

The Lowell Mason House

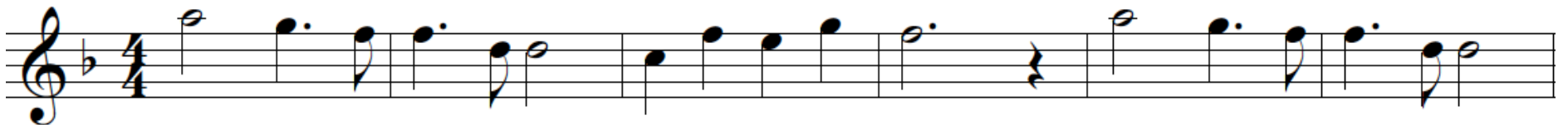
Lowell Mason (1792 – 1872)

Birthplace of “The Father of American Public School Music Education”

59 Green Street

Medfield, Massachusetts 02052

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The Lowell Mason House – An Introduction

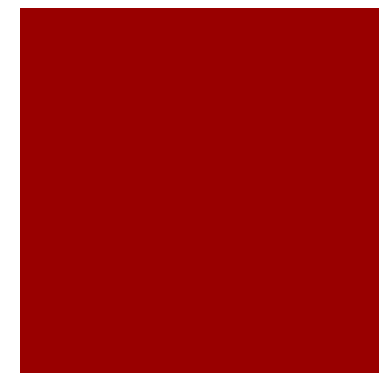
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Who was Lowell Mason?

- Lowell Mason (1792-1872) was the Founder of American public school music education. He opened singing schools believing that *“children should be taught music as they are taught to read.”* In the 1800s, Mason traveled to schools in Massachusetts, as well as the rest of the Northeast, the South and the Midwest advocating for the importance of music education in schools.
- Lowell Mason was also an early American composer, arranger, and publisher of sacred and secular music and published many influential singing books that had a national audience.

Why is Lowell Mason’s birthplace home important?

- It is a significant building in the history of the town of Medfield, Massachusetts, one of the first inland American communities, settled 29 years after the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock in 1620. Beams in its original construction date back to 1651.
- It was moved around in the town from its original site on North Street, to Adams Street, and, in 2011, to its present location at 59 Green Street. The House was already decades old when Mason was born in 1792.



Mission Statement

- The Mission of the Lowell Mason House is to create and program an active space for music making and music education advocacy, within Lowell Mason's historic original birthplace.
- The Lowell Mason House will serve as a major innovation center for music education. It will offer a diverse selection of musical instruction, performance, wellness, and educational programming to the wider community.
- It will honor Lowell Mason's legacy by encouraging artistic expression and promoting the value of music education both locally and nationally. It will also celebrate the important contributions that Lowell Mason made to other aspects of American music, including sacred music, musical composition, and music publishing.



PROJECT INFORMATION

- **Our vision:**

- Utilize this architecturally significant house to promote Lowell Mason's legacy
- Support music education, music therapy and music ministry through innovative music education advocacy programming encompassing instruction, performances, publications, and wellness education

- **Financial support since April 2023:**

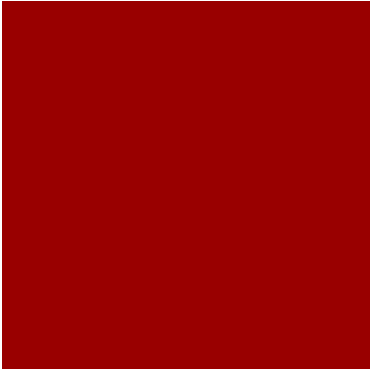
- Receipt of a Mass Cultural Council "Feasibility and Technical Assistance Grant" for \$35,000. This grant supports the architectural planning, drawings, permitting, and general design and usage consultation for the building.
- Receipt of a gift of \$300,000 from Gladys Stone Wright of West Lafayette, Indiana that creates the "Al and Gladys Wright Innovation Center for Music Education at the Lowell Mason House". This will support continued renovations to the building and expand Lowell Mason House program offerings.
- Joining Philanthropy Massachusetts as an important step in the research of future funding possibilities for the Lowell Mason House.
- Implementing an improved fiscal year budget process.

