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Come out to the Armory on **Saturday, October 15** for a party to celebrate *The Arts Exchange!* "Swingin' at the Armory" will be the Pawtucket Armory Association's first major fundraising event and the launch of its Capital Campaign. The party will feature swinging blues music by the [Duke Robillard Band](#), gourmet food stations from *Fine Catering by Russ Morin*, and a silent and live auction. Individual tickets start at \$100, and

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.

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If you happened to drive down Exchange Street in Pawtucket during the last month or two, you may have noticed some big things happening at the Pawtucket Armory, such as cranes, scaffolding, and huge dumpsters filled with rubble. This activity reflects the major changes taking place inside the building as well. The second phase of renovations to *The Arts Exchange*, which includes renovation of the Armory's "Castle" section, is rapidly nearing completion. This phase involves important updates to the building's life-safety systems, some exterior restoration, and preparations for the opening of Pawtucket's new public arts high school, the Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

The JMW School is scheduled to open on September 1st, and there are 40 students enrolled in its first freshman class. In addition to the traditional academic courses, these talented students will benefit from intensive studies in music, dance, theater, and visual arts. Congratulations to the Pawtucket School Department for having the vision and the will to create such an exciting and unique school!

sponsorship opportunities are available.

We'd love to send you an invitation, but we may not have your mailing address on file, so please write to info@arts-exchange.org or call 401.721.0723 to find out more. More information to come in our next eNewsletter.

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- **Events at The Arts Exchange (in the Drill Hall)**

September 9 – [Pawtucket Arts Festival](#) opening Gala from 6pm to 9pm.

September 11 – [Fusionworks](#) performs modern dance as part of the [Pawtucket Arts Festival](#) at 4pm.

October 7, 8, and 9 – Aurea presents *War Music*, a mosaic of theater and music based on Christopher Logue's contemporary retelling of *The Iliad*. Performance times to be announced.

October 15 - Pawtucket Armory Association's "Swingin' at the Armory" fundraising party to benefit *The Arts Exchange* (invitations to be sent in early September).

- **Contact Information**

The Pawtucket Armory Association office is currently located at 255 Main Street, Suite 206 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

For more information on our project and our Capital Campaign, please contact Executive Director Steve Kumins at steve@arts-exchange.org or 401.721.0723.