

Fund the Performing Arts at Villanova!

The drama and music programs are in desperate need of more space. Administrators are planning a major theater renovation and need your support!

The existing "drama and music classroom" is a 900-square foot makeshift theater occupying one-half of a 30' by 60' single-story building built in 1950 as VPS's Library.

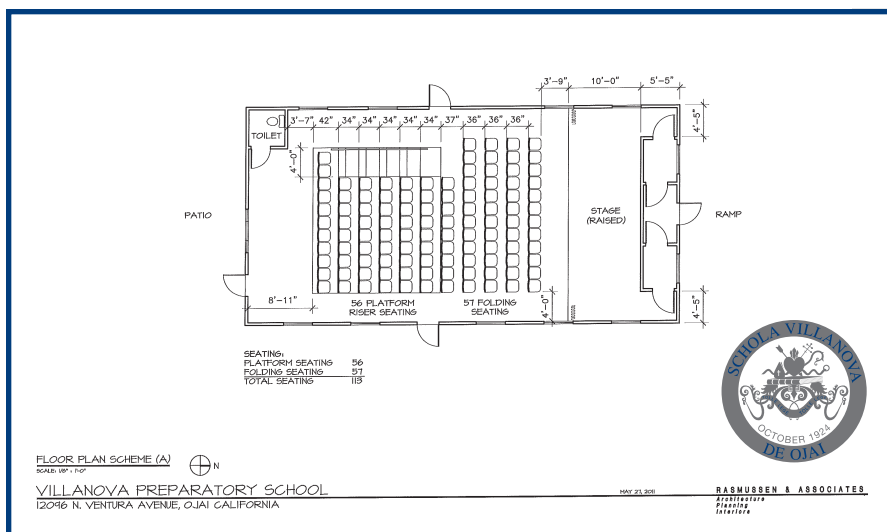
In 1993 the Library was moved and the building was divided into two 30' by 30' rooms. One of the rooms is the theater with a small stage, a piano, seating for 50 and precious little else (see photograph).



During the fall semester, Performing Arts Program Chair Tracey Williams stages minimalist dramas to "sold out" audiences in the tiny theater. In the spring semesters, musicals are produced in an outdoor amphitheater adjacent to the theater.

The instrumental music programs at VPS have not been fully developed due to lack of soundproof practice space.

To alleviate these handicaps and provide quality performing arts education, Villanova plans a \$250,000 renovation which will return the building to a single use, thereby doubling the size of the "drama and music classroom." The renovation will create a modern "black box" style theater with acoustic insulation, flexible seating, room for updated lighting and sound equipment, music rehearsal space and costume and prop storage. Also planned are: an attractive new entrance; a new and upgraded roof in the campus's Mission architectural style, energy-saving windows and HVAC unit, electrical work to handle computerized light and sound equipment, and other state-of-the-art theater technologies. Most importantly, the theater seating will increase to 120 with half of that seating being movable. This means that the theater will have dual use as a meeting room for VPS large classes, seminars or campus-wide staff meetings. The seats may also be moved to accommodate a chamber ensemble or small orchestra.



The renovation begins this year! Please help by making a tax deductible donation today.

A limited number of naming opportunities exist. Please contact Jeanne Brown for details at jbrown@villanovaprepadmin.org or 805 646-1461, ext 126.

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