


**Plainfield Government & Performing Arts Center**
Interior Architecture
206 W Main Street, Plainfield, IN 46168
Complete 01/01/2024

## DESIGN STATEMENT

Rooted in the values of the Quaker tradition, integrity, simplicity, community, and stewardship, the Plainfield Government & Performing Arts Center (PAC) was conceived as both a civic anchor and a cultural beacon for the Town of Plainfield. These principles shaped every aspect of the project, from material selection to spatial programming, resulting in a building that is timeless and deeply responsive to its context.

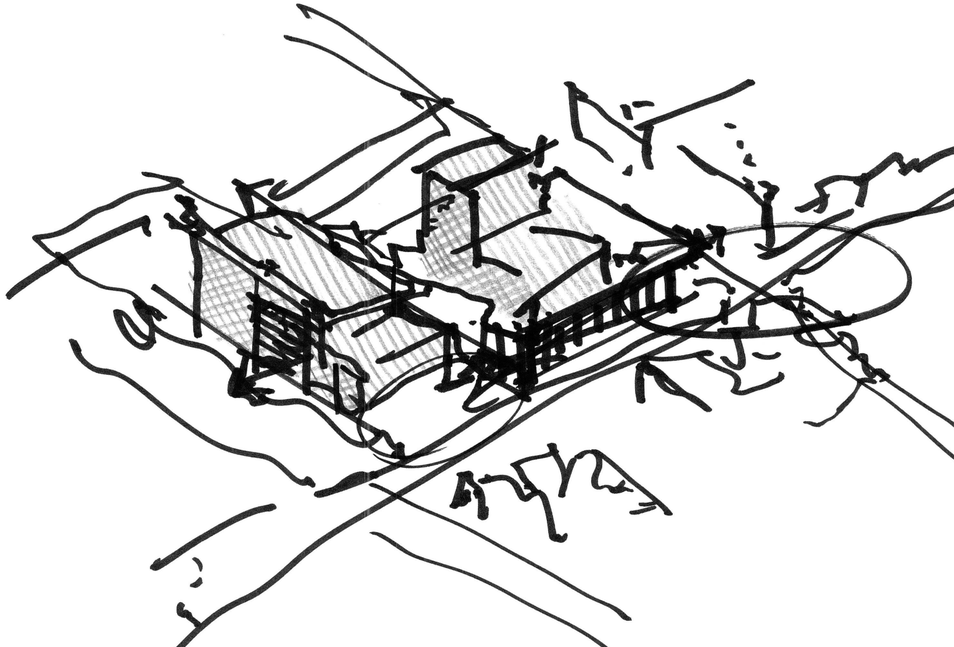
Architectural restraint and material honesty define the center's design language. Durable, authentic materials including brick, limestone, terrazzo, steel, glass, and wood were selected for their longevity, craftsmanship, and enduring character. These materials reflect the town's architectural heritage while reinforcing the project's design philosophy. Brick exterior walls extend seamlessly into the interior, limestone bases and arches establish a consistent architectural vocabulary, and wood serves as a subtle wayfinding element, guiding visitors to key destinations such as the council chamber and theatre without relying on bold graphics or color.

At the heart of the project is the 600-seat theatre. Its sweeping wood balcony showcases craftsmanship while balancing sculptural expression with acoustic and visual performance. The proscenium wall, composed of brick and limestone, continues the theme of material continuity throughout the building. A recessed fly tower and a transparent, glass-enclosed lobby reduce the building's perceived scale, allowing it to respect its historic surroundings while expressing a contemporary civic identity.

The building's organization is equally intentional. The government center and theatre are connected by a shared lobby and a canopy-lit corridor that emphasizes transparency and community. A custom-designed lighting installation creates a dynamic visual experience while meeting the project's budget and constructability goals. Above the council chamber, a flexible community and rehearsal space bridges the two program elements, supporting after-hours public use while maintaining the security of administrative offices.

