The birds are singing. The sun is shining. Spring has sprung at The Fine Arts Association and a whole new wing has been added to our building!

After an early October groundbreaking, we were blessed with a mild winter which allowed our construction company, TLC, to continue working. I cannot say enough good things about TLC. They have been wonderful partners in this endeavor and I believe the quality of their work speaks for itself. The addition looks like part of the original building!

completion of the addition is mid-April.

Interior renovation of the former music therapy space and the percussion studio took place during December and resulted in four new music studios.

Renovation of the former art room into art and music therapy spaces comes next. Once those rooms are completed the administrative offices will move temporarily into those spaces while the back office, development and education offices are remodeled. This work will be completed in the summer.

The Capital Campaign raised 84.5% of its $3.5 million dollar goal and is near completion. We thank all of those who donated to the campaign in order to make this addition possible.

Naming rights include:
- The Baum Family Drum Studio
- The Hershey Foundation Art Room
- Marvis Gillison Gallery for Student Art
- Costume Shop – given by Lois Armington
- Violin Studio 207 – given by Lois Armington
- Theatre Shop- given by Roy Smith
- Homer D.W. Chisholm and Gertrude Kalnow Chisholm Art Therapy Studio
- John Sherwin Family Fund Lobby
- Piano Studio 209 - Triple T Foundation
- Arlene and Arthur Holden Foyer
- Multi-purpose room/black box theatre

The Cleveland Foundation

Marvis Gillison Gallery for Student Art

I would be remiss if I didn’t thank our largest donor, the State of Ohio. Those funds were made possible by the support of our governor and state legislators: Gov. John Kasich, Sen. John Eklund,

What started over 15 years ago as a dream to be property independent and to add program space to our building has finally become a reality!

Special thanks goes to Steve Baum who volunteered to chair the Capital Campaign Committee and saw us through to completion. Thanks also to Harry Keagler and Roy Smith who helped me manage the construction of both the parking lot and addition.

Mark your calendars now for the ribbon cutting/grand opening of the new addition, **Saturday, Aug. 26th at 10 am.** Invitations will go out this summer.

Also mark your calendars for our 60th Diamond Anniversary Celebration at Noah’s in Mentor on **Friday, May 12th.**

The evening will spotlight three individuals who have been an important part of our story – Roger Sustar, a long-time personal and business supporter; Billy Miller, a former student and life-time advocate for FAA; and Marilyn Repasky, a former employee and Women’s Committee member for 20+ years and president for the last 10 years.

In addition, we will recognize our board members with 30+ years of service: Lois Armington, Arthur D. Baldwin II, Homer D. W. Chisholm, James K. Collins, Marvis Gillison, Judith Murch, Brian Sherwin, Robert Wigton and Alan D. Wright.

Please join us for this extra-special celebration! Champagne uncorked at **6:00 pm.** For an invitation or information on advertising in the Commemorative Program Book, call Judy Nagel at 440-951-7500 x 106.

I hope to see you on May 12th!

Sincerely yours,

Linda M. Wise
Chief Executive Officer
Once Upon a Mattress
March 24 – Apr. 9
Senior Matinee Series
Wed. Apr. 26
1pm
Dan Ruminski,
Cleveland’s Storyteller

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8 PM

FAA Annual Benefit
Fri. May 12
at Noah’s

60th Diamond Anniversary
Celebration

Classic Desserts
FAA Woodwind Quintet
with Phyllis Spiers &
Bonnie Budziak
Sunday, May 21
3 pm

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