



December 4, 2024

Village of Aurora Community Preservation Panel  
456 Main Street  
Aurora, NY 13026

**Subject: Support for Local Landmark Designation of the Campbell Art and Barler Music Buildings**

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Panel,

The Preservation Association of Central New York (PACNY) strongly supports the designation of the Campbell Art and Barler Music buildings on the Wells College campus as Local Landmarks. Designed by Walter Netsch of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill (SOM), these buildings represent the work of an internationally renowned architect whose innovative approach, known as Field Theory, created structures uniquely suited to their purpose and environment. Campbell and Barler, completed in 1974, were conceived as companions to Netsch's landmarked Long Library, forming a unified architectural ensemble. Their harmonious integration with the campus's natural setting demonstrates Netsch's sensitivity to environmental design.

We urge the Community Preservation Panel to recognize the historical, architectural, and cultural significance of these buildings by granting them Local Landmark designation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Roblee (Wells '11)  
PACNY President