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Fairmount Center for the Arts Moves Forward with Figgie Foundation Gift

Novelty, Ohio – March 11, 2019 - Fairmount Center for the Arts is excited to announce an award from the Figgie Foundation which has allowed the organization to complete payoff of its mortgage. “This gift is another way which the Foundation is honoring Matthew P. Figgie,” shared Board President Rick Solon who knew Figgie since 1975.

“Matthew helped Fairmount Center for the Arts get back on solid footing both operationally and financially and this payoff was part of the commitment he wanted to make to ensure the arts remain part of this community for generations to come,” continued Solon.

Matthew P. Figgie was the former Board President and Cleveland philanthropist and business leader who passed away unexpectedly in August 2018.

The Fairmount Center for the Arts Board of Directors is thrilled at this recent gift and grateful for this significant gift from the Figgie Foundation which continues to move Fairmount Center for the Arts forward with its mission of “fostering a love for the arts.”

Executive Director Jeannie Fleming-Gifford completed all official paperwork this week to complete the transaction. The organization will have a public celebration marking this milestone later this spring.

Under Board and Fleming-Gifford’s leadership, the organization has shown significant growth in enrollment (up 54% from fall 2018 compared to fall 2017) and revenue (an increase of over 97% from fall 2018 to fall 2017). “In the short time I knew Matthew, he was one of the most generous souls I have ever met and the impact of this gift certainly will move Fairmount forward in its work in the arts. We are truly grateful,” shared Fleming-Gifford.

About Fairmount Center for the Arts

For nearly 50 years, Fairmount Center for the Arts has provided classes, workshops, community performances, and opportunities in music, dance, theatre, visual arts and fitness. Fairmount is proud to be recognized in 2017 and 2018 by Cleveland Magazine as “Best of the East for Dance/Theatre Instruction.” The winter/spring session of programs began January 14th and summer camp registration is now open as well.

For more information or to register for classes, visit www.fairmountcenter.org, call 440.338.3171, or stop in at 8400 Fairmount Rd., Novelty, Ohio 44072.

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