



CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION MASTER PLANS

Chautauqua Institution
Chautauqua, New York

Theatre Company Master Plan

Foit-Albert Associates provided Master Plan services for the Theatre Company. Services included field investigation, drawings, cataloging and evaluation of information, preparation of a comprehensive facilities program documenting the range of spaces required, as well as the documentation of specific performance requirements (size, shape, adjacencies, acoustic requirements, utility requirements, etc.) of each space. Services also included review of the existing physical, functional, aesthetic and environmental conditions of the building to determine future planning options, review of the physical condition of the building and utility systems and preparation of a conceptual design scheme incorporating the program as developed through discussion with project stakeholders.

School of Art Master Plan

Foit-Albert Associates provided master plan services for the Chautauqua Institution School of Art. The master plan was developed to save the existing historic structure through restoration to its original character, while subtly adding many modern conveniences. It was determined that an addition to the facility would deter from the original fabric of the complex. Therefore, Foit-Albert determined that free-standing structures located in the open landscape behind the facility would be the ideal location for the additional space required of the school. Foit-Albert designed these structures with a contemporary flare in order to clearly distinguish between new and original buildings.

School of Dance Master Plan

Foit-Albert Associates provided architectural and engineering services for the redesign and restoration of the existing 11,000 sf, three-story School of Dance, and the design of the two-story 9,000 sf addition for the Chautauqua Institution.

Collectively, this facility will provide four rehearsal and performance studios, locker rooms, offices, a student lounge, a faculty lounge, costume shop, storage, dormitory housing for 30, a two-bedroom apartment and two one-bedroom apartments.

School of Music Master Plan

Foit-Albert Associates provided Master Plan services for the Chautauqua Institution School of Music. The existing rehearsal hall expanded as a new single stand-alone structure and now houses 26 individual rehearsal spaces, which can accommodate one to four musicians and an instructor. All spaces were designed to provide identical acoustical properties through the use of acoustical treatments on the ceiling and wall surfaces.

The 30 existing practice shacks and historical markers of the original School of Music were restored and brought up to modern practice room standards. McKnight Hall was converted from a large, single-use rehearsal space into a multifunctional performance and rehearsal venue. It incorporates seating for 120 and can house a wide variety of performances both inside and outside the structure.

The fully-implemented master plan provides a wide variety of performance and rehearsal spaces in a distinct, recognizable and cohesive home on the grounds of the Institution.

