



Pawtucket Armory Association eNewsletter: Vol. 2 No. 2 April 2005

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The Exchange eNewsletter is designed to spread the word about our efforts to renovate the historic Pawtucket Armory and manage it as *The Arts Exchange*, an affordable and sustainable, regional center for the arts and arts education. The Pawtucket Armory Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

• Pawtucket Armory Association Breaks Ground

The Pawtucket Armory Association has spent the last five years planning the transformation of the historic Pawtucket Armory into an exciting addition to the performing and visual arts community of Rhode Island. Now that the chainlink fences have been raised and the worksite has been prepared, we invite you to come celebrate with us as we officially break ground for the next phase of *The Arts Exchange*.



The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at the Pawtucket Armory, 172 Exchange Street, Pawtucket, on Friday, May 6, 2005 at 3:30pm.

A number of dignitaries, including Pawtucket Mayor James Doyle, Senators Jack Reed and Lincoln Chafee, Congressmen Patrick Kennedy and Jim Langevin, Lieutenant Governor Charles Fogarty, and Secretary of State Matthew Brown will be participating in the ceremony.

Phase I, in which we renovated the Armory Annex into the new home to the Gamm Theatre, was completed in 2003. On May 6 we will celebrate the commencement of Phase II, during which we will bring the entire 110-year-old Armory structure into compliance with life-safety codes and renovate the "Castle" section to make it available for occupancy by such arts tenants as Pawtucket's new public high school, the Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Phase II will be completed in August, 2005. Phase III, which is still to come, will involve the installation of performing arts spaces in the Armory's majestic Drill Hall.

If you plan on attending the groundbreaking ceremony, please RSVP by May 4 by calling 401.721.0723 or emailing info@arts-exchange.org.

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