

**Who is involved? ..... The 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) organization called the Friends of the Audi and the City of Concord's public properties overseers**

The Friends of the Concord City Auditorium, called "The Friends of the Audi," is an umbrella over all the users of the theater. They work in partnership with the City of Concord to preserve and maintain the historic municipal stage and foster its affordable and accessible use for the benefit of everyone in the community. The City's General Services Department oversees the facility and the Parks and Recreation Department manages the booking of the theater.

**What is involved? ..... A special and unique public-private partnership focused exclusively on the City Auditorium**

**Where is it? ..... The Audi, as it is affectionately called, is part of the City Hall complex and has its main entrance on Prince Street**

The City Hall Complex -- including the City Hall and the City Auditorium -- is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "The City Hall is a "contributing property" within the Concord Civic District, which was entered in the National Register on December 22, 1983.

**When.....did this partnership start? It started in 1991 when the number and kind of Audi needs became a long and expensive list. Community members worked with City Hall personnel to save the Audi. An all-volunteer group incorporated that year, and still today it continues to restore, renovate, and expand that historic performing arts hall. A more formal document called the MOU (memorandum of understanding) between the City of Concord and the Friends of the Auditorium has existed and been annually updated since 2003.**

**The Friends of the Audi are kicking off a \$100,000 fund-raising drive starting this month. Monies raised will restore almost 900 Audi seats. The reaction to sitting on the seats will move from "ouch" to "aaah." We will continue to report to you monthly on the status of the Audi Seat Restoration Project.**