



Dallas Center for the Performing Arts™

Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Annette Strauss Artist Square Fact Sheet

Project Description:	Annette Strauss Artist Square, one of four venues at the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts, will be the city's premier outdoor performing arts venue. The new Strauss Square will host many of Dallas' arts organizations for performances and festivals and feature top-tier popular entertainment, family programs and more.
Groundbreaking:	Summer 2008
Opening Date:	Spring 2010
Location:	Annette Strauss Artist Square is located in the heart of the Center's 10-acre Elaine D. and Charles A. Sammons Park, to the west of the Winspear Opera House.
Architect:	London-based Foster + Partners, under the leadership of Pritzker Prize-winning architect Norman Foster and deputy chairman Spencer de Grey. Foster + Partners is working in collaboration with Dallas-based firm Good Fulton & Farrell.
Total Square Footage:	Annette Strauss Artist Square: 128,000 sq. ft - Performance Lawn: 26,500 sq. ft - Main stage: 3,800 sq. ft - Permanent restrooms: 1,150 sq. ft - Temporary restroom provision: 2,150 sq. ft - Elevated terraces: 11,350 sq. ft - Satellite stage area: 4,200 sq. ft
Seating / Standing Capacity:	5,000
Project Funding:	The Dallas Center for the Performing Arts has raised more than \$334 million to date, which includes capital dollars as well as funds raised to meet other expenses related to the creation of a new performing arts center. Capital campaign gifts go toward design and construction of the Center, which is a \$354 million project.

Venue Design:

The serene open-air setting of Strauss Square includes a partly enclosed, permanent pavilion with special equipment for improved lighting and staging opportunities.

The venue will also feature a new, state-of-the-art sound system, which will project sound directly onto the performance lawn, which is graded down towards the stage for improved sight lines.

Strauss Square will include partially sunken walls that will border the periphery of the performance lawn, providing an insulated sound stage. These walls will protect the audience from the noise of neighboring Woodall Rodgers Freeway and create a ticketing boundary for events.

Strauss Square will also feature elevated side terraces, which will provide additional stage views and a platform for drink and concession stands.

Materials & Systems:

Concrete, glass and stainless steel

Venue Amenities:

Strauss Square amenities will include:

- a new, partially enclosed permanent pavilion
- a new state-of-the-art sound system
- elevated side terraces
- raked Performance Lawn
- a concession lawn
- permanent and temporary restroom facilities
- designated storage areas and facilities to better load materials in and out for performances

Consultants:

Landscape Architect: Michel Desvigne, Paris

Landscape Architects: JJR, Chicago

Acoustics: Sound Space Design, London

Theatrical Consultants: Anne Minors Performance Consultants, London

Structural Engineers : Campbell & Associates, Illinois

Electrical Engineers: CHPA, Texas

Mechanical Engineers: Piazza Engineering, Texas

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