

Tempe Center for the Arts



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FACT SHEET

A lakeside masterpiece

Tempe Center for the Arts stages innovative programming that enriches, enlightens, inspires and expands the artistic horizons of the Tempe community.

The TCA is a unique visual and performing arts experience built by the community for the community. It is a professional-level venue in which local groups are expected to provide more than 75 percent of the overall programming.

The center offers a unique blending of arts and culture at a distinctive destination that features what few cities can boast – Town Lake’s endless outdoor activities, the dining and nightlife of a vibrant downtown, a dynamic shopping venue and one of the nation’s top universities.



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The Facility

The 88,000 square-foot facility features a theater, studio, gallery, banquet/meeting room, donor lounge, an on-site, full-service box office, theatrical and administrative support areas, two dedicated catering areas, arts retail space, a lounge and a 17-acre art park.



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• **Theater** - At the heart of the TCA is a 600-seat performance hall able to accommodate dance, drama, small scale opera, musical theater, orchestral performances and solo recitals. The

auditorium incorporates four seating levels - an orchestra level, parterre and two balconies. To the sides of the auditorium, boxes extend and nearly connect to the stage. Above the forestage, an overhead grid allows suspension of scenery, lighting and sound equipment. A state-of-the-art computerized control system offers maximum flexibility for theatrical lighting and the latest in audio-video and communication systems technology.

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• **Studio** - The 200-seat studio also is characterized by flexibility with two levels of surrounding space for technical staging or audience seating. It can be configured in

a flat floor, thrust, arena, end stage or cabaret design or be fashioned as an art gallery. Overhead are a series of production catwalks, above which is a network of rigging beams allowing the suspension of scenery in any part of the room.

• **Gallery** - The main room for showcasing visual art is a 3,500 square-foot gallery that engages visitors with both two- and three-dimensional artwork. A journey through the gallery leads to an enclosed outdoor sculpture garden where larger artworks will be highlighted.

• **Lakeside** - A 3,400 square-foot meeting room is available for banquets, weddings, receptions, rehearsals, presentations, lectures and much more.



John Linden Photography

• **Art Park** - A 17-acre art park surrounds the center, complementing the breathtaking views of the adjoining Rio Salado and nearby Papago Mountains. Visitors can stroll lakeside paths that wind through the Rio Salado, enjoy a quiet moment at the Tempe Garden Club Pavilion or be entertained at events at the lakeside amphitheater.

Location

• The Tempe Center for the Arts is centrally located in the heart of the Phoenix Metropolitan area at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway – east of Priest Drive and Rio Salado Parkway on the south bank of Town Lake.





A whole new center of attention

Public art

- From a fire piece to lobby carpeting to a reflecting pool, the TCA celebrates the architecture and unique location of the building through the commission of works by outstanding regional and national artists. A 5,700-square foot sculpture garden is located outside of the gallery and celebrates the rebirth and development of Rio Salado.



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Performing arts organizations

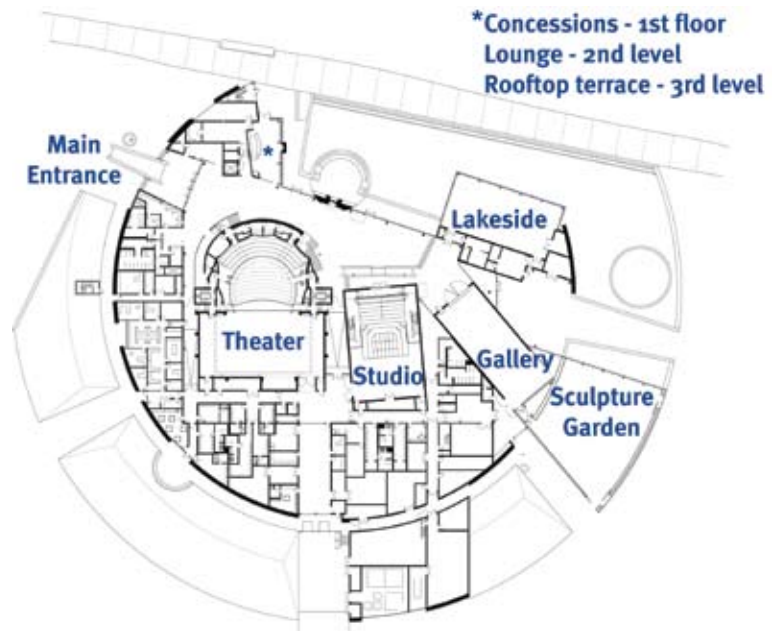
- The TCA is “home” to several local Tempe arts organizations, including A Ludwig Dance Theatre, Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts, Arizona Wind Symphony, Childsplay, Desert Dance Theater, Tempe Community Chorus, Tempe Little Theatre and the Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble. The city-owned Tempe Symphony Orchestra also makes its home at the center.



Volunteer opportunities

- The center relies heavily upon volunteers who serve as ushers, docents, ticket takers and more. If interested, send your name, telephone number and email address to sally_garrison@tempe.gov or to michelle_dock@tempe.gov.

Tempe Center for the Arts plan



Each performance and exhibit area will have access for loading and unloading and will feature rooms for performers, support staff and storage.

Funding

- Tempe voters passed Proposition 400 in May 2000, which dedicated a 1/10 percent sales tax to provide funding for development, construction and operation of the center.
- Funding consists of \$63 million for the art center and \$2.7 million for the adjacent art park. The sales tax, estimated to generate \$65 to \$69 million capital project capacity for the facility and surrounding improvements, went into effect in January 2001.



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