



coral springs center for the arts

coral springs, florida

The original award-winning facility opened in 1991, designed to house both a theater and gymnasium within a single volume with no interior, conditioned lobby quickly failed for both patrons and performers. This inappropriate, yet seemingly versatile arrangement introduced extremely poor acoustics and diluted the overall theater-going experience which led the City of Coral Springs to the decision to create a proper 1,500 seat auditorium with enclosed lobby and other amenities. Improvements included adding a permanent rear wall to contain the auditorium, introducing a new balcony to strengthen intimacy between patron and performer by bringing them closer as well as improving sightlines, reshaping the sidewall and ceiling reflectors to enhance the natural acoustics and adding new control rooms and lighting positions to greatly improve the theatrical capabilities of the auditorium all while maintaining the original venues +/- 1500 seat count. The gymnasium and locker rooms were transformed into a 13,500 sq. ft. art museum. The high volume of the gymnasium was split into two levels to provide future multipurpose rooms, classrooms and meeting rooms above the museum subsequently designed by designel principals and staff in 2006. Other improvements include an enclosed lobby to serve both venues. It serves as a place for the theater-goers to gather as well as becoming an extension of the art museum. New glazed openings in the exterior wall also provide higher visibility to the community allowing people to see the excitement and energy within.

Project Information

Area:	49,000 sq. ft. - Theater Renovation / Museum 34,000 sq. ft. - Masterplan & Studios
Scope::	Renovations and Additions
Services:	Master Planning and Complete Architectural Services
Completion Date:	Phase I 1996 Phase II 2006
Client:	City of Coral Springs
Contact:	Kelly Shanley 954.468.3281
Architect of Record:	Zeidler Partnership Inc. (Michael Nelson - Director)
Contractor:	Max South Construction Inc.
Delivery Method:	Bid
Construction Cost:	\$4.4 Million

