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illinois state university performing arts center

Client: Illinois State University College of Fine Arts

Location: Normal, IL

Seat Count: 850 Concert Hall, 450 Proscenium Theater

Project Type: New Construction

Opening: October 2002

Cost: \$19 Million

Architect: HGA

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AD Scope: Room Acoustics | Sound Isolation | Noise Control | Audio Systems

The Illinois State University Performing Arts Centre features a new 850-seat concert hall and a 460-seat proscenium theatre. AD was made a key member of the design team at the very beginning of the project. This allowed us to insure that the new building would provide excellent support to the fine arts programs.

The liveness of the hall can also be “tuned” for different types of performances by opening or closing drapes on the walls and adjusting acoustical “clouds” and panels hanging from the ceiling. Because the theatre and the concert hall are adjacent to each other, AD worked with HGA to create an isolated hallway between the two auditoriums to act as an acoustical barrier as well as serve the practical function of giving patrons a way to get from the parking garage area to the lobby. In addition to the acoustic design, AD also designed the audio for the new theatre and concert hall. As with most university projects, the College of Fine Arts relies on donations. AD worked to create a design which could be implemented in phases as funds become available.

ACOUSTIC DIMENSIONS