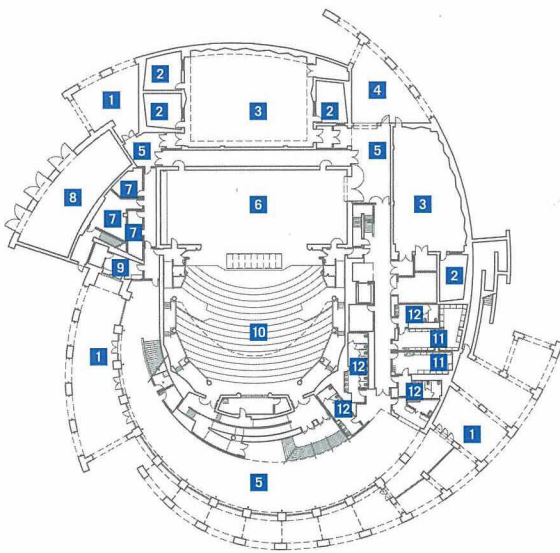
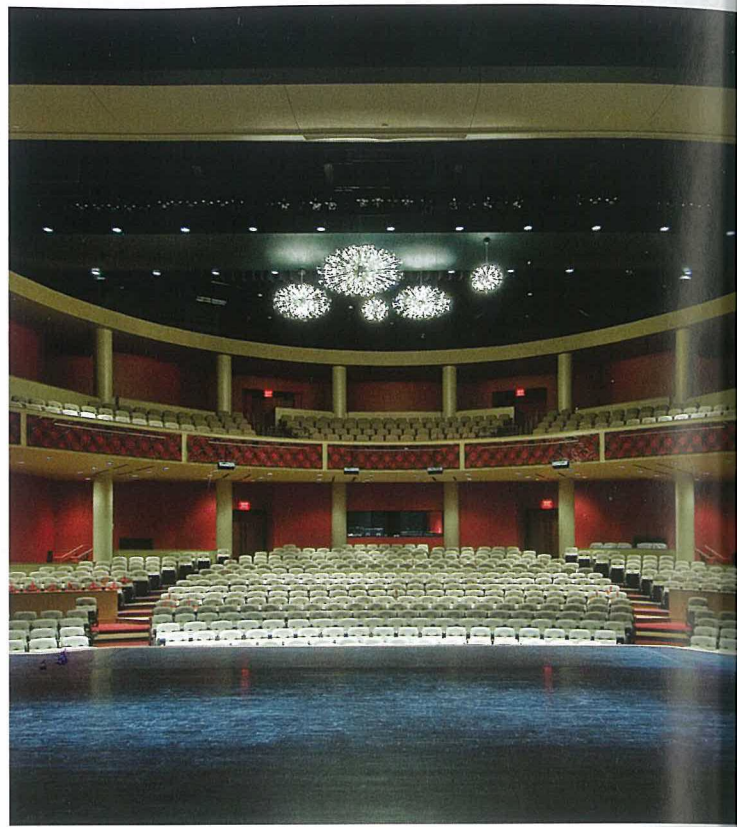


Arts Center at Texas Southmost College



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

- 1 ENTRY
- 2 TEACHING STUDIO
- 3 REHEARSAL HALL
- 4 LOADING DOCK
- 5 LOBBY
- 6 STAGE
- 7 MECHANICAL
- 8 EQUIPMENT YARD
- 9 TICKET BOOTH
- 10 AUDIENCE CHAMBER
- 11 DRESSING ROOM
- 12 RESTROOM

Designed by Studio Red Architects, the 54,000-sf Arts Center at Texas Southmost College on the grounds of the University of Texas at Brownsville is carefully sited to fit within the campus master plan. The building shares a connection with the campus through the incorporation of design elements – such as arches, arcades, and brick patterns – used on historic Fort Brown. A unique nautilus floor plan was developed to add multiple entrances. The building's theater serves as a focal point for the campus and for the performing arts in South Texas. The three-level structure features small classrooms, large rehearsal halls, a performance hall, and a visual arts exhibition space. The facility's 800-seat theater has a fully equipped stage and adjustable acoustical system designed to accommodate theater, opera, dance, and orchestra productions with up to 150 people on the stage. Interior design elements include a red curving staircase, starburst chandeliers, and a large terrace overlooking the adjacent lake known as Fort Brown Resaca. Ironwork along the sculpted exterior ties the building to the existing campus architecture; the same crafted element was brought into the interior spaces. The \$26 million project was completed in 2009.

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CLIENT Texas Southmost College
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RESOURCES FENCES AND ARCHITECTURAL METAL WORK: Scalise & Co.; MASONRY UNITS AND CAST STONE: RAS Masonry; GRANITE AND TILE: Vintage Tile & Stone; METAL DECKING: Vulcraft; LAMINATES: Wilsonart, Formica, Laminart, Pionite; ROOF ACCESSORIES: Bilco Smoke Hatches; METAL, WOOD AND SPECIALTY DOORS: Door Pro Systems; ENTRANCES AND GLAZED CURTAINWALL: Kawneer; GLASS: Viracon; GYPSUM FABRICATIONS: USG; ACOUSTICAL CEILINGS: CertainTeed; STAGE FLOORING: Long Flooring; LAMINATE FLOORING: Mannington; ACOUSTICAL WALL TREATMENTS: Mellotone Fabrics, Guilford of Maine Fabrics, KM Fabrics; PAINT AND HIGH PERFORMANCE COATINGS: Sherwin Williams; MANUFACTURED CASEWORK: MGC