



Big news at Altoona Community Theatre! Our rehearsal hall is on the brink of a major transformation, and we need your help to bring it across the finish line. Thanks to a generous grant for building improvements from the T. Dean Lower and Jane Young Lower Trust, covering approximately 75% of the installation and materials, we're ready to replace the multi-color flooring that has outlived its useful life. The new Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) flooring will be installed in mid-December by Top 2 Bottom Commercial Interiors (T2B). **To reach 100% funding, we're asking our membership to help raise the remaining \$10,000 to make this a reality.**

This isn't just a simple flooring swap—it's an improvement that will enhance rehearsals, drama camps, and make our marketing videos and photographs more professional.

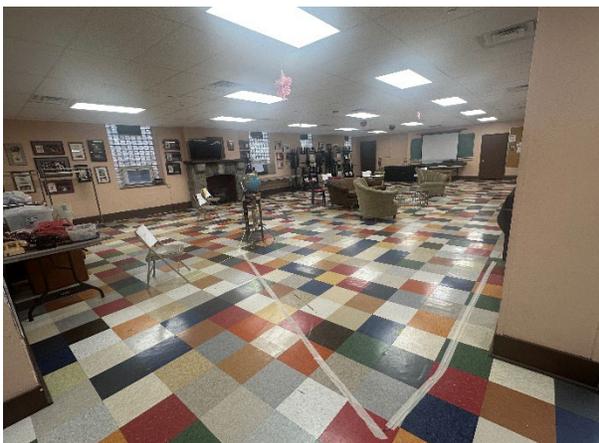
The LVT (which has 20 mL wear layer and a 10-year warranty) installation process includes a leveling compound that will prevent any further warping, protect the subfloor, and encapsulate the old 9x9 tiles and Masonite. The new solid-color surface will reduce visual noise, making rehearsal photography cleaner and more effective for marketing. It will also create a calmer environment for students in our summer drama camps and the Penguin Project by reducing visual distraction. Time spent in rehearsal will also get an additional boost because LVT is less acoustically reflective. Singers and actors will get a truer sense of their projection and vocal tone, offering a more accurate preview of how their performance on the Mishler stage. And with a dark brown center, approximately the size of the Mishler stage, bordered by a lighter "offstage" tone, the new layout will require less spike tape for laying out the set!

There are two different ways to financially support this project. [You can donate directly toward our \\$10,000 goal](#) OR, if you're feeling creative, you can also launch a peer-to-peer fundraiser! Share your talents by creating a piece of art, recording yourself singing a song, or showcasing another passion, then use your social media to inspire friends and family to give. ACT will provide you with a unique donation link so supporters can contribute on your behalf. Just email us and we'll get the link set up, and all you have to do is share it on your socials.

The other way to support the Rehearsal Hall Rescue is with your time and labor. Because in addition to the new flooring, we're giving the rehearsal hall a new coat of paint to create a cohesive space. The interior designer from T2B has recommended paint colors for the walls, columns, and base trim to go along with the new flooring. Starting December 7th, we'll need helping hands to take move all furniture and items out of the room and to prepare for painting. Beginning December 10th, volunteers will be needed to paint the walls and trim in the colors recommended by the T2B Interiors designer—shades chosen to beautifully complement the new flooring and elevate the overall ambiance of the room. [Sign up for a couple of hours at Sign Up Genius!](#)

This is a true all-hands-on-deck ACT General Membership project. Members can sign up for shifts to help remove and store the furniture or assist with prepping for painting, or for the painting itself. ACT has always been known for its incredible army of volunteers—hard-working, creative people who pour their talents into producing art backstage and onstage for our patrons at least four times a year. Now, it's time for us to take care of ourselves and invest that same passion into upgrading our own home base, a space we are so fortunate to own. As I always say: Many Hands Make Light Work—and truly, this transformation won't happen without YOUR help!

The rehearsal hall is the physical heart of our building: our main meeting room, a creative space, the rehearsal space, our Saturday night party space, and the gathering place for performers, families, and volunteers alike. We all benefit from having a refreshed, welcoming, and functional space. Let's come together to make this upgrade happen for an important space for our community!



The current rehearsal hall at ACT



Concept rendering of completed renovation