



December 29, 2004

Dear Patrons of the Arts,

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The Brookline Community Center for the Arts (BCCA) is a non-profit organization created to cultivate and encourage artistic expression in the community. Over the past year and a half, we have involved over 5,500 people throughout the community in our programs, employed over 270 artists, and carved out a unique place within the Brookline artistic landscape. We offer a wide array of programs for all ages and abilities. From Argentine Tango classes to Flamenco, Samurai Taiko Drumming to Irish Céili, Scottish Highland, and three types of Classical Indian dance. We host Tap dance jams, Break Dancing and martial arts competitions, community meetings, and much more – There is something for everyone!

We would like to extend a personal invitation to attend our upcoming fundraising events on **Wednesday, December 29th, 7:30 p.m. – A live swing & jitterbug concert by The Love Dogs, with lessons & demo by The Kamikaze Jitterbugs, Idy Codington & Bob Thomas**, and on **Sunday, January 2nd, 7:30 p.m. – A Folk, Opera & Classical Benefit Concert** by some of the finest in Boston. Our fundraising week of Dec. 16 – 19 raised \$8,000 and we are very thankful.

The purpose of these benefit events is to help raise the necessary funds to purchase our building and secure a permanent home in Brookline. Our lease has expired and our landlord has put the building up for sale. **In order to avoid eviction, we must raise another \$7,500 (\$42,500 raised so far!) and complete the building purchase agreement by January 1, 2005** (lowering our expenses by \$8,000/month). To finalize the purchase **we need a strong co-signer or buyer. Additionally, we must raise \$40,000 by January 31 to complete handicap renovations** mandated by the state. **To date over \$650,000 has been raised to make this wonderful center possible** – we are only a few steps away now.

Please be a key player in our future, and help us continue to cultivate artistic enrichment – Save the BCCA! We look forward to your participation.

You may help by sending a donation to the BCCA, contributing online at www.BCCAonline.com/support/, forwarding this information and website address to others who may like to get involved, or learning about our programs through attendance at the aforementioned upcoming fundraising events. Additionally, I would appreciate any input and advice to further the preservation of this community resource – Please contact me at (617) 970-1444.

I would like to further state that, as the treasurer and clerk of the BCCA I am guaranteeing that all donations collected for the Building Fund, as of November 24, 2004, will only be utilized to secure our tenancy and purchase option, and when that is accomplished, the remainder will be used to complete the handicap access requirements. **In the event that we lose our option to buy and are asked to vacate the premises, we will issue you a complete refund.**

Sincerely,

Dan Yonah Marshall, Artistic Director