

KSU-Tuscarawas Campus Performing Arts Center

New Philadelphia, Ohio

PROJECT FACTS

Owner: Kent State University
Architect: Schorr Architects
Location: New Philadelphia, Ohio
Construction Type: General Trades

Building Area: 51,800 SF
Contract Value: \$13.3 Million
Cost / SF: \$257
Completed: November 2010



KEY FEATURES

This project is a new 51,800 square foot combined use facility with classrooms and offices, but predominantly a performing arts center. The two story wing contains the offices, classrooms, storage and kitchen/catering areas. The main lobby has 33' ceilings with a curved curtain wall and curved upper balcony fed by a custom, grand staircase visible through the curtainwall. The stage area is 76 feet above finished floor with a complete rigging system and orchestra shell for a wide array of performance options. The main hall seats 1100 and has a main seating area as well as an upper balcony seating area. The facility is on the campus of KSU Tuscarawas in New Philadelphia which is east of Columbus.

D&J was the general trade and lead contractor and coordinator for the project with separate prime contractors for HVAC/plumbing, electrical, fire protection, temperature controls, communications and audio/visual work. Our scope of work included concrete, masonry, structural steel, all finishes, doors, frames, hardware, rigging and stage equipment as well as seating, millwork and wood paneling. This project was beyond just challenging due to the highly detailed nature of the work with the compound radii building enclosure and balcony framing. Most curved surfaces in the main hall are covered with sequenced end match custom wood veneer paneling. Even the grand staircase in the main lobby was curved as was the exterior insulated panel siding. The coordination of all these issues presented their own challenges in completing this project.

This project was significant to D&J as it provided a challenging opportunity as well as brought a true state of the art performing arts center to the area. This project had full support of the surrounding communities from design inception through fundraising until completion. D&J is proud to have been a part of this exciting project.

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