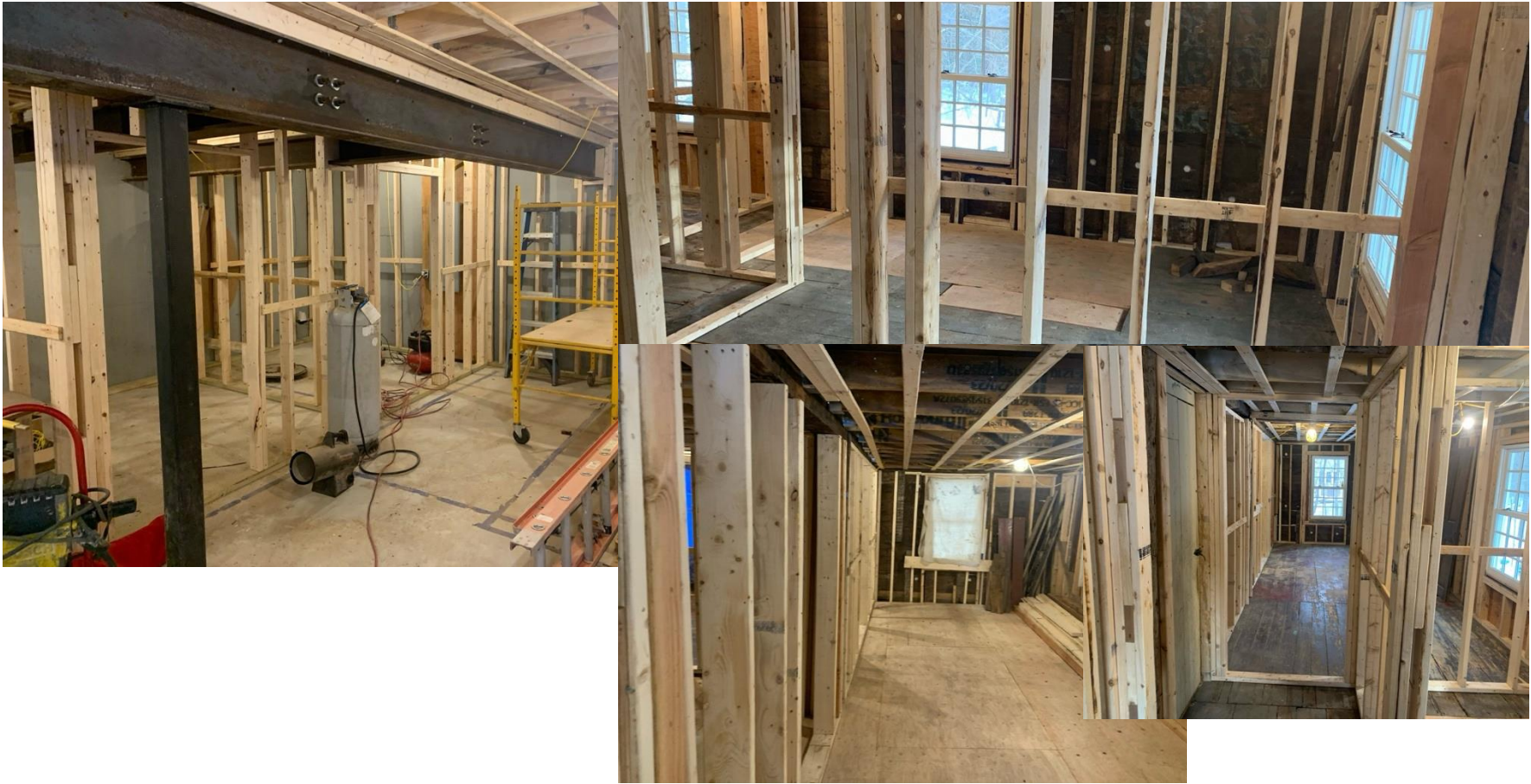


Project Information (cont.)

