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and electrical systems, and renovate former classrooms to create gallery space, artist studios and arts classrooms.

“While the plans for programming within the space aren’t completely set in stone, the plans are to host a juried exhibition space, along with community rental rooms, art rooms for adult art classes, arts/STEAM after-school clubs, youth vacation camps, artist studio rental rooms, ceramics studios, and a wood shop/makers space,” Padilla said.

The effort to turn the former school into an arts center will keep the historic property accessible to the public.

Cogswell’s proximity to the newly completed Bradford Rail Trail along the city’s riverfront will provide easy walking or biking access between the arts center and Haverhill’s expanding downtown.

The Cogswell building is



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**Artist Debbie Shirley works on a painting in a classroom at the old the Cogswell School building.**

also within walking distance of two MBTA commuter train stations with direct access to the Boston arts scene, with multiple trips each day. Amtrak’s DownEaster commuter train also makes daily stops not far from the old school.

The capital campaign’s latest fundraising event is “Bach

to Broadway” — a concert of classical and musical theater vocal selections to be performed June 15 at the Renaissance Golf Club, 377 Kenoza St. Proceeds from the event will count towards the matching grant amount.

The concert will feature classical vocal selections and songs from musical

theater catalogs. Eight professional musicians from the Haverhill area will perform songs including, “Till There Was You,” written by Meredith Willson for the musical play “The Music Man” (1957); “Almost Real” from the “Bridges of Madison County”; the classic Italian aria “O Mio Babbino Caro” (“O My Beloved Papa”) from the opera Gianni Schicchi (1918) by Giacomo Puccini; and a libretto by Giovacchino Forzano.

Featured performers include Aliana de la Guardia, Susan Consoli, Lauren Sprague, Sara Sturdivant, Heather Butler, Risa Annicchiaro, Jennifer Onello and 13-year-old Jonathan Uber. The event will offer light refreshments and a silent auction from 6 to 7 p.m. Musical performances are from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Tickets, at \$40 per person or \$75 for a pair, can be purchased at [bachtobroadway-reinventcogswell.eventbrite.com](http://bachtobroadway-reinventcogswell.eventbrite.com).

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