



santa fe college fine arts hall

gainesville, florida

After struggling with inadequate, undersized and technologically outdated facilities for decades, the college secured funding for the design of a new state-of-the-art multipurpose performance hall and a 2400 sq. ft. multipurpose room for the theater, music and dance programs. The site for the project is located along the main gateway to the campus and adjacent to a natural "bowl" which is an outdoor gathering place as well as an exhibit of various rock samples from around the globe. The design of the new facility orients the lobby to capitalize on views into the space as you approach and out to the green space through large windows at both ends, and leads you to each of the venues.

The 632 seat hall includes a parterre level and side boxes at the ground floor to define various seating opportunities at the lower level, and a balcony with wrap-around box seats to provide a greater sense of intimacy. This layout, together with controlled lighting strategies allow adjustments to transform the space for a variety of audience capacities. The multipurpose space is used for classes, performances and special events on campus such as banquets and receptions.. Its location allows for direct connection to the lobby and back of house, and a series of large glazed openings provide excellent views to the "rock garden." An outdoor covered area ties into a covered drop-off and helps to foster a connection to the building's natural setting.

Project Information

Area:	37,581 sq. ft.
Scope:	New Construction
Services:	Complete Architectural Services
Completion Date:	February 2010
Client:	Santa Fe College
Contact:	Alora Haynes 352.395.5296
Architect of Record:	Zeidler Partnership Inc. (Michael Nelson - Director)
Contractor:	Danis Building Construction Company
Project Delivery:	Construction Management
Construction Cost:	\$15.2M

