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MEDIA/ARTS/PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Sage Creek Performing Arts Center

Carlsbad, CA



The new Performing Arts Center is an exciting and notable theatrical destination for students, staff, parents, and the neighboring communities of Sage Creek High School. The 16,500 SF facility houses an array of programs, including Choir and Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Drama and Dance, and supports lectures and concerts by visiting artists.

Presenting a striking modern aesthetic, perforated metal panels on the entry façade are suspended in front of a structural glazed curtain wall to control the amount of sunlight/heat gain cascading into the building. The screens also offer a unique opportunity to provide large-scale projected signage for event advertising and school identification.

One enters a two-story Lobby designed to allow ample room for queuing into the Audience Chamber and can accommodate over 200 people. The Lobby wall follows the shape of the exterior façade, an approach that



was determined to be more honest—as form follows function.

The Audience Chamber is entered via light- and sound-lock vestibules at either end of the Lobby, providing convenient entrée to

Orchestra and Parterre seating. The Audience Chamber can seat 340-plus occupants with consideration given to sight lines and acoustics that allow an intimate experience, thereby improving student attentiveness.

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9–12
Capacity of Students/Occupants: 340
Size of Site: 0.38 acres
Cost per Student: \$45,588
Project Cost: \$15,500,000
Completion Date: 6/1/2018

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