

Dear BFA Alumni:

Welcome to the BFA Alumni website. The site was the work of Armand Messier, BFA choral director, the BFA administration and the BFA Alumni Association Executive Committee. I expect that this fledging website will continue to grow offering you information about your alma mater, members of your graduating class and class reunion information.

Presently, the Alumni Association Executive Committee is putting together a newsletter that will be mailed to nearly 12,000 alumni whose names appear in the 2005 Bellows Free Academy Alumni Directory. We expect that the first mailing will be this spring. It will include pertinent information about how BFA has changed since your graduation. You should know a lot has happened over the past twenty-five years with facility development, academic program expansion and BFA's change from an independent school to a public school. More on these changes will be forthcoming in the newsletter and on the website.

Currently, the BFA Alumni Association awards annual scholarships to graduating students from alumni investments generated over the years from bank stocks. We want to grow this fund to increase the amount of each award and to increase the number of scholarships awarded. You can make a contribution to this fund using the process indicated on this website.

A second project that the Executive Committee supports is the renovation of the auditorium that started this June (2010). The plan calls for an expanded stage area to allow more BFA fine arts programs to use this area for audience presentations, provide new dressing facilities – never provided - , a space for building sets for drama presentations, upgraded lighting and sound system and new seating. The budget for this project is 2.4 million dollars. BFA has approximately 1.8 million dollars from the capital fund to start the project. The remaining monies will be raised from donations, grants and a bond. If you are excited about this project and want to contribute to help with its funding you can using the process indicated on the website for your donation. This is a great project and long overdue.

I am excited that you have found this website and that you will visit often to keep posted on alumni activities and what's happening at BFA. Again, thanks for becoming a member of the BFA Alumni Association. Our goal is to reinvigorate the long dormant Alumni Association.

Yours truly,

Reginald R Godin '56, Chairperson
BFA Alumni Association Executive Committee