

## **SCHMIDT ASSOCIATES DESIGNING NEW MUSIC BUILDING AT PURDUE**

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24, 2011 -- [Schmidt Associates](#) is designing a new building for [Purdue Musical Organizations](#) on the Purdue University Campus in West Lafayette. The new \$8 million 24,000-square foot building will be constructed at the southeast corner of Grant Street and Northwestern Avenue. Construction is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2013.

Purdue has a tradition of excellence in vocal ensembles, beginning with the Purdue Varsity Glee Club (started in 1893) and the Purduettes, (started in 1942). In addition, the current Purdue Musical Organizations also include the University Choir, Purdue Bells, Heart and Soul, and the All Campus and Community Chorale. Students present more than 120 performances each year.

The new building will provide a space large enough for all ensembles to rehearse together as well as smaller practice rooms, space for collaborating with campus and community groups, and office and storage space.

“The various groups perform so many off-campus concerts as musical ambassadors for the university, we are configuring the site to accommodate charter buses and the trucks that carry musical instruments,” said Sarah Hempstead, AIA LEED AP, a principal with Schmidt Associates. “In addition the building will display the Purdue Musical Organizations’ rich heritage and will have a student commons to allow students to relax or study between practices.”

The new facility will be named Bailey Hall in honor of Ralph and Bettye Bailey who pledged more than \$4.5 million for the facility. The facility will be entirely funded by gift funds.

Purdue Musical Organizations was founded in 1933. For more than 70 years, student rehearsal spaces and music director offices have been housed throughout Purdue’s Elliott Hall of Music. Until the new building is completed, rehearsal spaces and offices have been relocated to University Church near campus.

Schmidt Associates is an award-winning Indianapolis-based planning, architecture and engineering design firm.