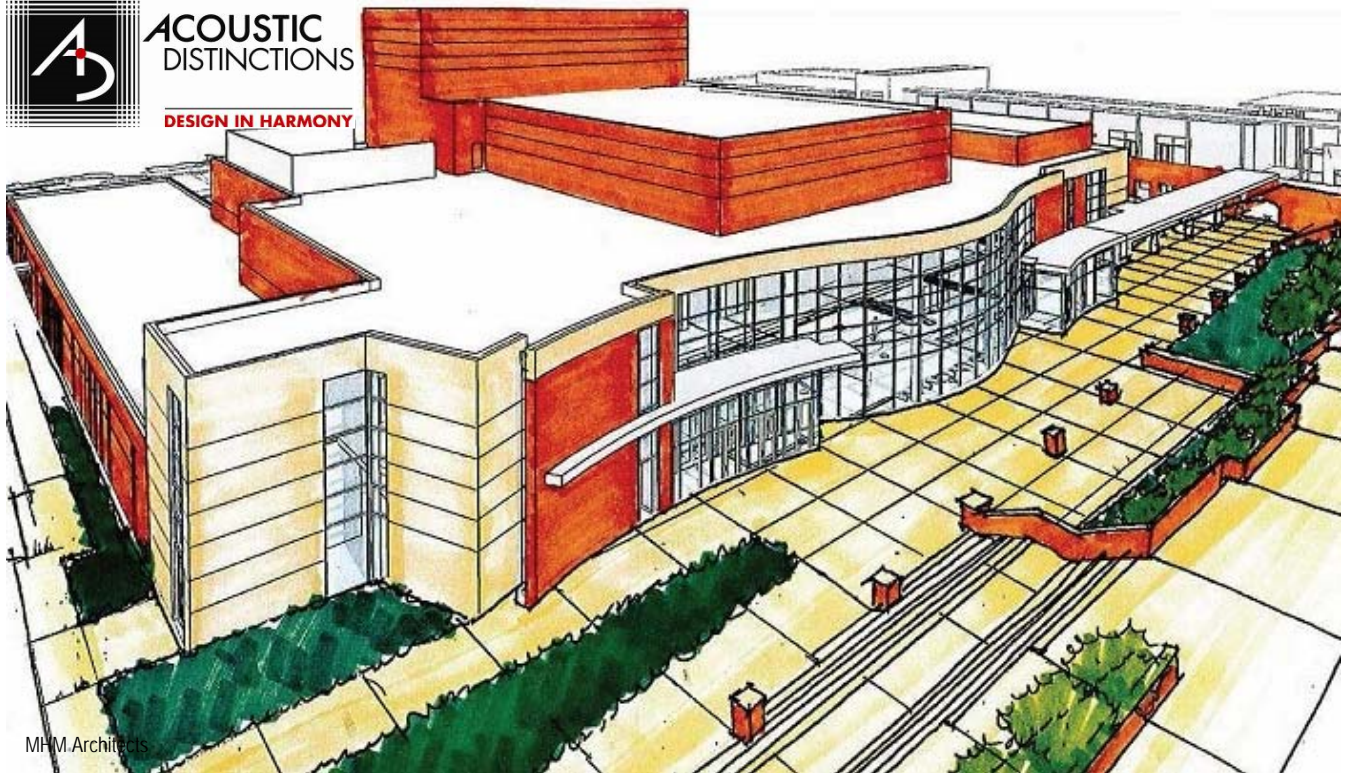




**ACOUSTIC  
DISTINCTIONS**

**DESIGN IN HARMONY**



MHM Architects

## **CENTER FOR ARTS ED & REGIONAL CULTURAL RESOURCE**

# EAST TENNESSEE REGIONAL ARTS CENTER

New \$40M, 90,000 SF building is designed to serve the University's music and theatre academic programs and serve as a cultural resource for the local community and the larger Eastern Tennessee region. In addition to showcasing University talent, the center is intended to be used as a venue for traveling and regional shows. The Center features a state-of-the-art 1200-seat multi-purpose auditorium that is functional for music and theatrical events. It is supplemented by a 200-seat recital hall and a studio theatre. Academic spaces include classrooms, music rehearsal rooms, faculty teaching studios and offices.

AD's involvement commenced with a programming verification phase to align University end-user needs with space allocation strategies and budgeting parameters. Upon developing design to meet the ambitions of University stakeholders, a value engineering effort required program and design refinements to better comply with funding parameters. AD's input addressed space utilization maximization and proper budgeting to assure simultaneous use of adjacent spaces and their functionality for instruction and artistic collaborations. Design accommodations assured key functional aspects including speech intelligibility, hearing wellness and adequate reverberation be maintained throughout the cost-cutting process.

Adjustable acoustic curtains were incorporated into performance spaces and rehearsal halls to enable adjustability for ensemble sizes and music genres. These features supported hearing health and musical artistry.

### **CLIENT**

East Tennessee State University

### **LOCATION**

Johnson City, TN

### **PROJECT TYPE**

New Construction

### **COMPLETE**

2019 (Anticipated)

### **COST**

\$40 M

### **SEAT COUNT**

1,200 - Main Hall  
200 - Recital Hall

### **ARCHITECT**

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### **SCOPE**

Acoustics  
Performance Audio  
Video