

Public-private partnership creates a new home for two mainstay arts organizations.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova, Chairman, and Linda Q. Smyth with County Executive Edward L. Long Jr. cut the ribbon on a new home for the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

Fairfax County, VA – The Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra have moved to Merrifield, thanks to a space proffered by HITT Contracting, Inc. to the County.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth and County Executive Edward L. Long Jr. were joined by 60 guests celebrating the grand opening of the new office spaces conveniently located three blocks away from the Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metro Station on the Orange Line.

“It is wonderful to see two great arts organizations receiving a new home. Both the Arts Council and the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra contribute to the arts in so many ways and are a part of a great arts industry in Fairfax making our County a world-class place to live, work and play.”

— Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

“Merrifield is becoming an exciting arts district for Fairfax County. It is rewarding to see this public-private partnership creates a new home for two mainstay arts organizations.”

— Linda Q. Smyth, Providence District Supervisor

Attendees also celebrated the dedication of the Arts Council’s conference room to the memory of R. Dennis McArver, former Board Chairman and long-time supporter of both the Arts Council and Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. Mr. McArver passed away unexpectedly in September of 2013. The conference room is being furnished by donors to the R. Dennis McArver Memorial Fund.

The Arts Council of Fairfax County’s new address is 2667 Prosperity Avenue, Suite A, Fairfax, VA 22031. Direction to the Arts Council office can be found at <http://artsfairfax.org/about/directions>.

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra’s new address is 2667 Prosperity Avenue, Suite B, Fairfax, VA 22031.

Image Caption (from left to right):

Curtis L. Sano of Holland and Knight LLP and Arts Council Board Member; Doug Bardin of HITT Contracting Inc; Facilities Management Department Assistant Director Marguerite Verville Guarino; County Executive Edward L. Long Jr.; Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova, Chairman, and Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth; Douglas N. Carter of DCS Design and Arts Council Board Member; Steve Seville of DCS Design; and Joe Ritchey of Prospective, Inc. and Chairman of the Arts Council Board of Directors.

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About the Arts Council of Fairfax County

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County’s local arts agency. It is the only umbrella organization serving and representing all forms of art in Fairfax County. The Arts Council of Fairfax County is the voice of the arts, dedicated to fostering dynamic and diverse local arts, ensuring that arts thrive

by providing vision, leadership, capacity building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information.

The Arts Council is funded in part by Fairfax County, corporations, foundations, individuals, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

About the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra has emerged over the years as one of the finest metropolitan orchestras in the country. Hailed as "the pride of Fairfax County," the orchestra has showcased the greatest works in the orchestral repertoire during its annual concert seasons and through many successful education and outreach programs. Since its inception nearly 60 years ago, the Fairfax Symphony has continued to undergo extensive development and growth on an annual basis.

Under the artistic leadership of maestro Christopher Zimmerman, the orchestra has attracted outstanding area musicians to its ranks and enhanced the region's cultural life with performances by internationally celebrated guest artists. The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, along with the National Symphony, is recognized as one of the two leading orchestras in the Washington area.

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