



**Garrett College**  
**Community Education and Performing Art Center**  
**Fact Sheet**

This project will renovate and expand the existing 800 Building, an old gymnasium on Garrett College's main campus, to become the Community Education and Performing Arts Center (CEPAC). The old gym footprint (8,000 square feet) will be renovated to hold a proscenium stage, shallow orchestra pit and flexible auditorium with capacity for up to 474 occupants. Existing locker rooms will be renovated to house a piano lab and mechanical space. A new addition of 16,800 SF will hold offices, restrooms, lobby space, an art gallery, a catering kitchen, theater support spaces (including dressing rooms, toilets, and instrument storage), mechanical and electrical spaces, and a flexible, sub-dividable 2,000 SF multipurpose space that can be used for classrooms, contracted workforce training, conferences, rehearsals, recitals, and black box theater.

All new electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and fire protection infrastructure will be installed.

The facility will address multiple community needs beyond its significant college-related academic purposes. It will support programming from both public high schools in Garrett County – the only county in Maryland currently without a performing arts center. It will hold an art gallery that will support and be managed by the Garrett County Arts Council, and it will be the home for the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival. GLAF is a nonprofit organization whose performing arts events and arts education address community cultural needs and support economic development by drawing out-of-county patrons into the county's four-season resort facilities.