PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Brewster, Cape Cod

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# ABOUT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Arts Empowering Life has put its roots down with an innovative, multi-purpose Arts facility. The building was conceived in 2019 to meet the growing needs of the various groups and programs of Arts Empowering Life. It was constructed during the worldwide pandemic and is a testimony to determination and teamwork in the pursuit of excellence. Numerous unique design features are based on the natural elements of Fire, Earth, Air, and Water. The exterior wood cladding is Shou Sugi Ban, an ancient Japanese technique of preserving wood with fire. This texture is combined with a firm earthbound foundation of stone, and surrounded by extensive plantings of native species. The tower houses a wind turbine visually expressing the element of air, and providing sustainable power. Rain gardens surround the structure, and inside, a water feature is planned that will cascade from the height of the tower structure.

The Performing Arts Center houses three first-floor, flexible spaces for individual and group instruction and rehearsals, and a large space that accommodates entire theater sets, ensembles, and performances. The second floor has an overwatch balcony, a conference/kitchen area, a solarium, a deck, and an additional rehearsal space. Built to combine function with beauty, this building provides both the young and the established artist with a creative space for education, rehearsal, and inspirational work.

For more information email Pam Jordan.












# ABOUT ARTS EMPOWERING LIFE

ARTS EMPOWERING LIFE (AEL) is a nonprofit foundation from Cape Cod, MA, dedicated to the pursuit of beauty, truth, and faith in the Arts, sharing inspiration and education with people across many nationalities, cultures, and traditions. AEL incorporates both performing ensembles and visual artists who have toured to twenty-six countries and throughout the United States performing at the highest levels, leading workshops, and fostering cultural exchange. Notable performances include appearances at Rockefeller Center in New York, the Parliament House in Sydney, Siena Cathedral in Italy, San Marco Cathedral in Venice, Inkamana Abbey and Joburg Theatre in South Africa, and the Hall of Columns in Moscow.

To see the map of performances around the world, CLICK HERE.

AEL's performing ensembles include:

- Creare Symphonia
- Gabriel V Brass Ensemble
- Gaudete Baroque Ensemble
- Chara Percussion Ensemble
- Elements Theatre Company

AEL has recently opened its state-of-the-art, multipurpose Performing Arts Center in Brewster, Cape Cod, MA. Described as a "beacon of possibility" (Cape Cod Life), this new center provides a vibrant space for education, inspirational work, rehearsals, performances, and community engagement. Its stunning architecture and creative atmosphere surround both the young and the established artist with beauty and design, inspiring all who walk through its doors to create with a greater purpose. The Performing Arts Center also expands AEL's outreach with educational offerings, community programs, and bringing more great music to the Cape. In addition to offering year-round concerts and performances by resident AEL ensembles, the Center offers:

- Concerts by Guest Artists & Ensembles
- Arts Speak: Engaging Arts & Entertainment Lectures
- Artist Retreats and Residency Programs
- Master classes and Workshops
- Youth Outreach: Workshops and the Young Performers Outreach Program—free tickets to children and students for all AEL performances

Through these initiatives, AEL continues its commitment to enriching lives through the arts, providing educational opportunities, and fostering creative expression within the community.

# WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT ARTS EMPOWERING LIFE

"You are the first American group to perform here in fifty years. At this difficult moment of crisis in our country, this choir is a message with a bright ray of hope from America."

—Feim Ibrahimi, *Director of Opera Theater, Tirana, Albania*

"While the quality of the productions and education are indeed first rate, it's the quality of the people that makes this program so special. Topflight people who make the experience a very special place to be!"

—Neil Larrivee, *Vice President of Drumstick & Mallet Innovation, Vic Firth & Zildjian*

"The performers displayed much high level musical skill in their performance of complicated musical arrangements which had a high degree of rhythmic complexity. Besides playing with great skill they exuded much joy in their playing! The full audience loved the entire performance! It was also a great idea for Chara to invite some of our students to play along with them. They were beyond thrilled to participate."

—Arnie Harris, *Music Director Perkins School for the Blind*

"I commend this theater group for seeking to be agents of change through art." —*America Magazine*

"You have contributed greatly to the process of strengthening brand new reconciliation and understanding between Americans and Russians." —His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II

"This organization exists to meet the needs of not only its members but for the purpose of promoting music and good will throughout the northeast." —Ray E. Cramer, *Director of Bands, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*

"The moment we arrived, it was clear this residency was operating on an entirely different level—beyond anything we could have imagined. The living quarters were pristine, beautiful, and just a short walk from both the rehearsal spaces and the beach. The rehearsal facilities themselves were world-class, with natural light, thoughtful acoustic treatment, and comfortable, stylish lounges. Every space seemed designed to inspire creativity and focus." —Chris Coletti, *trumpeter, arranger, educator, conductor*

"I've loved being a part of a group that is constantly striving for excellence and puts so much work into everything they do. [The ensemble] has given me a better work ethic and made me pay more attention to how I practice and rehearse." —Mikayla, *Student, Age 21*

"Your organization represents a strong commitment to pride and musical excellence. You have made a profound impact on the South Windsor community. Our students have become motivated and are demonstrating an increased sense of worth and determination."

—Neil J. Rinaldi, *Music/Art Curriculum Specialist, The Windsor Public Schools, Windsor, CT*

"[Arts Empowering Life] has provided our son with the chance to pursue his dreams.... [Their] reputation for excellence is widely known. Everything they do, from music, to theatrics, to props, is done at the completely highest level possible. They are a model program and an incredible asset to our community."

