MacEwan University’s main stage theatre named in recognition of Triffo family

Edmonton – MacEwan University is pleased to announce that the university’s proscenium theatre will be called the Triffo Theatre in recognition of Ron and Dorothy Triffo’s generous donation toward the university’s newest building, Allard Hall, known during its construction as the Centre for Arts and Culture.

“The Triffo Family are enthusiastic supporters of the arts,” said Deborah Saucier, president, MacEwan University. “Educating the next generation of visual artists, musicians, actors, stage managers, curators and volunteer coordinators requires special dedicated facilities and Triffo Theatre plays a huge part in that.”

Ron Triffo, P.Eng., is Chairman Emeritus for Stantec Inc. and is a distinguished and honoured engineer, businessman and community leader. He is well known for his leadership roles with provincial and national organizations spanning the private, public and professional service fields. He and his wife Dorothy are renowned for their passionate support for Edmonton and Alberta institutions and philanthropic causes.

“The Triffo family is proud to support MacEwan University,” said Ron Triffo, “especially its students in the performing arts. The arts are essential to a vibrant, dynamic and thoughtful community. We are delighted to help provide a learning environment that is both innovative and inspiring.”

The Triffo Theatre is a 415-seat, purpose-built teaching theatre with state-of-the-art technology that will serve as a year-round classroom for students in the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications. Triffo Theatre will host a variety of theatrical and musical performances and will be integral to graduating well-rounded, future-ready students in visual and performing arts, Design Studies, and Arts and Cultural Management.

“The generosity of Ron and Dorothy Triffo is so important to MacEwan University and our students,” said President Saucier. “Their gift will help us to continue to be a destination for arts inclined students across the country. It will allow us to build on our already fantastic academic programming.”

MacEwan University is grateful for the Triffo family’s generous contribution, which is one of the largest gifts to the building capital campaign.

The official opening of Allard Hall takes place September 27 with the first performance in Triffo Theatre on November 23.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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