

A COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM

Spartanburg School District Three takes pride in their heritage and the offerings they provide to the communities they serve. From the beginning, this project was conceived as a community gathering place for performances, civic ceremonies, and a venue for visiting performing arts.



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The Lobby was designed with a large curved window wall to beckon event goers and allow for a strong connection to the adjoining plaza. Careful planning ensures handicap accessibility and direct paths from parking and drop-off areas. Given that the structure is very visible from the street, exterior lighting was incorporated into the design to enliven the facades at night. (overleaf)

In the Lobby, a thirty-foot high waterwall creates a welcoming ambience and reflects the nearby waterfalls, once a source of power and holding the promise of future recreation and development..



A photography based 3D art installation created specifically for this space by artist, Geri Cruickshank Eaker depicts the history of the area. The work occupies a prominent wall in the lobby area.

Taking a cue from the District's mission statement, "Steeped in History...Focused on the Future," the design incorporates natural stone and historical motifs together with futuristic lines attained by glass and metal. While located on the campus of Broome High School, the architecture of the auditorium blends with the adjacent high school building yet is designed to create its own identity since it serves the entire community.



Auditorium walls feature a lattice design based on a historic pergola nearby. The wall sconces are a modern interpretation of a textile bobbin apparatus..



The concept for the terrazzo floor pattern comes from the intricate weavings of textiles once produced in the area and is interspersed with radiating rings symbolizing water which has always played an important role in the area's development.



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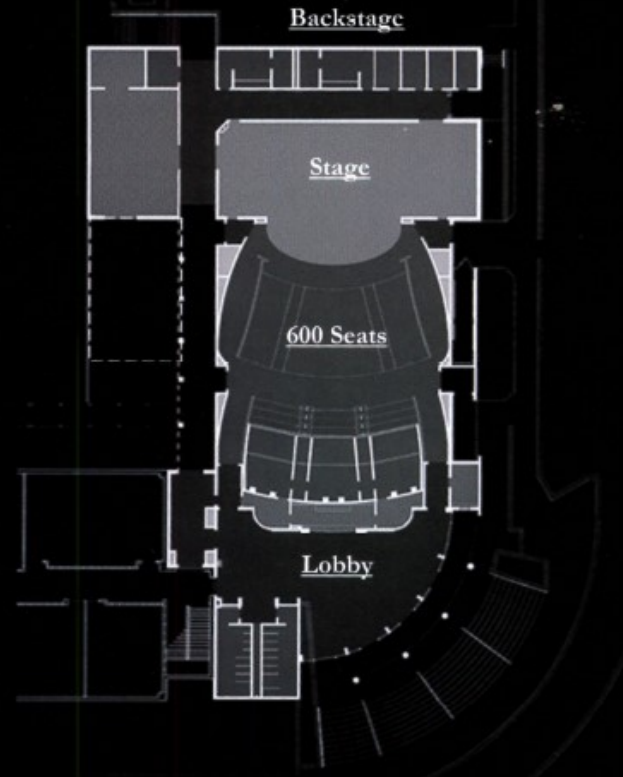
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The Plan allows for complete control of the spaces with opportunities to open portions of the building for different functions. In addition to a generous lobby and performance space the building provides dressing rooms, technical support, and a set-design workshop. (Above)