The project addresses complex civic and cultural needs through thoughtful, integrated design. It brings together municipal government, the performing arts, and community gathering spaces within a single civic destination that honors Plainfield's history while looking confidently toward its future.

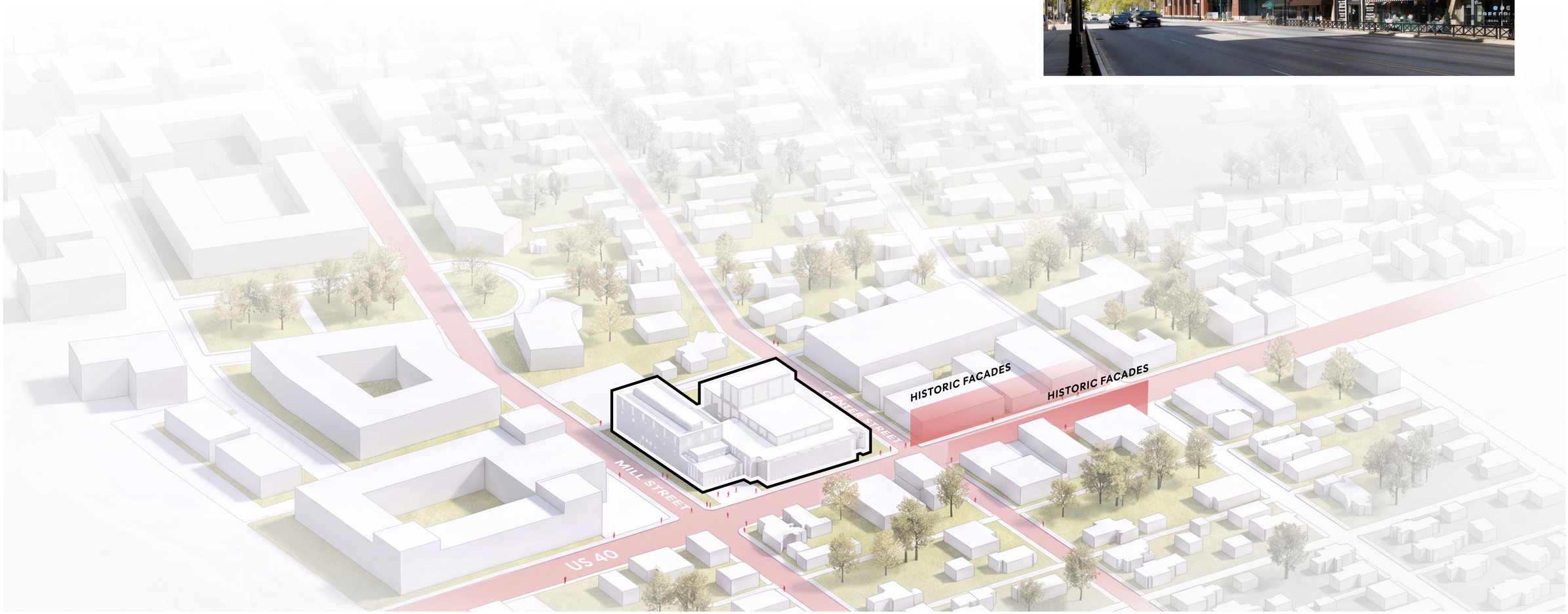
The PAC is a physical expression of Plainfield's values and aspirations. Designed as a "100 Year Building" with and for the community, it occupies a prominent downtown intersection as a lasting civic landmark that will serve and inspire future generations.



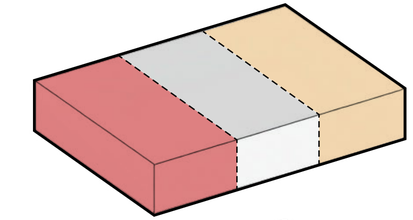
## ABOUT THE SITE

Occupying the former Town Hall site at the intersection of Main and Center Streets, the PAC anchors the geographic center of downtown Plainfield along historic US 40. The building's massing responds to the surrounding historic facades, preserving the established street edge while creating a prominent civic presence at one of the community's most significant intersections.

