



**THEATRE, DANCE, MUSIC AND ARTS**

# TOWSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

300,000-SF Center involved the renovation expansion of the original 165,000 SF Arts Building, to consolidate the theater, art, music and dance departments into one facility to promote interaction between various art disciplines. Renovation efforts included modernization and spatial reorganization of the existing building built in the early 1970s. With the 135,000-SF addition, the center houses five performing arts venues, studios, classrooms, rehearsal halls, galleries and administrative space for all departments. Design centered on incorporating flexible elements to serve the university well in the 21st Century and accommodate growing arts enrollment and evolving program needs.

AD established the design criteria for renovated and new spaces. Challenges included design modifications to wall shaping and ceiling shaping to meet stringent acoustic requirements set forth for the main stage and concert hall renovations. Improvements to sound isolation and HVAC system noise control were also designed. The Towson University Center for the Arts was awarded the 2005 Building of America honor as one of the 50 best new construction projects on the Eastern Seaboard.

**CLIENT**

Towson University

**LOCATION**

Towson, MA

**PROJECT TYPE**

Renovation / Expansion

**COMPLETE**

2005

**COST**

\$42 M

**SEAT COUNT**

400 - Seat Main Stage Theatre

130 - Seat Recital Hall

**ARCHITECT**

Design Collective and Wilson Butler

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**SCOPE**

Acoustics

