



steinbrenner band building

gainesville, florida

The University of Florida School of Music and band program had outgrown their obsolete facilities in a building with many problems, including inefficient use of space and poor acoustics and sound control between all rooms. The building, is located on a prominent site, across from Century Tower, at the heart of the campus, was built in 1971 and is considered a significant structure of its time, and in the development of the campus. Our work started with developing a master plan to renovate the existing building and provide additions to accommodate 120,000 sq. ft. of space for the Music department, including a new practice room for the University's band programs, which includes the 300 member marching band.

The new 17,000 sq. ft. band building is a free-standing structure constructed on a parcel to the south and away from the existing building to maintain existing campus pedestrian paths and to allow this and future phases of development to occur without disrupting the functional operations of the facilities or the music program. The design takes advantage of the sites 14 foot grade change and locates the thirty foot tall, 5,600 sq. ft. band rehearsal room at the lower street level. This large volume is partially enveloped with two levels of program, including offices, music library, instrument and uniform storage, mechanical areas and small lobby spaces at both levels to provide easy access to the building as well as to accommodate future connections. All occupied spaces in the building provide opportunities for daylighting or views and unoccupied rooms are provided below grade to help maintain historic paths. The project has achieved LEED Gold certification and the building has been added to the county's inventory for hurricane shelters.

Project Information

Area:	18,100 sq. ft. Band Building
	120,000 sq. ft. School of Music Master Plan
Scope:	New Construction
Services:	Complete Architectural Services
Completion Date:	September 2008
Client:	University of Florida
Contact:	Dr. John Duff 352.392.0233
Architect of Record:	Zeidler Partnership Inc (Michael Nelson - Director).
Contractor:	M.M. Parrish Construction Company
Project Delivery	Construction Management
Construction Cost:	\$ 8M