- **What has been completed?**

- Full interior wall framing and ceiling strapping for all three levels of the building.
- Rear Garden Level access door widened, lowered and replaced to improve ADA-access compliance to the lowest level of the building from the outside.
- Exterior of the building completed based on a mid-1700's historical theme. Has new siding, windows, doors, roof, stairs, and painting.
- Electricity, water, gas, and sewer utilities connected
- Building supports and beaming have been upgraded as interior is renovated. Collaboration with structural engineer.
- Music Education Innovation Competition held for the fourth year with prize winners from across the country.





New Wall Framing

Left to Right: Garden Level Meeting and Utility Rooms; Floor 2 Rear-Right Practice Room C; Floor 1 Back Gathering Room; Floor 2 Rear-Left Practice Room B

Project Information (cont.)

- **Work in process:**
- Work with architect for building plans, especially with ADA compliant addition and elevator, drawings, permitting, and general project consultation.
- Collaborating with interior design and historical construction consultants.

Occupancy requirements.

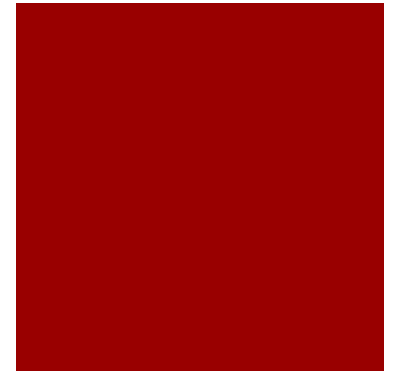
- Planning Lowell Mason House lot size and future landscaping/parking.
- Working with Medfield TV producing a documentary about the house as well as various video to use in promotion.



Front-Right Gathering Room, Floor 1

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- **WORK TO BE COMPLETED ON THE HOUSE:**
 - Select and install green heating/cooling/HVAC system, plumbing, permanent electrical system, fire suppression, and other building infrastructure.
 - Installation of Insulation, interior walls with blue board skim coat, ceilings, subfloors and floors, doors, doorbells, woodwork, painting and staining.
 - Installation of such necessities as acoustical panels, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, stair upgrades, interior lighting, infrastructure controls, elevator, handicapped access ramps and rear retaining walls.
 - Order and install room specific equipment for four music practice rooms, three ADA-compliant restrooms, a historical collections room, a chamber music performance, meeting and gathering room, a garden level meeting room/performance space, and a kitchenette.
 - Installation of Internet infrastructure such as wireless router, etc.
 - Exterior grading, installation of driveways and parking, landscaping, and walkways, and appearance applications such as faux foundation coverings.



Project Information (cont.)

- **EXPECTED IMPACT:**

- The Lowell Mason House is a source of community pride for the town of Medfield, Massachusetts. The community enjoys historic and cultural significance to public school music education. Medfield has a long and rich history of school music education, beginning with Lowell Mason, the first US public school music educator, along with many major music educators, and professional musicians from the town. The local school music program has been recognized nationwide.
- The Lowell Mason House will be open for its historical collections, music education research, and will sponsor and host concerts, be available to students and others for field trips, research, practice space and music lessons. It will extend school music outside the classroom and into the community.



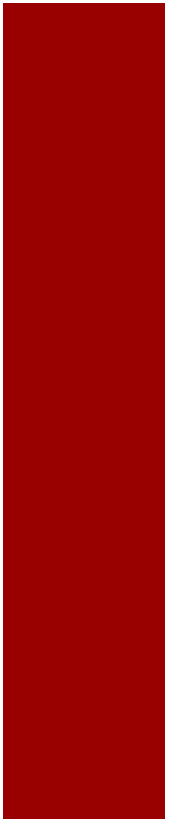
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Early Moving Photos

Left to Right: House on the move, 4/19/2011; House dragged by truck; House stopped near Lowell Mason Road; Top-House on its foundation in its old colors and windows



