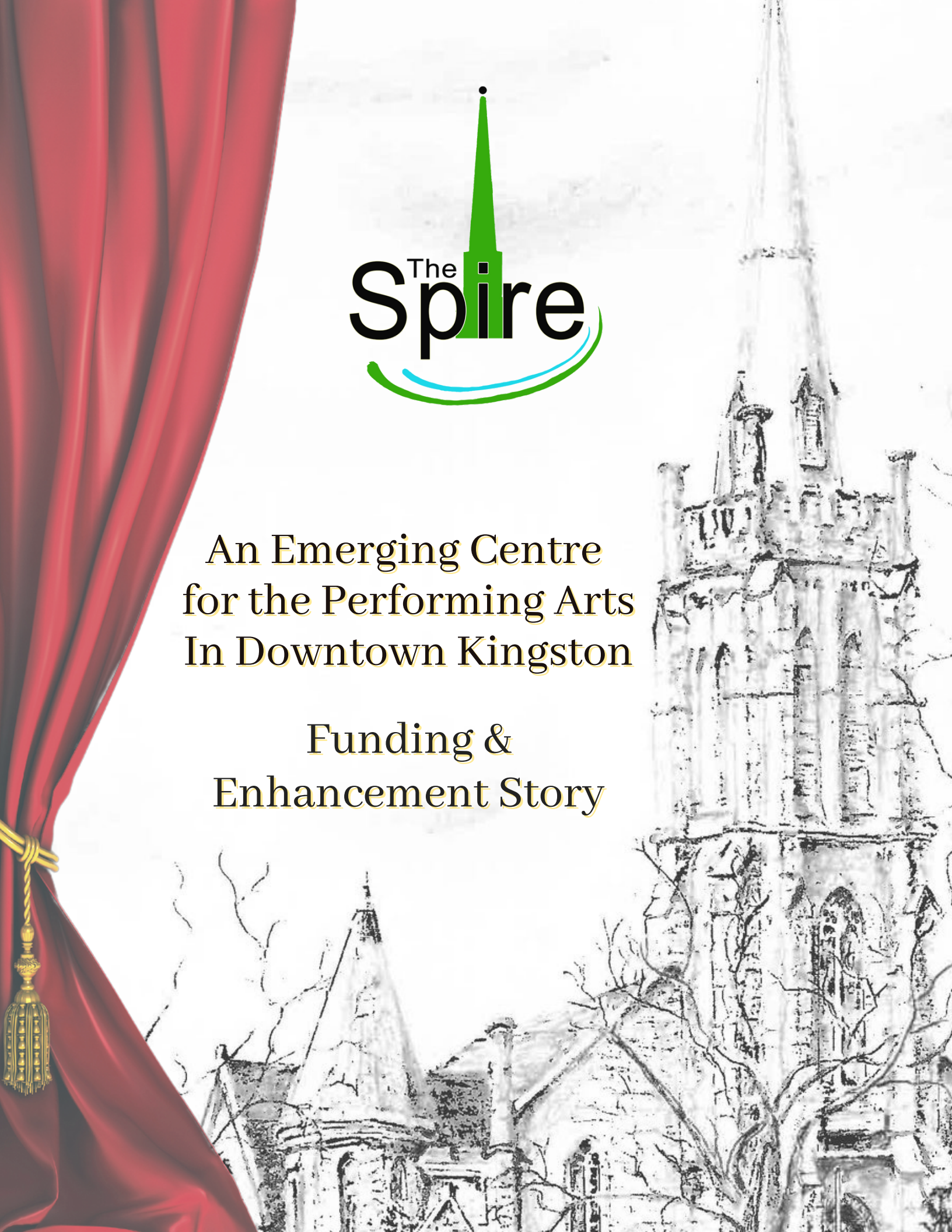




An Emerging Centre
for the Performing Arts
In Downtown Kingston

Funding &
Enhancement Story



Enhancement & Renewal



For 170 years, Sydenham Street United Church has functioned as a space for faith connection and celebration. This historic facility, now called The Spire, invites all people to celebrate within its walls in an environment of affirmation and love.

The Spire is a space for good and invites service organizations, community groups, and artists to use the historic building and create partnerships that will see the facility used and supported for generations to come.

The Spire has renovated and remodeled its interior spaces for community use and now hosts a variety of organizations that make Kingston a better and more vibrant city. Accessibility is always at the forefront; ramps, an elevator, and barrier free facilities have helped The Spire become a fully accessible venue for everyone.





A Vibrant Community

Dozens of organizations now call The Spire home, and the facility sees over a thousand users come through the door each week. The Spire hosts a wide range of groups, providing weekly, monthly, yearly, and single-day rentals.

A Community For All Ages

The Spire is home to senior groups, adult support groups, children's arts and tutoring organizations, summer camps, university clubs, and more. A typical day will see participants as young as three involved in tots music programs and seniors groups meeting for lunch and fellowship. The Spire is truly a place for all ages.

