

## TAKE A SEAT Donor Form

Seat Choices (All seating on orchestra level: left, right and center)

Category	Location	Price per Seat	Quantity	Total
Founder	Front Section	\$500	_____	\$ _____
Innovator	Middle Section	\$300	_____	\$ _____
Sustainer	Rear Section	\$150	_____	\$ _____

### Important dedication and plaque information:

- One plaque per seat
- Print exact wording for each plaque
- Maximum of **50 characters** per plaque (includes spaces and punctuation)
- Make copies of this form to order additional seats

### SEAT 1 DEDICATION:

Plaque wording: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Please notify honoree or honoree's family of my donation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### SEAT 2 DEDICATION:

Plaque wording: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Please notify honoree or honoree's family of my donation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Underwriter Levels

Diamond: \$10,000       Silver: \$2,500

Gold: \$5,000       Bronze: \$1,000

We will contact you regarding donor recognition options.

**Other Take a Seat Donation in any amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Take a Seat Contribution \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### Donor & Payment Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form with check payable to:

Achieve Foundation, Take A Seat

P.O. Box 84, Maplewood, NJ 07040

To pay by credit card or PayPal, go to [www.achievefoundation.com](http://www.achievefoundation.com).

- Complete this form and return separately or send *all* information requested via e-mail to [info@achievefoundation.com](mailto:info@achievefoundation.com).
- For credit card orders, click "Update my total" to process your donation.
- For Paypal, note *Take a Seat* in comments box.

Please ask your employer about corporate gift-matching.

For further information: 973-378-2055 or [info@achievefoundation.com](mailto:info@achievefoundation.com)

## Everyone Can Get Into the Act

### CHS-Related Performing Arts Activities:

All-School Musical	Music Marathon
Brass Ensemble	Musical Diversity Club
Chamber Choir	Parnassian Drama Society
Chamber Orchestra	Pit Orchestra
Concert Band	Shakespeare Festival
Concert Chorale	Special Dance Group
Friday Night Live	Stage Crew
Guitar Club	String Orchestra
Half Step Up Singers	Symphonic Band
Jazz Ensemble	TV Arts Program
Magic Club	Wind Ensemble
MLK Club Choir	

### Support Your Local Education Foundation

The Achieve Foundation (formerly SOMEF) promotes exemplary public education for all students and educators in our community. An independent, 501(c)(3), volunteer organization, Achieve raises money to enrich the learning experience in all nine schools of the South Orange & Maplewood District. Achieve supports classroom grants, volunteer tutors, professional development, family support and facility improvements.

Information filed with the Attorney General concerning this charitable solicitation and the percentage of contributions received by the charity during the last reporting period that were dedicated to the charitable purpose may be obtained from the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey by calling 973-504-6215 and is available on the internet at <http://www.stme.nj.us/lps/ca/charfrm.htm>. Registration with the Attorney General does not imply endorsement.



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### Take a Seat Campaign Committee

Honorary Chairperson: **Christine Ebersole**

Co-chairs: Thea Okin and Jean Campbell

Tricia Benn	Eileen Collins Neri	Diane Simon
Patti Coleman	Janet Crane	Avis Spann
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Deborah Prinz, Achieve Foundation Executive Director

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# Please, Take Your Seats!



The Show Must Go On  
At Columbia High School

# Now's Your Chance to be a Part of CHS History



## With Tony Award-winner Christine Ebersole

as Honorary Chairperson, the Achieve Foundation is undertaking the **Take a Seat** campaign to raise \$350,000 to complete the restoration of Columbia High School's classic auditorium. This initiative will pay for architectural details and upgrades to the sound system, seating, lighting, and flooring.

The New Jersey Arts Education Partnership and the Department of Education recently named Columbia a Model School in the Arts. Many notable performers took the Columbia stage as students, including Frank Langella, Lauryn Hill, Roy Scheider, Andrew and Elizabeth Shue, and Zach Braff. Boasting special features such as its rare E.M. Skinner pipe organ, Columbia's auditorium is home to an acclaimed performing arts program that engages hundreds of promising musicians, dancers, actors and stage crew annually.

The impressive hall has been in constant use since 1927 and needs a complete makeover. Due to current restrictions on public school funding, the school district is limited to tackling only the essential refurbishments. The Achieve Foundation has already provided \$38,000 to develop a comprehensive feasibility plan, restore entry doors, and purchase new stage and window curtains.

Ms. Ebersole is committed to seeing the auditorium restored to its former grandeur so that her children and countless others can benefit from the extraordinary performance space. Once restored, the auditorium will add enormous value to performing arts education at Columbia High School. It will be a great source of pride for students and faculty, and as one of the largest venues in the area, it will serve as a hub for community cultural events for years to come.



**Dedicate a seat** in the restored auditorium with a permanent plaque to honor or commemorate a student, family, faculty member, graduating class, special occasion or event.

**Underwriting opportunities** for stage restoration, sound system and lighting are also available, with naming rights for major donations.

### Orchestra seats with plaques:

- FOUNDER: \$500 – front center and sides
- INNOVATOR: \$300 – middle center and sides
- SUSTAINER: \$150 – rear center and sides

### Underwriter levels:

- DIAMOND: \$10,000 and above
- GOLD: \$5,000
- SILVER: \$2,500
- BRONZE: \$1,000



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