



willow creek community church

Client Willow Creek Community Church

Location Chicago, IL

Project Type New Construction

Seat Count 7,400

Opening August 2004

Architect Goss/Pasma Architects

Theatre Consultant Schuler Shook

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AD Scope Auditorium Design | Acoustics | Audio Systems | Video Systems | Video Production | Theatrical Lighting
Production Communications

Willow Creek was one of the first churches to introduce a passion for the arts into the culture of their services. The philosophy is that in using modern tools of communication and production, they can minister to people who feel that church services have become outdated or irrelevant. Maybe it is the legacy of the Willow Creek name, which came from the rented movie theatre where the congregation first met in 1975. Or maybe it is because the church, located in the suburbs Northwest of Chicago, has created an environment where artists feel comfortable. In any case, the production approach has been wildly successful. Every weekend 17,000-plus people attend six services featuring cutting-edge music, drama and teaching specifically designed to connect with people who do not typically go to church. The worship and arts crew is extensive: 50 vocalists, a 75-piece choir, seven rhythm bands, a 65-piece orchestra, 41 actors and a video production department — just to name a small portion of the volunteers.