



fox cities performing arts center

appleton, wisconsin

We were commissioned to design a major new performing arts center, where our scope included every aspect of the project from programming, through design and production drawings, to construction administration; all without a local associate. The building was programmed to accommodate several dozen local performing arts groups, as well as touring Broadway shows, symphonies and other activities. The venues in the center include a 2,070-seat, three balcony multipurpose hall, a 450-seat flexible community theater, a donor lounge which can be transformed into a private meeting space for up to 75 persons, and a spacious lobby used to support all venues and can serve as a banquet space for up to 500 persons. These spaces are all connected by complete back of house service and support spaces and an administrative office and box office suite to accommodate all of the Center's personnel.

The main facade along the City's main street includes a 2-story brick colonnade which relates in material and scale to the existing urban fabric and provides shading along the south facing facade, which is fully glazed offering views of the excitement within the center. A large zinc and glass covered circular element at the corner identifies the main entrance while serving as the main gathering space in the lobby. A centrally located vertical element serving all public, technical and service levels is glazed and illuminated to provide a glowing lantern which marks the facility as you approach from all directions. The project was complete under an extraordinarily fast-tracked schedule with programming beginning in February of 2000, and the first production, grand opening centennial celebration for a generous corporate donor occurring a mere 33 months later.

Project Information

Area:	156,000 sq. ft.
Scope:	New Construction
Services:	Complete Architectural Services November 2002
Completion Date:	Fox Cities Performing Arts Center Inc.
Client:	Kathy Siefert 920.427.0408
Contact:	Zeidler Partnership Inc (Michael Nelson - Director).
Architect of Record:	Oscar J Boldt Construction
Contractor:	Company Construction
Delivery Method:	Manager at Risk
Project Cost:	\$45 Million