**AGES 6 - 14
REGISTER NOW**

MAGIC TREE HOUSE COLLECTION
PIRATES
Auditions are Jan 15th
Rehearsals on Thursdays 5:30-7:30
Performance March 1st

FALL-SPRING 2022-2023 PROGRAMS

LAUNCH POINT ACADEMY
Along, Ages 4-5
Pre, Ages 6-8
Pre, Ages 9-12
Pre, Ages 13-17
15th 2022 - April 29th 2023
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LEARN TO SWING DANCE

MONDAYS @7PM



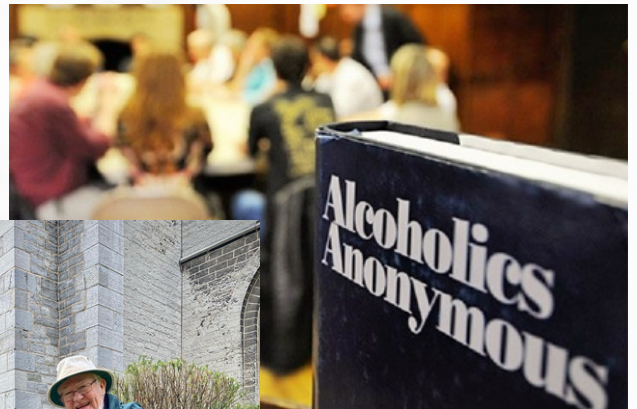
A Facility for Everyone

The Spire operates as a safe space for all gender identities and sexual orientations. This is codified in policy and training opportunities and presented through imagery on our building and social media.



A Facility for Community Good

The Spire hosts and presents ongoing positive work in the community. This includes Helen Tufts Child Outreach Program, multiple weekly AA meetings, a weekly food security program, a community garden, ongoing open meditation sessions, and much more. At the same time, The Spire offers affordable rentals to community arts organizations to provide opportunities for growth and foster not for profit development.





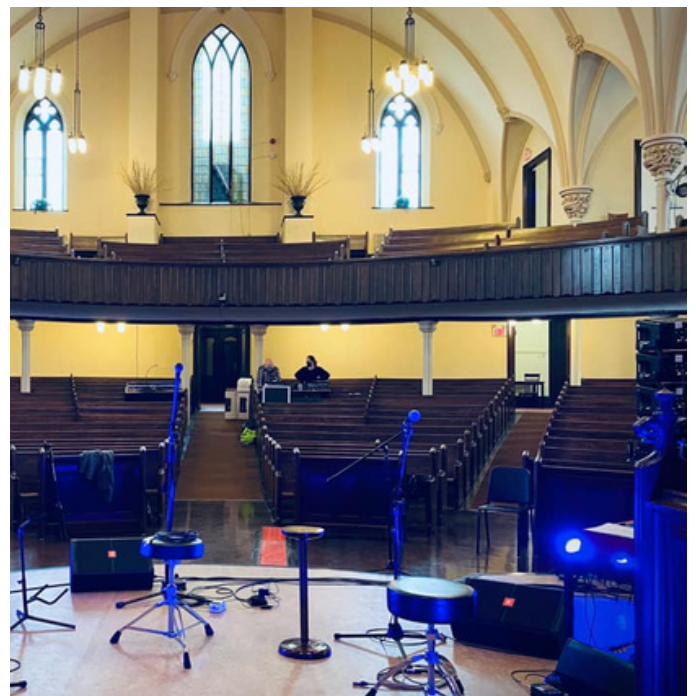
A Hub of Activity

On any given week, a special event can be found happening at the Spire; these events include rock concerts, orchestra presentations, community fundraisers, meditation sessions, choirs, political debates, author readings, faith events, theatre productions, and much more.

The Performance Hall

The Spire is working towards transforming the 750-seat sanctuary space into a centre for the performing arts.

The goal of the current phase of the upgrade is to install a sound and lighting system. This system will lower presentation costs while expanding production capabilities and capacity for both The Spire and the Kingston community as a whole.



Hall Enhancement

Theatrical sound, projections, and lighting are fundamental to the operation of any performance hall. At this time, all performance rentals must acquire and set up sound and lighting systems. A process that is expensive, laborious, and unable to provide the quality of a properly integrated and tuned system. To fully utilize the performance hall, The Spire must offer a professional-level production system that includes sound, projections, lighting, and now a streaming system.

These resources will allow The Spire to charge a greater rental fee and better fund this important facility into the future, while at the same time attracting users, and adding cultural capacity to the city,

Project Progress

The Production Development Committee is working with engineering and architectural firms to complete drawings and designs for equipment installation.

The team is working with a variety of production equipment vendors to begin the acquisition and installation processes.

At the same time, the development team has initiated the approval process with Heritage Kingston.



Mikaela Hughes
Architect Inc



Some of the Organizations that will Immediately Benefit from The System



Sydenham Street
United Church



Kingston
Choral
Society



The Spire & City Priorities

In 2021, the City of Kingston approved a Creative Industries Strategy, declaring that the growth of music and theatre capacity is fundamental for the economic and cultural development of our city. The Spire is perfectly poised to be an answer to this need and to provide a low-cost venue for the arts, particularly for music and theatre production. With your help, we can provide audio and visual systems that allow The Spire to become a central venue in the Kingston cultural landscape, and further its capacity for faith, community involvement, arts presentation, and artist development.

Thank You for Your Support

Together we can enhance a historic space in our city, ensure its survival and availability for future generations, and provide a state of the art performing arts venue to our community and its artists.

Estimated Total Project Cost.... \$446,347

Thank you for your time and consideration on this project