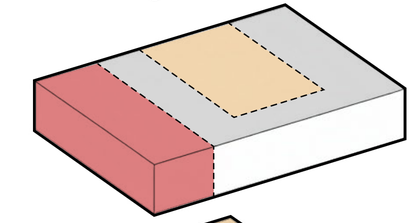


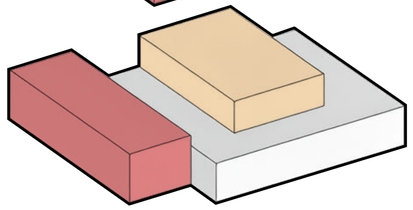
1 To accomodate the desired program, the building maximized the full size of the site.



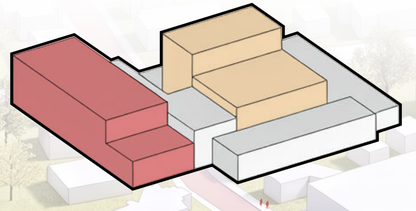
2 The sensitive acoustic spaces were nestled in the building, while community and connection spaces pushed to the center of the Town intersection.

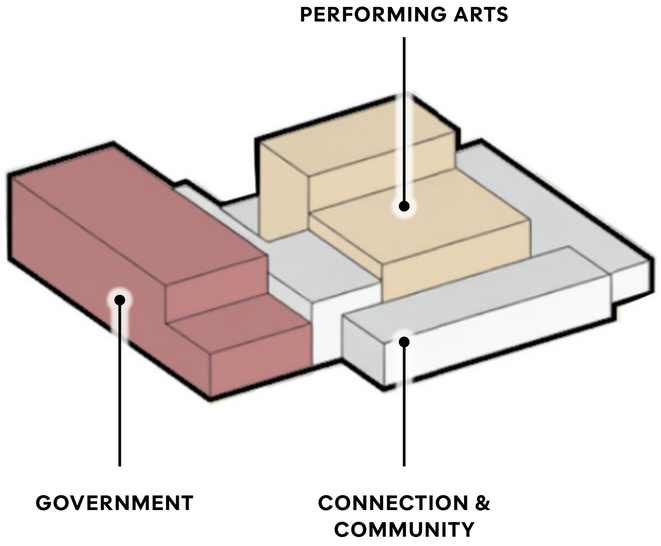


3 The study of scale pairs the tall government and performing arts components with shorter scaled connecting spaces.



4 The tallest part of the building stair steps down to engage with the scale and alignment of the historic Town facades.






## INTERCONNECTED PROGRAM

The building brings together municipal government, the performing arts, and community gathering spaces within a single, integrated composition. Shared public spaces connect each program, fostering collaboration and reinforcing the building's role as the civic heart of downtown Plainfield.






