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Academy Players of RI Announces \$60,000 Grant from RISCA in State Cultural Facilities Program

*Awarded by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts,
the grant will be used to build the Academy Players Cultural Arts Center in Providence.*

PROVIDENCE, RI: The Academy Players of RI proudly announces themselves as the recipients of a competitive Cultural Facilities Grant in the amount of **\$60,000**. awarded by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. The grant will be used for upgrades to their current performance spacing revolutionizing it into a larger theatre and Cultural Arts Center.

The State Cultural Facilities Grant Program is a matching grant program meant to promote careful planning for capital improvement, preservation and renovation projects for public and nonprofit artistic, performance centers, historic sites, museums and cultural art centers located around the state. “Our Board of Directors would like to sincerely thank the Rhode Island State Council for the Arts, the Rhode Island Foundation, Ocean State Charitable Trust, and all our dedicated Academy family members and supporters for believing in our mission and plans for the future of our organization,” says Rita Maron, Academy Players of Rhode Island’s Artistic Director and CEO. “When we moved into our current space in 2014, we never imagined that we would outgrow it so soon. With this grant, we will be able to design a new building that is large enough to support all our artistic goals and create a space within the community where the arts can be celebrated.”

ABOUT RISCA'S STATE CULTURAL FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM:

The State Cultural Facilities Grant Program (SCFG) was created because state lawmakers and voters recognized that many significant cultural properties in our state need extensive repairs or restoration, and that these organizations contribute significantly to the state and local economy. These facilities and the organizations that enliven them contribute to the quality of life in Rhode Island and ensure that our arts and cultural activities continue to inspire new generations. Moreover, the arts and cultural sector creates jobs, stimulates tourism, and builds and revitalizes our downtowns, neighborhoods and communities throughout the state. *Learn more about RISCA and the State Cultural Facilities Grant Program [here](#).*

ABOUT THE ACADEMY PLAYERS OF RI

Academy Players was organized in 1955 by a group of enthusiasts in East Greenwich and has a substantial record of growth and achievement. The intent of The Academy Players is to provide the community with theatre on a high level to create civic pride in our organization, while offering a satisfying medium for those who participate. Academy Players is staffed by a dedicated team of members who volunteer to do everything from building sets to directing productions. Actors, directors and technical crew are recruited from throughout Rhode Island, eastern Connecticut and southern Massachusetts.

Learn more at www.AcademyPlayersRI.org

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