



**MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATRE**

# BENEDICTA ARTS CENTER

Phased expansion of existing facility serves College's music, theater and dance departments. Programmed spaces included rehearsal hall, small ensemble performance/rehearsal space, percussion studios and support spaces, hi-tech practice rooms, recording booth, faculty studios, black box theatre and dance studio.

The unique challenges of this project were related to the goals and aspirations of the College far exceeding the budget that had been set years before. Fortunately, these challenges were solved by the willingness of all participants to take a proactive approach to communications, coordination, and problem-solving.

The collaborative team effort between the design team, contractor, sub-consultants and the owner's staff and faculty led to an elegant, functional and cost effective building. Phase 1 centered on renovations and systems upgrades involving new ceilings and lighting. Phase 2 involved new construction of expansion to provide much-needed rehearsal and performance spaces to serve the college's growing Fine Arts programs.

**CLIENT**

College of Saint Benedict

**LOCATION**

St. Joseph, MN

**PROJECT TYPE**

Renovation / New Construction

**COMPLETE**

2008

**COST**

\$8.9 M

**SEAT COUNT**

1,000

**ARCHITECT**

HGA Architects  
Jamie Milne Rojek  
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**THEATER CONSULTANT**

Schuler Shook

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**SCOPE**

Acoustics  
Audio  
Video