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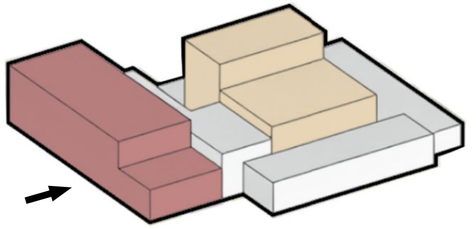
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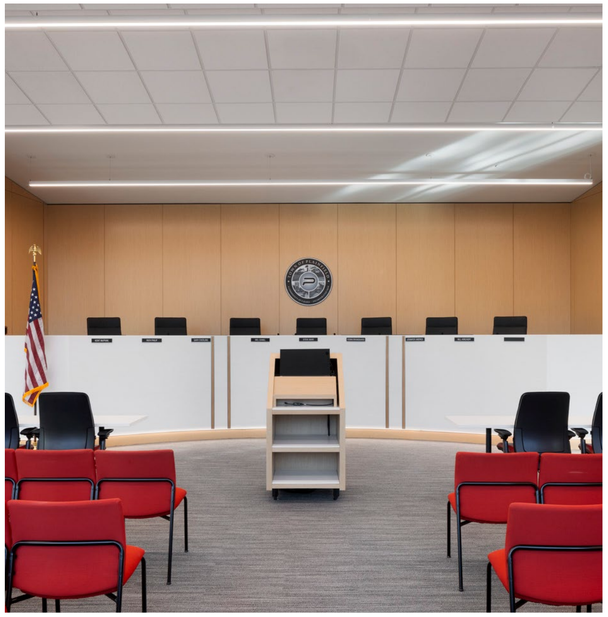
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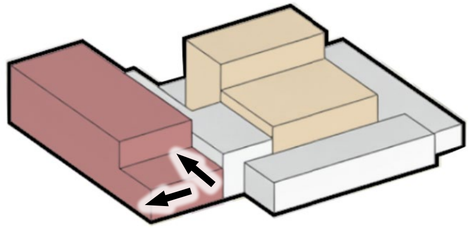
Located along the south edge of the site, the government center's primary entrance is marked by a projecting canopy and metallic overhang that clearly signal arrival. The contemporary curtainwall is carefully integrated within the traditional rhythm and proportions of the brick façade, balancing modern transparency with timeless civic character while filling the lobby with natural daylight and providing clear wayfinding.



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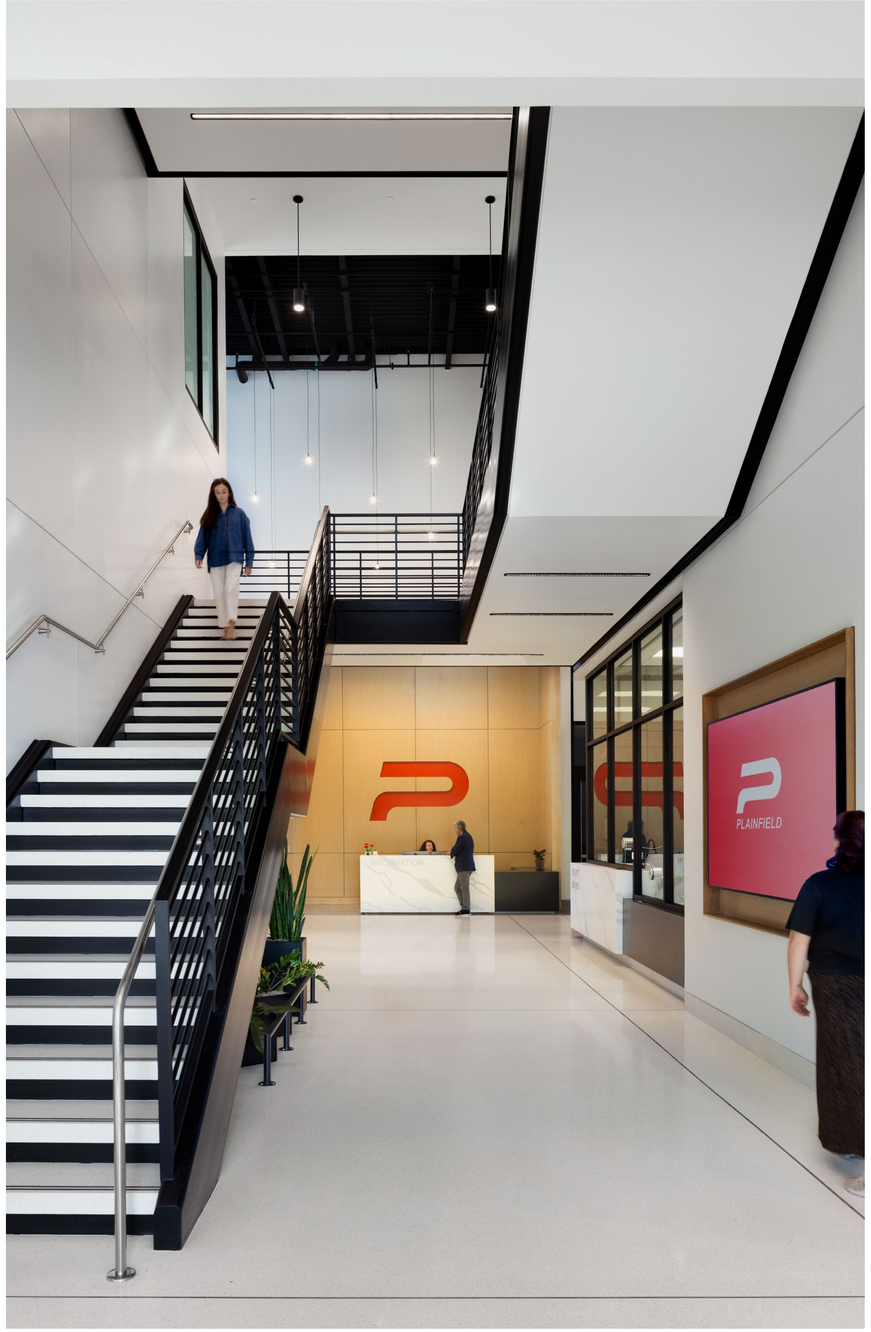