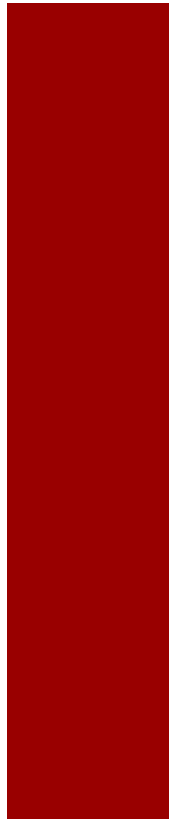
Gun Stock Post and Framing

Left to Right: Gun Stock Post; Wooden Peg Joining Room Rafter;
Attic Framing Dating to 1651; Original Framing Ceiling / First
Floor



Beams and Joists

Left to Right: Steel Beams in Basement;
Crooked Ceiling Joists; Wall and
Ceiling Framing; Wood Pegged Wall
Framing





Outside - Front of Lowell Mason House - Recently Hydroseeded



Outside - Front of Lowell Mason House with Sign



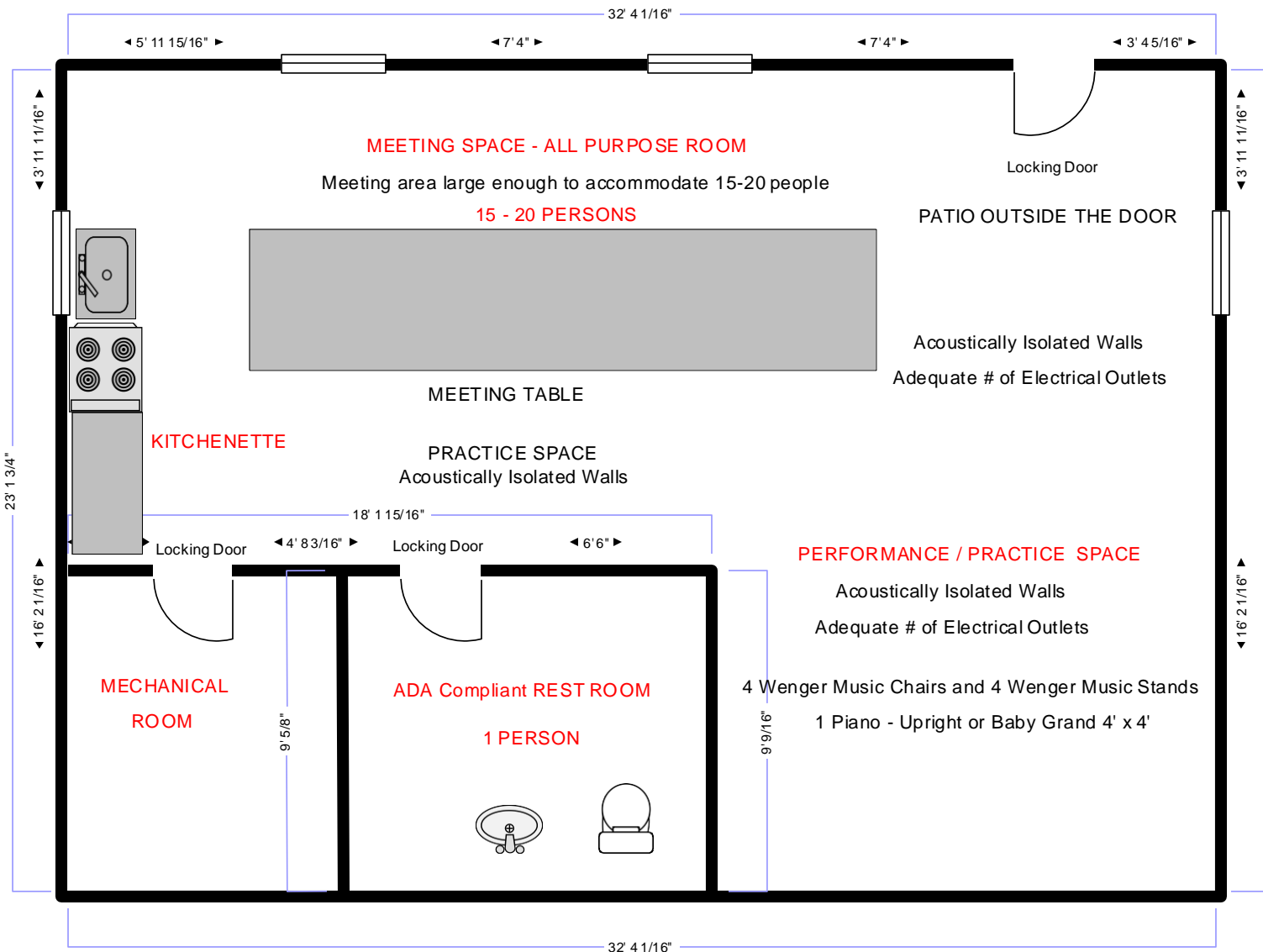
Outside of LMH – LeP Front, LeP Side



