

## APPENDIX H - ARTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES

### Arts Facilities Owned and Managed by Arlington County

#### 1) Gunston Arts Center, Theater One

Description: 420 seating capacity proscenium theater  
Use: Theater, Dance, Music, Schools  
Status: Joint Use Facility, minimum of 14 weeks of school use annually  
Renovation: 1991  
Condition: New lighting system; no load-in door; sight-lines not good, particularly for young audiences; no handicapped accessibility from auditorium to stage. The House is in good condition, although joint-use has accelerated wear and tear and increased maintenance costs. There are no toilets, showers, or dedicated dressing rooms.

#### 2) Gunston Arts Center, Theater Two

Description: Black box theater, 50–125 seating capacity  
Use: Primarily Theater  
Status: Joint Use Facility, however no school use  
Renovation: 2002  
Condition: Renovated in 2002, Theatre Two features an attractive lobby with box office, display cases, restrooms and concession booth. The Theatre has new lighting and sound systems. The dressing room/green room has changing stalls, storage lockers, and toilet and shower facilities. Storage is limited but adequate.

#### 3) Thomas Jefferson Theater

Description: 720 seating capacity proscenium theater with fly space & orchestra pit  
Use: Theater, Opera, Dance, Music, Schools  
Status: Joint Use Facility, minimum of 14 weeks school use annually, not available to Cultural fairs during the summer  
Constructed: 1972; improvements to lighting system in 1994; seating area replaced in 2002; orchestra pit cover replaced in 2003; lighting and rigging systems replaced in 2005.  
Condition: Dressing rooms not accessible to stage; orchestra pit is small and deep for opera use; limited storage space.

#### 4) Rosslyn Spectrum Theater

Description: 379 seating capacity thrust stage, no fly space  
Use: Music, Film/Video, Conference, Theater  
Status: Joint Use Facility, limited to evenings and Saturday afternoons  
Renovation: 1997, 2002  
Condition: While all systems are new, there are some inherent limitations to the Spectrum due to the design and operating agreements. The stage is small for theatre and too small for dance. Acoustically, the theatre is challenging for theatre but good for music. It is currently used for music, film & video, and as a conference facility.

### **5) National Rural Electric Cooperative Association**

Description: Large conference center, many possible configurations  
Use: Mixed use – usually Rehearsal, Education and Meetings  
Status: Managed by corporate entity, CAD access evenings and weekends  
Constructed: 1995  
Condition: No lighting as designated in Site Plan Agreement. The sound equipment is minimal, there is no back of house space and there is very limited storage.

### **6) Lubber Run Amphitheater**

Description: 1,200 seating capacity open-air amphitheatre  
Use: Summer Concerts and Performances  
Status: Managed by Arlington County  
Renovation: 1991  
Condition: Generally good condition. Lighting and electrical wiring is inadequate, and it is underground which limits accessibility for repair and/or replacement.

### **7) Theatre on the Run**

Description: 75 seating capacity open stage  
Use: Theatre  
Status: Owned and managed by Arlington County  
Renovation: 2001  
Condition: Theatre is equipped with items recycled from other Arlington County-run spaces. Dressing rooms are small without toilets or showers and lighting system is limited.

### **8) Clark Street Theatre**

Description: Black box theater built into approximately a 33,000 sq. ft warehouse, 125–150 seating capacity  
Use: Performances, Rehearsals, Scene shop, Offices  
Status: Purchased by Arlington County in 2003 or 2004, Washington Shakespeare Company leased building in 1995 and built theatre and other spaces in the facility.  
Renovation: Done over several years by Washington Shakespeare Company starting in 1995  
\*Note: The building housing this theatre is part of a public-private land deal and will close in 2006.

### **9) Lee Arts Center**

Description: Studios for ceramics, printmaking and tile works with mini-gallery  
Use: Visual Arts  
Status: Owned and managed by Arlington County  
Renovation: 2001

### **10) The Ellipse**

Description: 4,000 sq. ft. gallery suitable for receptions and small-scale performances  
Use: Visual and Small Performances  
Status: Owned and managed by Arlington County

## Arts and Cultural Facilities Not Owned and Managed but Partially Funded by the County

### 1) Arlington Arts Center

Description: Gallery and studio space

Use: Visual Arts, Exhibition, Studios and Education

Status: Building is owned by Arlington County but is independently operated by a non-profit organization.

Renovation: Major renovation 2005

### 2) Signature Theatre

Description: Black box theater, 125–150 seating capacity

Use: Performances, Rehearsals, and Theatre Offices

Status: Dedicated use by Signature Theatre. Signature will move into new facility developed by Arlington County, shared with Shirlington branch of Arlington Public Libraries in 2006.

Renovation: By Signature Theatre on occupancy in 1993

### 3) Classika/Synetic Theatre

Description: Storefront theater, up to 75 seating capacity, separate space for classrooms.

Use: Performance, Rehearsal, Classes and Theater Offices

Status: Dedicated use by Classika and Synetic Theatres. Leased by Classika from Federal Realty.

Renovation: By Classika on occupancy in 1999