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Eyedrum completes build-out of expanded space New stage to host performances starting in October

ATLANTA — Following a record-breaking fundraiser to acquire the space, Eyedrum Art & Music Gallery has now completed the initial build-out phase of its expanded performance area.

The expansion includes 3,000 additional square feet and a professional-quality stage and lighting. With it, Eyedrum is set to elevate its innovative programming while supporting the Southeast's burgeoning artists with an expanded, fully equipped venue.

The first performance in the new space was held in late September, but Eyedrum's all-volunteer board of directors focused on making it available for *SWITCH*, a venue-defining event that includes more than 30 artists and two theatrical stage productions.

Several local companies contributed to the build-out. **Sean McCormick** and his **Moonlight Wood Floors** donated the labor to build the wood flooring surface of the new stage. Special thanks to **Jenna Novic** of Moonlight for her work. **Custom Wholesale Floors** in Clarkston donated over \$1,000 in flooring materials used by the Moonlight crew.

Dennis Coburn donated a dozen stage light fixtures and a complete stage lighting control system after he had to shut down his **Art Farm** venue in Cabbagetown last year to make way for a condo development. In addition, **Scott Whitfield** of **Imagination & Technology** in Norcross donated nearly two dozen stage lighting fixtures.

Braden Fellman, which owns the building where Eyedrum is located, was also instrumental in helping the venue expand, offering a discounted rate for the otherwise marginally usable industrial space.

Board member Chris Campbell was key in planning and executing the build-out, putting his engineering background to use for a multitude of drafting and wiring projects, plus plain old manual labor. "We've been slowly planning and building this space all year and we're all overjoyed — and exhausted. Now that it's all done, we can finally put it to use."

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