



HISTORIC RENOVATION – MULTI-PURPOSE VENUE

LINCOLN THEATRE

Rehabilitation of 1920s, 566-seat theatre fortified its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places List and served as a catalyst for revitalizing a historic downtown neighborhood. Once a key performance space for African-American jazz artists, the theatre fell in disrepair and sat vacant for almost four decades until its revitalization in 2007. Kicking off with a facility assessment for potential renovations, AD's team identified challenges and opportunities for proposed new uses and collaborated design modifications to preserve historic integrity.

Acoustic design spanned the main stage theatre with anticipated use for both live arts and cinematic presentations with the addition of a new digital projection system. Recommendations included modifications to the second floor ballroom and the third floor space which is home to the Jazz Arts Group's Jazz Academy. Acoustic design included close collaboration with AV technical system design to balance natural acoustic and enable the theatre to serve as a recording studio for both video and audio productions.

Renovations included reconstruction of historic interior features, new seating configuration, expanded stage, orchestra pit and backstage areas and new patron amenities. Building additions included new stairs, balcony, an accessible elevator, dressing rooms, green room and a new two-story commemorative exhibition hall/jazz lobby with a concessions area. The renovation included sustainable design practices in compliance with City's "Green Initiative" and received awards and recognition for design excellence. In 2014, AD's team was engaged to investigate additional opportunities to improve the 2nd floor ballroom space and provided recommendations and design criteria for improvements to enable simultaneous events in the main auditorium and ballroom space.

CLIENT

Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA)

LOCATION

Columbus, OH

PROJECT TYPE

Historic Renovation

COMPLETE

2009

COST

\$13.5 M

SEAT COUNT

566

ARCHITECT

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