

Sullivan Performing Arts Center



Designed by SHW Group and located adjacent to Texas High School in the Texarkana Independent School District, Sullivan Performing Arts Center is a 38,000-sf facility that houses the 1,000-seat John Thomas Theatre. The design is intended to serve as a catalyst for the local arts community. The architect worked with acoustical and theater consultants to design a space that enables adjustable dispersion or absorption of sound depending on the type of performance occurring within the space. The theater features two catwalks and a tech gallery that provides ample light locations for all types of performances. Supporting spaces include a choir room and green room, a 1,800-sf drama lab, and two drama classrooms. Makeup and costume storage rooms double as an expanded dressing area for larger performances. The building facade complements the adjacent high school. Exterior materials were brought inside the lobby, which is wrapped with a curtain of glass to provide a visual connection with the outdoors. The transparency ties to the Greek root of the word theater ('a place of seeing').

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PROJECT Larry Sullivan Performing Arts Center and John Thomas Theatre, Texarkana

CLIENT Texarkana Independent School District

ARCHITECT SHW Group

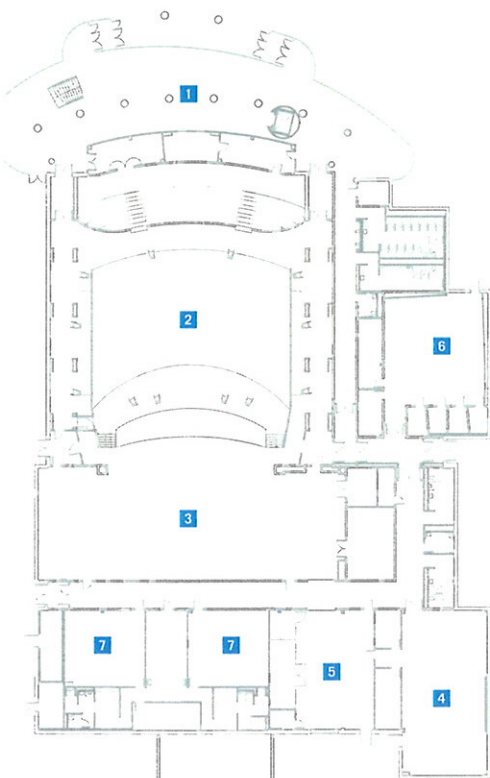
DESIGN TEAM Kent Leach, AIA; Mark Hill, AIA; Mike Hall, AIA; Elenna Smith; Greg Horne, PE; Kevin Rogers, PE; John Creed; Gwen Morgan; James Smith

CONTRACTOR Altech, Inc.

CONSULTANTS Estes McClure and Associates (MEP); Acoustic Dimensions (acoustical and performance technologies); MTG engineers & surveyors (civil)

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RESOURCES CONCRETE PAVEMENT/SLAB: H&H Concrete; RETAINING WALLS: Pavestone (H&H Concrete); MASONRY UNITS: Palestine Concrete Tile Co.; MASONRY VENEER ASSEMBLIES: Acme Brick; METAL DECKING: Consolidated Systems; ARCHITECTURAL METAL WORK: McNichols; RAILINGS: Parks Metal Fabricators; LAMINATES: Panel Specialists; ; EXTERIOR INSULATION AND FINISH SYSTEMS: TEIFS; VAPOR RETARDERS: Dupont Tyvek; ROOF AND WALL PANELS: Berridge Manufacturing Co.; PREFABRICATED ROOF SPECIALTIES AND ROOF ACCESSORIES: Nystrom; SPECIALTY DOORS: Total Door (Modernfold Doors of DWF); ENTRANCES AND GLAZED CURTAINWALL: YKK Architectural Products (Modern Glass Co.); GLASS: AGC (Modern Glass Co.); TILE: DalTile, Interceramic; ACOUSTICAL CEILINGS: Armstrong; PAINT: Sherwin Williams; GRILLES AND SCREENS: Cascade Coil Drapery; SIGNAGE: Hightech Signs; WIRE MESH PARTITIONS: The G-S Company; VIDEO PRODUCTION AND AUDIO SYSTEMS: AVI-SPL, Dallas; MANUFACTURED CASEWORK: Texarkana ISD; AUDITORIUM SEATING: Irwin Seating Co.; WHEELCHAIR LIFTS: Garaventa Lift (Lift Aids); ELEVATOR: Thyssenkrupp; DESIGN SOFTWARE: Sketch Up, Revit



- FIRST FLOOR PLAN**
- 1 LOBBY
 - 2 HOUSE
 - 3 STAGE
 - 4 DRAMA ROOM
 - 5 SCENE SHOP
 - 6 CHOIR
 - 7 CLASSROOM