Outside of LMH – LeP Back, LeP Side



Outside of LMH – Right Back, Right Side



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Level 1 - Garden Level (Basement) rev. 7.20.2024

Inside – Level 1 – Garden Level Floor Plan and Room Usage



Inside – Level 1 – Garden Level – UUtility Room



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Inside – Level 1 – Garden Level – ADA Compliant Restroom 1



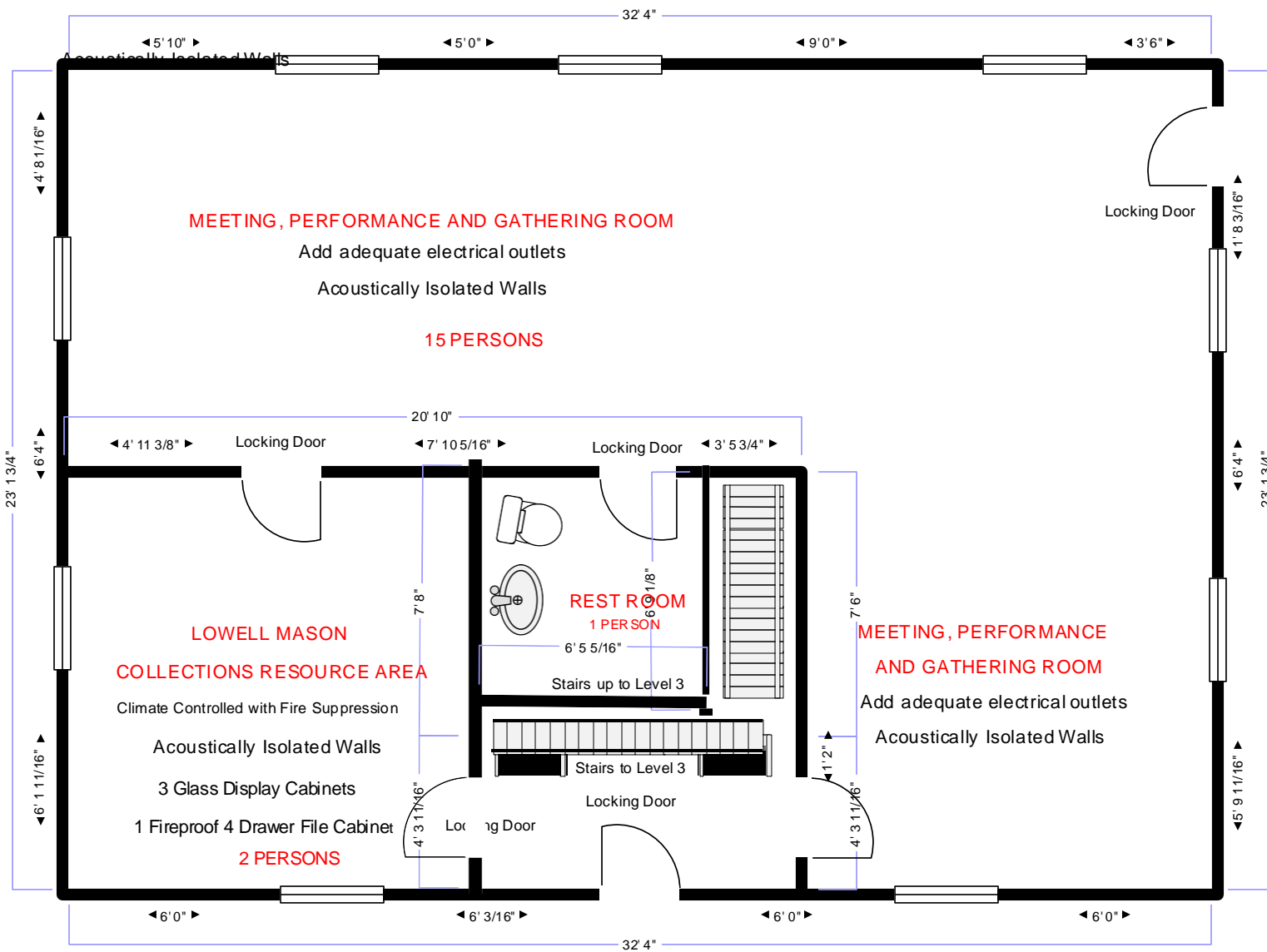
Inside – Level 1 – Garden Level – MeeUng and Recital Room West to East



