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PERFORMANCE HALL & ARTS COMMONS

HUSS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

New 35,000-SF state-of-the-art performance facility serves performance and academic needs for the Randolph campus of an independent k-12 school. The facility's centerpiece is the 650-seat auditorium with adjustable acoustics elements to support the wide array of uses, ranging from unamplified music performance, to fully amplified theatrical presentations. The facility includes an orchestra pit, theatrical fly spaces for stage scenery, and an orchestra shell for unamplified music performance. The building also houses a 180-seat multi-purpose space used for smaller performances, rehearsals, classes and special event gatherings. The Arts Commons is a 2-story entry and lobby space that serves an entrance to the Academy's Upper School. The facility also includes back-of-house facilities for set construction, dressing rooms and make-up space for performers.

Acoustic design addressed functionality needs for the main auditorium's ability to present music, dance, cinema and theatrical events. Adjustable acoustic elements included retractable curtains to allow the space to effectively showcase student concerts, from soloists through large ensemble groups. Acoustic design elements also supported speech intelligibility for drama performances and lectures.

AV system design focused on user-friendly interface, sound reinforcement and projection systems for the main venue and multi-purpose room and systems for backstage and support spaces.



CLIENT

St. Paul Academy and Summit School

LOCATION

Saint Paul, MN

PROJECT TYPE

New Construction

COMPLETE

2015

COST

\$15 M

SEAT COUNT

650 - Main Venue
180 - Multipurpose Space

ARCHITECT

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SCOPE

Acoustics
Performance Audio
AV Systems