

Lafayette Performing Arts Center
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Community stakeholders in Lafayette have come together to envision a new performing arts center to replace the aging Heymann Performing Arts Center, which was constructed originally in 1960.

The consensus among stakeholders is that there are significant, structural limitations of the existing center, constructed in 1960, which prevents event promoters from bringing major artists and productions to the center.

The proposed new Lafayette Performing Arts Center (LPAC) would be located on a new site and accommodate at least the same size audiences and functions as the Heymann Center's 2,200 seat auditorium and convention center.

In all site options, the new center would include a multi-level parking structure to service the building during performances and events.

A new center is envisioned as creating significant new investment, activity, and attention for the urban core of Lafayette, with a site to be determined through a highest-and-best-use analysis.

A new state-of-the-art performing arts center would also help spur further community and economic development and the attraction of a talented and diverse workforce.

A project of Lafayette Consolidated Government in partnership with University of Louisiana at Lafayette, this project would cost approximately \$100 million and will be financed by \$75 million in Capital Outlay from the State of Louisiana and a local match of \$25 million from a time-limited one-cent sales tax in the City of Lafayette (likely for 1 year or less), which would go to a vote by the people of Lafayette, ideally during the November 2022 election.

A five-year window is envisioned from the formulation of project financing methods (2022) to construction completion and grand opening (2027).

It is critically important to reiterate that the final site selection decision will be derived with input from all community stakeholders and informed by a third-party expert feasibility analysis.