Inside – Level 1 – Garden Level – MeeUng and Recital Room East to West



Inside – Level 1 – Garden Level – MeeUng and Recital Room West to East – Architect's Rendering



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Level 2 - Street Level - rev. 7.20.2024

HANDICAPPED ACCESS RAMP

Inside – Level 2 – First Floor Plan and Room Usage



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor Collections Room



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor Collections Room



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor CollecUons Room



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – Collections Room – Architect's Rendering



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – Collections Room – Architect's Rendering



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – ADA Compliant Restroom 2



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – MeeUng Performance and Gathering Room



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – MeeUng, Performance and Gathering Room – West to East – Architect's Rendering



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – MeeUng, Performance and Gathering Room – West – Architect's Rendering



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – Front Hall – West to East



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – Front Hall – West to East with Stairs up to Second Floor



Inside – Level 2 – First Floor – Front Hall – West to East with Back Stairs up to Second Floor



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – Front Hall – West to East



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room A



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room A



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room A with Gunstock Post



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room A



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – ADA Compliant Restroom 3



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room B



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room B



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room B



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room C



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room C



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room C



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room C



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room D- Studio



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room D- Studio



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room D- Studio



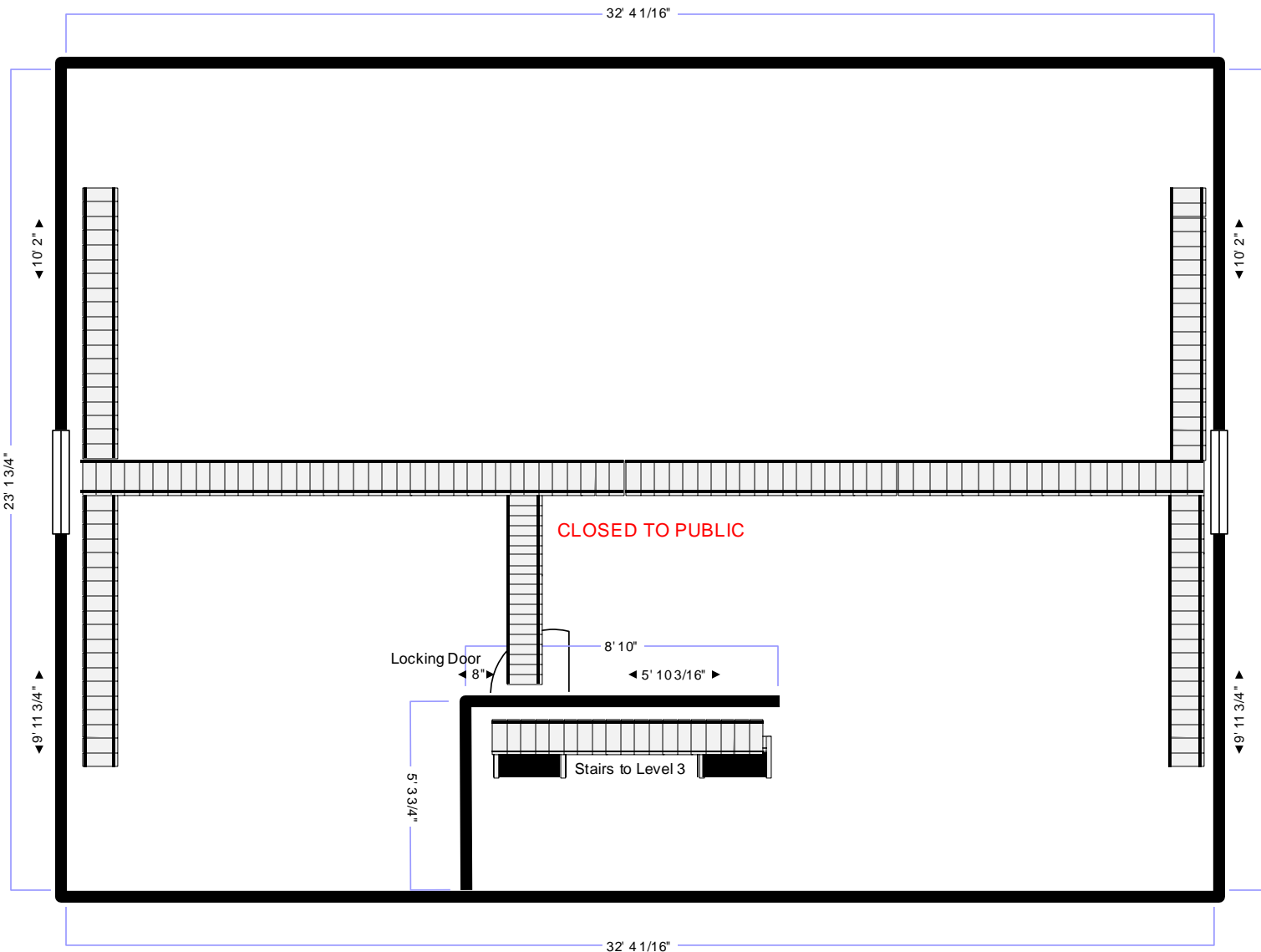
Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room D- Studio



Inside – Level 3 – Second Floor – PracUce Room D and Front Hallway, West to East



Inside – Level 3 Practice Room – Architect's Rendering



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Level 4 - Attic Level - rev. 7.20.2024

Inside - Level 4 - AZc Floor Plan



Inside – Level 4 – AZc Floor East



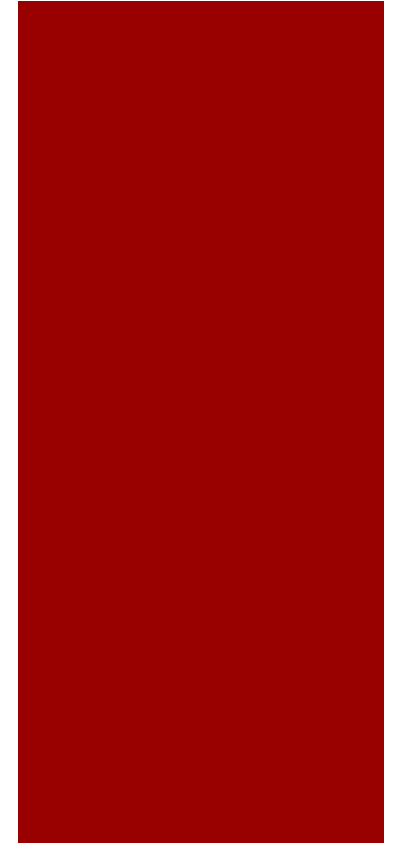
Inside – Level 4 – AZc Floor West



Inside – Level 4 – AZc Floor Stairs



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