Performing Arts Center Design
Our Story

Dekker/Perich/Sabatini (D/P/S) is an award-winning, multidisciplinary design firm that has served public and private clients for 60 years. Our staff includes architects, interior designers, planners, structural engineers, landscape architects, and experts in sustainable design, based in offices in Albuquerque and Las Cruces, NM, Amarillo, TX, and Phoenix, AZ. As a regional leader in design excellence and sustainability, D/P/S has successfully completed thousands of projects by collaborating directly with owners and communities.

We are committed to supporting our clients by providing the information needed to make good decisions and the design expertise to create functional, beautiful spaces and places. Our passion is to help our clients realize their dreams by partnering with them through a collaborative, multi-disciplined process that recognizes new trends and utilizes technologies to create functional, comfortable and stimulating places.

Over our 60-year history, we have consistently demonstrated the capacity, capability, and focus to provide excellent client-focused service. Over 85% of our clients are repeat clients because we have proven that we can successfully manage projects on time, on budget, and consistent with their goals and missions.
“I REFER TO THE AUDITORIUM AS THE “CROWN JEWEL” OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND IT TRULY IS. THE AUDITORIUM IS A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING INSIDE AND OUT AND IT WILL BE A TREASURE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS. I LOOK AT EVERY DAY WITH A LITTLE BIT OF AWE, AND STILL WONDER HOW IT WAS POSSIBLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITY IS A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE OF THIS BUILDING. IT IS A JOY TO MAKE MUSIC IN THAT GREAT HALL, AND IT HAS INSPIRED OUR STUDENTS TO BE A LITTLE BIT BETTER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING IT WITH OUR BAND AND CHOIR COLLEAGUES IN THE COMING YEARS AS WELL AS HAVING IT BE A GREAT RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.”

-BILL GRINER, GRANTS HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR, GRANTS-CIBOLA COUNTY SCHOOLS
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The new Auditorium is an addition to the existing high school and provides a performance venue for band, orchestra, choir, and the performing arts. Specific design considerations included strict attention to acoustical performance, reverb times, vibration analysis of HVAC systems, high performance lighting, and careful study of seating and sight lines. A 2-story lobby space is overlooked by mezzanine balcony seating. Functional features also include above-ceiling catwalks, a state-of-the-art video and sound recording system, and generously sized control room which can double as a classroom environment for the teaching of theater control systems.
The Valencia High School Performing Arts Center helps promote music and drama and provides a venue for community events. The 600-seat auditorium locates all seating on one level and provides excellent sight lines and acoustics to every member of the audience. The stage was designed to accommodate a variety of performances, from theatrical and small jazz bands to the 85-piece symphonic band. The stage can be configured with acoustical panels to project sound into the audience, or curtains or a cyclorama as a backdrop for scenes or projected images. Support spaces include a control room, scene shop, catwalk level for theatrical lighting, dressing room, and costume storage. The new Performing Arts Center will allow the school to host district and state adjudicated events, and expand their curriculum.
This new school’s performing arts wing clusters music and theater spaces together for classes, practice, and performance. The auditorium is used for band and choir performance, plays, musical theatre, assemblies, and community events, so the stage and acoustic design were carefully balanced to work well for both music and drama. It includes full theatrical lighting with a control booth, stage manager’s panel, a full fly loft, theatrical rigging systems, gridiron, and loading hoist deck. The auditorium shares a lobby and concessions area with the Gymnasium to facilitate large events. A separate black box theater doubles as instruction and performance space, with curtain and rigging systems. The adjacent band and chorus rooms include ample storage and practice rooms, and have direct access to backstage areas, scenery prep space, dressing rooms, storage, and control rooms.
This addition to the existing performing arts center provides a prominent feature to the main entry of the Sandia Preparatory School Campus. The two-story addition houses classrooms, a black box rehearsal room, and performing arts spaces for choir, drama, dance, and instrumental music practice.
IRVIN HIGH SCHOOL
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The new 350 seat theater at Irvin High School is built adjacent to the music department within the existing Fine Arts building. It primarily serves as performance and rehearsal space for band and orchestra, but the stage is designed to accommodate performing arts functions as well with a motorized stage rigging system, digitally controlled lighting, and backstage makeup and dressing spaces. The welcoming lobby opens on one side towards the secure campus and into the guest parking area on the other. Other support spaces include an area for set-building and a fully outfitted control room.