

Shaw Center for the Arts

Grand Opening Celebration

Saturday, April 27th, 2023

6-9 p.m.

Shaw Center for the Arts
100 Lafayette Street,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Open to the Public



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Recognition

National Honor Award, American Institute of Architects
Honor Award, AIA Gulf States Region
Honor Award, AIA New England Regional Council
Award for Design, Boston Society of Architects
Higher Education Award, Citation for Design, Boston Society of Architects

Collaborators

Associate Architect: Eskew + Dumez + Ripple
Landscape Architect: Hargreaves Associates
Structural Engineer: McKee & Deville
Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Engineer: M&E Consulting
Civil Engineer: Ferris Engineering
Code: Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc.
Theatre Programming: Robert Long & Associates
Theatre Consultants: Theatre Projects Consultants
A/V and Acoustical Design: Acentech Inc.
Programming Consultants: M. Goodwin & Associates
Conservation Environment Consultants: Garrison / Lull
Security Consultants: Steven R. Keller & Associates
Lighting Designer: H.M. Brandston & Partners
Elevator Consultant: Lerch Bates & Associates
Construction Cost Estimator: Oppenheim Lewis
General Contractor: The Lemoine Company
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The Shaw Center for the Arts combines the Louisiana State University Museum of Art with spaces for LSU's studio arts programs and an important regional center for the performing arts. The project is located on one and a half city blocks in downtown Baton Rouge, and incorporates an historic older building, the "Auto Hotel." The primary public venues, the Museum of Art and the performing arts theaters, form a single structure that cantilevers over the Auto Hotel, which was rebuilt to house classrooms, art studios, curatorial spaces, and a Gallery for the LSU School of Art. The Shaw Center lobby, a 65-foot tall space enclosed by glass, connects the three main elements of the project: the museum, the theater complex, and the studio and classroom spaces within the Auto Hotel. In 2018, the Shaw was named the best-designed museum in Louisiana by Architectural Digest.

The image shows the interior of a modern theater. The ceiling is a prominent feature, with large, curved wooden panels and dark, curved structural elements. The stage is at the far end, covered by a long, vibrant green curtain. The seating area is filled with rows of green upholstered seats, arranged in a semi-circular pattern. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the stage area.

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The SHAW CENTER FOR THE ARTS at Louisiana State University, recognized by the editor of the Architectural Digest, invites you to join us for a GRAND OPENING CEREMONY this Saturday, April 27, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event is Open to the Public. You can find the SHAW CENTER at 100 Lafayette Street in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

See you there!