



stuart high school stuart, florida

MNA Architects has been selected to transform the original historic, 1922 built, 3 story structure and 2 flanking one story, mid-century modern structures totaling approximately 31,000 SF into a Cultural Arts Center for The Arts Foundation of Martin County. The new center will include a wide variety of performing and visual arts presentation and creation venues as well as a divisible assembly space to support the Centers mission and serve the overall community. Based on interviews with several local and regional arts groups at the heart of the renovated structure the goal was to create a +/- 300 seat theater, however after weeks of field measuring, as built documentation (there were no original or later reliable drawings) and conceptual planning it became apparent that was not possible trying to fit it into the original auditorium and adjacent spaces. MNA architects introduced the radical idea of seeking additional land from the School Board and adding a new stage tower, support spaces, a mechanical zone and warming kitchen, strategically located to serve the upper-level assembly space as well as a rooftop lounge above the stage tower which will have commanding views of Downtown Stuart's spectacular waterfront. By dropping the audience chamber into the lower level, the new space will have excellent sight lines, acoustic volume, and functionality.

Project

Information Area:	Main Building	25,726 sq. ft.
	Ancillary Buildings	2,498 sq. ft
		2,480 sq. ft
	Main Building New	5,650 sq. ft
Scope:	Renovation and Repurposing into a Cultural Arts Center	
Services:	Complete Architectural Services	
Completion Date:	TBD	
Client:	The Arts Foundation for Martin County	
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Architect of Record:	MNArchitects, LLC	
Contractor:	Straticon Construction	