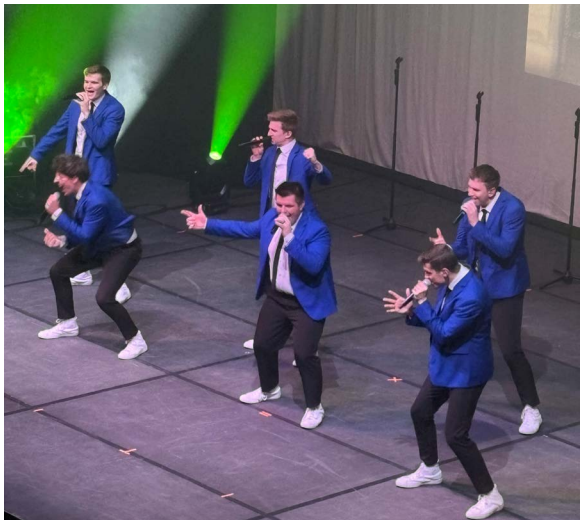
—AnnMarie Sanfilippo, *Parent*


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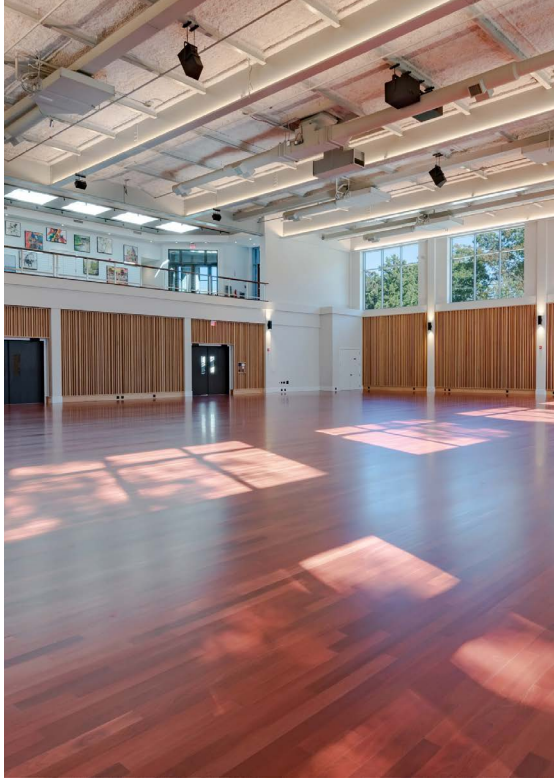












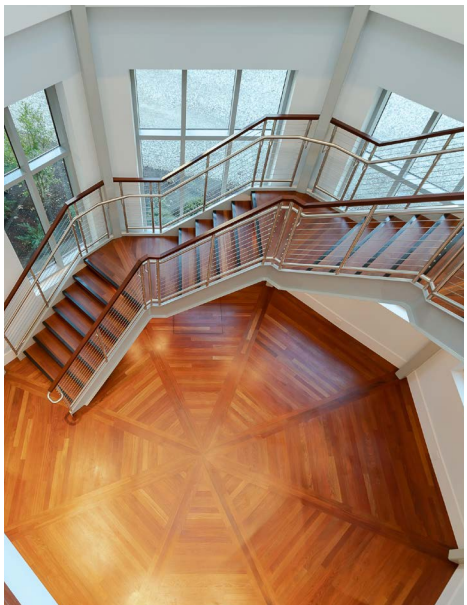


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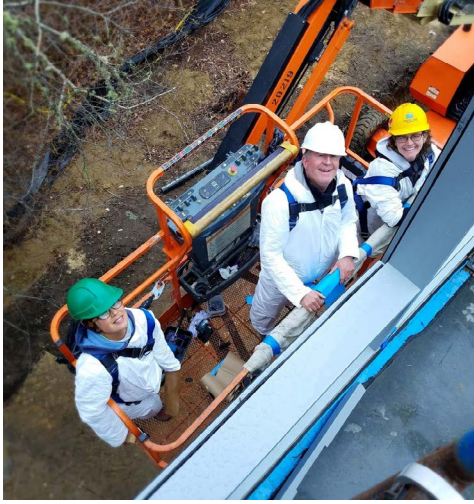
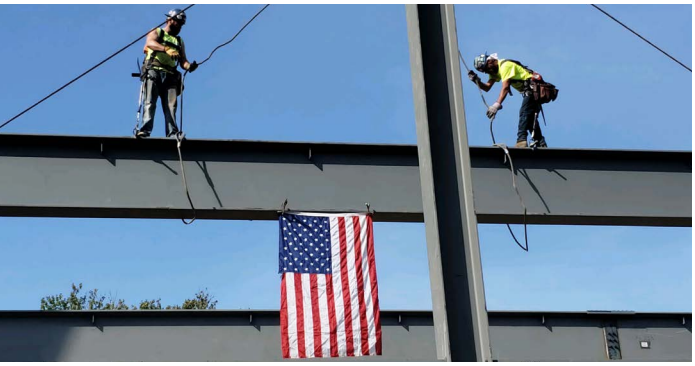








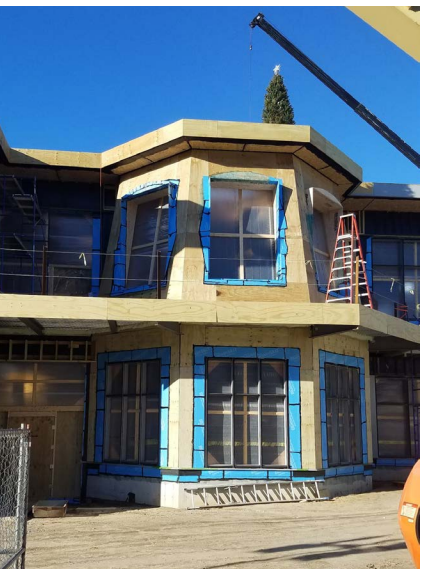











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