



artspark at young circle hollywood, florida

Young Circle Park has been a destination for outdoor music festivals at the intersection of US Highway 1 and Hollywood Boulevard for decades. The park and existing bandshell had deteriorated and the City of Hollywood was anxious to rebuild the 12 acre parcel to become the centerpiece for ongoing redevelopment of the surrounding urban context. Initially, we were retained to lead a Feasibility Study, including a Needs Assessment and Programming Phase to redesign the park with a team of urban planners, landscape architects, engineers and architectural associates. Following the study, we developed a master plan to help the City secure a grant from Broward County to redevelop the park into a cultural center which includes both performing and visual arts components.

The design reinforces the site's main east-west corridor, and a network of free-flowing pedestrian paths are introduced which are a modern interpretation of the historical pedestrian traffic pattern established in the original park, and help create a series of passive and active outdoor spaces. We worked with a public artist to create a water element to become the focal point for the plan, and a wide promenade at the perimeter is proposed for casual strolling, exercise and for outdoor fairs and events with booths and exhibits. The gently raised plaza at the center of the circle provides adequate sightlines to the new bandshell which is part of the new Cultural Arts Complex in the southeast quadrant. These buildings include a flexible indoor theatre, practice and rehearsal rooms, studios and support spaces for performing arts in one building and a visual arts wing with studios and classrooms at the lower level and a dance studio / multipurpose room, which overlooks the park, at the upper level.

Project Information

Area:	40,000 sq. ft.
Scope:	New Construction
Services:	Master Planning . Programming . Construction Documents
Completion Date:	Phase 1 - 2006 Phase 2 - 2007
Client:	City of Hollywood
Contact:	Marvin Scharf 954.328.5055
Architect of Record:	Scharf and Associates Inc.
Associate Architect:	Zeidler Partnership Inc.
Contractor:	Pirtle Construction Company
Delivery Method:	Construction Management
Construction Cost:	\$14 Million

