

In the Spotlight...

SAINT JAMES PLACE

ART | CREATIVITY | COMMUNITY

Our Mission – Created to save the historic St. James church complex from demolition and Create a Cultural Center to support local arts organizations and audiences. Using the central location in downtown Great Barrington SJP provides year-round community programs, enhancing the cultural economy.

Our Background – A 6-year Design and build process began in 2010 and culminated in opening Saint James Place in January 2017, transforming the former Episcopal Church into permanent performance space for the arts. This transformation process created 3 unique performance areas for dance, music, theatre, along with lectures, meetings and classes. Facilities include 5 rentable offices, 2 dressing rooms, a commercial kitchen to support receptions and galas.

The physical space was restored with a sensitivity to preserve the original architecture and design while installing current systems.

All electrical, HVAC, plumbing were replaced while state of the art infrastructure supports artists and audiences in experiencing the best in live performances. The excellent acoustics for musical performance have been preserved with an adaptation for the spoken word.

Our Blueprint for Success – Saint James Place has saved the buildings for the next 150 years. Structural issues have been painstakingly remediated. A maintenance plan is in place to preserve the building. As the first year draws to a close, 26 distinct organizations have used spaces in Saint James Place, with a total projected to exceed 58 space utilization events by year's end. This has been a strong inaugural year with 5 original works holding world premieres in the space.

SJP seeks to create a sustainable business model by seeking a wide variety of revenue streams which would include weddings.

Saint James Place is proud to have designed, built and donated a permanent home, free of charge to the People's Pantry of Great Barrington in gratitude for their dedicated contribution to those in need in our community.

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