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Terry Pawson Architects

visual & the george bernard shaw theatre

Client: Carlow County Council

Location: Carlow, Ireland

Project Type: New Construction

Seat Count: 350 (theatre)

Opening: September 2009

Construction Cost: £16.5 million

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Theatre Consultant: Theatre Project Consultants

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AD Scope: Acoustics

VISUAL and the George Bernard Shaw Theatre is a world-class venue containing the largest exhibition space for contemporary art in Ireland. The centre houses an expansive centrally-located gallery, three smaller galleries and the 350-seat proscenium theatre. The concrete and glass structure, built on the grounds of Carlow College, will attract visitors from around the world and make Carlow a cultural destination for visitors to the country.

With a 12 meter high ceiling, the main gallery has the potential to house large-scale sculptures and installations with a more private studio gallery and black-box gallery for digital art surrounding it. Additionally, the state-of-the-art theatre is an ideal location for all performing arts presentations, including concerts, dramas, dance, film and literary readings.