



Background

The Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance (JAMD) is Israel's premiere academic institution in the fields of creation, performance and the teaching of music and dance. It offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in both music and dance. The Academy strives for excellence in artistic expression and has become a world-renowned academic institution with a faculty of international repute. Its graduates and faculty are among Israel's leading musicians and dancers, contributing to the local cultural scene and representing the country internationally.

Location: The Auditorium will be attached to the New Wing and the Main Building of the Academy situated on Israel's most attractive university campus, the Hebrew University Campus at Givat Ram Jerusalem.

Need

Bringing music and dance to audiences is the ultimate goal of every student of music and dance. With more than 300 performances scheduled during an academic year, JAMD provides opportunity for its students in all age groups to appear on stage. Because the Academy has no existing recital hall its performances are relegated to other concert venues throughout Jerusalem. This not only puts a strain on the JAMD budget but also places limitations on the scope and diversity of productions to be undertaken. The need for a state of the art concert hall as an integral part of the Academy has been recognized for decades by the JAMD faculty, students and administration.

Description of the Performing Arts Auditorium

The Auditorium is planned as a 3 level complex providing about 1400 square meters (15,070 square feet) of space. The auditorium will provide room for more than 300 members of the audience in fixed seats in an area of 305 square meters (3,823 square feet). The stage will be 225 square meters (2,422 square feet) adequate to accommodate large dance or opera productions. There will be an orchestra pit of 50 square meters (538 square feet).

Entrance to the auditorium can be gained through an upper level foyer of 100 square meters (1,076 square feet) or from the entrance level foyer which includes a cafeteria and covers 185 square meters (1,911 square feet). An elevator will be available for the handicapped connecting both levels.

Provision has been made for performer dressing rooms (205 square meters - 2,207 square feet) as well as accommodation for equipment and technicians to record performances. Planning and construction will include the involvement of experts in acoustics to assure state of the art sound throughout the auditorium.

The Performing Arts Auditorium will be built as a continuation of the New Wing and will be easily accessible from both the New Wing and the Main Building of the Academy. There will be a ground level entrance for concert audiences. The new auditorium will become a cultural landmark in Jerusalem and provide new opportunities for talented young people.

Donation Opportunities

The cost of construction and equipment for the Performing Arts Auditorium is expected to reach \$7,000,000. JAMD expects that the government will provide matching funds to any donation up to 50% of the total cost.

For a gift of \$3,500,000 a donor may name the building.

Other parts of the building are available for naming by donors.

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