

MODERNIZATION OF HISTORIC THEATRE

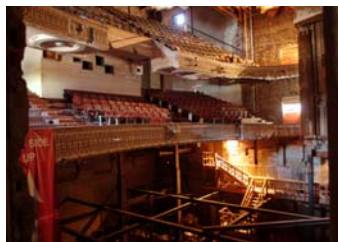
COWLES CENTER

Renovation and retrofit of historic Shubert Theater created a 500-seat performing arts venue for a vibrant dance-centered community arts center. AD's involvement spanned early project phases through commissioning and the center's grand opening.

Services commenced with acoustic survey of existing conditions in the historic Shubert structure, master planning and programming respective of existing conditions and the Center's anticipated events. AD provided acoustic design criteria including room shaping and layout, room acoustics, sound isolation, noise and vibration control. As the project became funded, AD provided acoustic design for the performance space and AV systems for both the Shubert structure and attached new atrium infill building which serves as the Center's lobby.

Acoustical design offered flexibility to accommodate a variety of programming that extends beyond the Center's focus on dance and also provides a suitable performance environment for chamber music, voice ensemble concerts and theatrical productions. The Center's seasoning opening performance of the male vocal ensemble, Cantus, received accolades for the space acoustics:

The Center is comprised of two historic buildings. The Shubert is the main performance venue and adjacent Hennepin Center for the Arts houses offices, rehearsal studios and instructional spaces for 20 local, non-profit arts organizations.



CLIENT

Cowles Center

LOCATION

Minneapolis, MN

PROJECT TYPE

Historic Renovation

COMPLETE

2011

COST

\$42 M

SEAT COUNT

500

ARCHITECT

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THEATER CONSULTANT

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SCOPE

Acoustics
Audio Systems
AV Systems