



SCHOOL THEATRE AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE

SMITH THEATRE

70,000-SF renovation of McCuan Hall and attached Smith Theatre offered opportunity to implement improvements to the 420-seat theatre to enhance its functionality as a multi-purpose auditorium. In addition to serving as the College's largest proscenium venue, the auditorium is heavily used for college, student, community and partner events. Performances are mostly music and theatrical performances. Auditorium enhancements for acoustics and performance technology systems enabled the College to offer the venue as a resource to the broader community.

AD's expertise was mainly directed to achieving low background noise through close coordination with mechanical/electrical engineers in designing HVAC system replacements covering the stage and seating house.

In addition to theatre improvements, AD also addressed acoustics for repurposing existing spaces in the McCuan Hall classroom building to accommodate specialized spaces for Media Arts program including video production, video editing, mass media, film, public speaking, screening and TV studio operations. Involved acoustic survey, design criteria and detail design elements.

CLIENT

Howard Community College

LOCATION

Columbia, MD

PROJECT TYPE

Renovation

COMPLETE

2009

COST

\$10 M

SEAT COUNT

420

ARCHITECT

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SCOPE

Acoustics