youth and to be a place where music, technology, and community come together under one roof.

This will be the first time in ESYO's history that all ensembles will be housed in one building, providing more opportunities for young musicians to meet, collaborate and sound together.

NEW HOME WITH NEW POSSIBILITIES

Expanding ESYO CHIME- Started in 2015 in Schenectady, ESYO CHIME broadens access to performance opportunities for youth, regardless of their family's ability to pay. In partnership with the Schenectady City School District and sustained through BOCES Arts in Education Funding, CHIME **provides more than 130 youth free, daily after-school ensemble-based instruction.** We plan to **launch a second BOCES after-school program at our new home, serving Scotia/Glenville and a host of surrounding districts** including Mohonasen, Schalmont, Duanesburg, and Amsterdam.

Expanded Daytime Programming- Early childhood music classes and a home school performing ensemble.

A Community Hub- Dedicated rehearsal and studio space is hard to find in the Capital Region. The ESYO Center for Musical Youth can be **a collaborative hub** for private music teachers, upstart studios, **other regional youth-serving music organizations,** and community music programs like the **Schenectady Symphony.**

An Incubator for New Ideas in Music Education- ESYO is a nationally recognized leader in ensemble music education. The new building will allow ESYO to host professional development training and seminars for area music teachers.

ECONOMIC IMPACT



- Revitalization of a vacant and underutilized property.
- Attracting 100s of weekly visitors to commercial corridors along Route 50, Route 147, and the Scotia Business Improvement District.
- Increased supply of rental space for conventions and seminars.
- A new creative space to complement the mission and goals of Film Schenectady & SUNY Schenectady School of Music.
- Rentable studio space for upstart music studios and private music teachers.
- New Staff: 15 Part-time Teaching Artists and 1 Full-time Program Director.

FUNDING STRATEGY

ESYO is grateful to Schenectady County for contributing \$1.5M in seed Capital. ESYO is now seeking funding from public & private foundations and entities as well as individual and corporate support from the community. Opportunities include a \$1 million Capital grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.