



## BUILDING FACTS

### **BUILDING AGE**

Built in 1896; some later additions in the 1920's which will be removed during the restoration process. Building was abandoned in 1986, and was open to the elements for a number of years.

### **PRESERVATION REQUIRED TO DATE:**

Since 2003, the building has been structurally stabilized using exterior structural steel bracing; all doors and windows have been covered and closed; a temporary roofing membrane has been installed to stop water infiltration.

### **SIZE**

3 Floors - total approximately 20,000 square feet.

### **LOCATION**

123 Vine St., Fairmount, Indiana

### **CONSTRUCTION TYPE**

Load-bearing Masonry

### **RENOVATIONS NEEDED**

Interior will require a complete new structural steel frame; new concrete floor decks; exterior masonry will be repointed and sealed; new windows & doors; all new electrical, plumbing & HVAC system. Certain rooms will have original trim and accessories removed and restored, particularly the drama classroom and auditorium & stage area.

### **ROOMS**

Classrooms, library, auditorium, offices, studio actors workshop.

### **PLANS**

Architura Corporation, Indianapolis, IN has created a complete set of working drawings for the project.

### **COMPLETION TIME**

Total time for taking bids, obtaining permits, and doing the actual restoration work is estimated at two years. Work will not begin until the current fundraising campaign has secured adequate financing to make sure the project will be completed.

### **BUILDING DEVELOPER**

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### **RELATIONSHIP**

Fairmount Foundation Inc. has a Development Agreement with Historic Properties, Inc., whereby Historic Properties Inc. will manage the construction process and turn the building over upon completion, after which Fairmount Foundation will own the building outright.

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## PROGRAM FACTS

### MUSEUM

The museum will house a collection of original James Dean memorabilia, many items of which are now in private collections. The museum will occupy 1 or 2 former classrooms.

### COMMUNITY THEATER

The Fairmount community, and surrounding communities, will have access to the Center to use it for various amateur productions.

### ACTING WORKSHOPS

As currently envisioned, several week-long workshops will be offered throughout the year, geared to the education and coaching of young aspiring actors. This is the primary driving force of the creation of the Center - the perpetuation of the James Dean-inspired method acting style, particularly in relationship to young actors. A number of the Benefit Committee members will participate in leading these workshops, offering young actors the unparalleled opportunity of working alongside successful veteran performers.

### ABOUT FAIRMOUNT FOUNDATION

The Fairmount Foundation is a non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the preservation and reuse of the historic Fairmount High School as an appropriate tribute to the acting career of James Dean.