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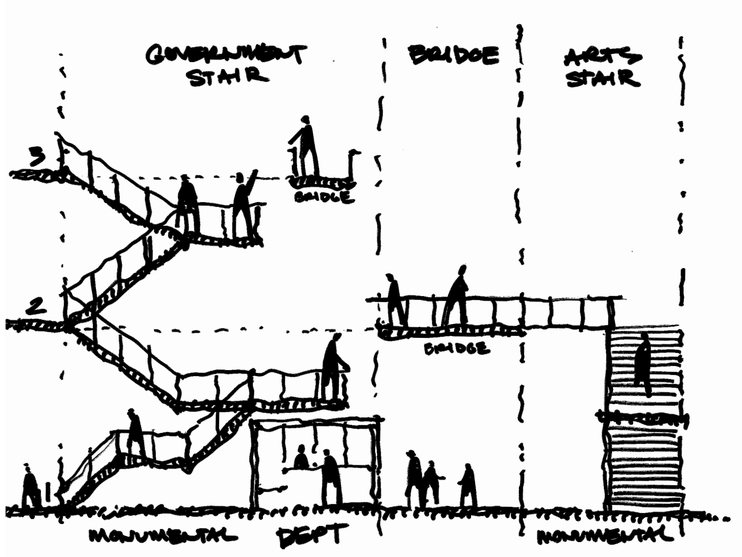
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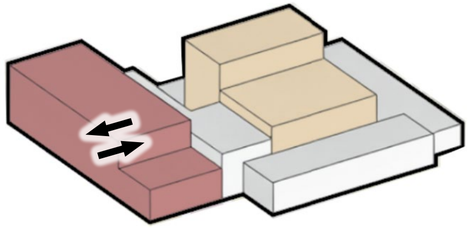



## WELCOMING ENTRY

The shared lobby serves as the civic heart of the PAC, connecting government, performing arts, and community spaces within a light-filled, welcoming environment. Open stairs and overlooking balconies encourage visual connection between levels, reinforcing transparency while fostering interaction and a shared sense of place.



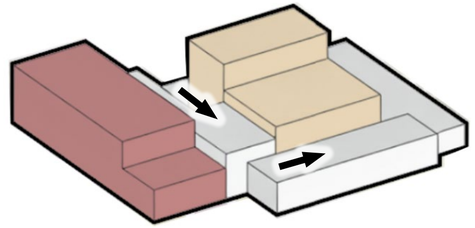
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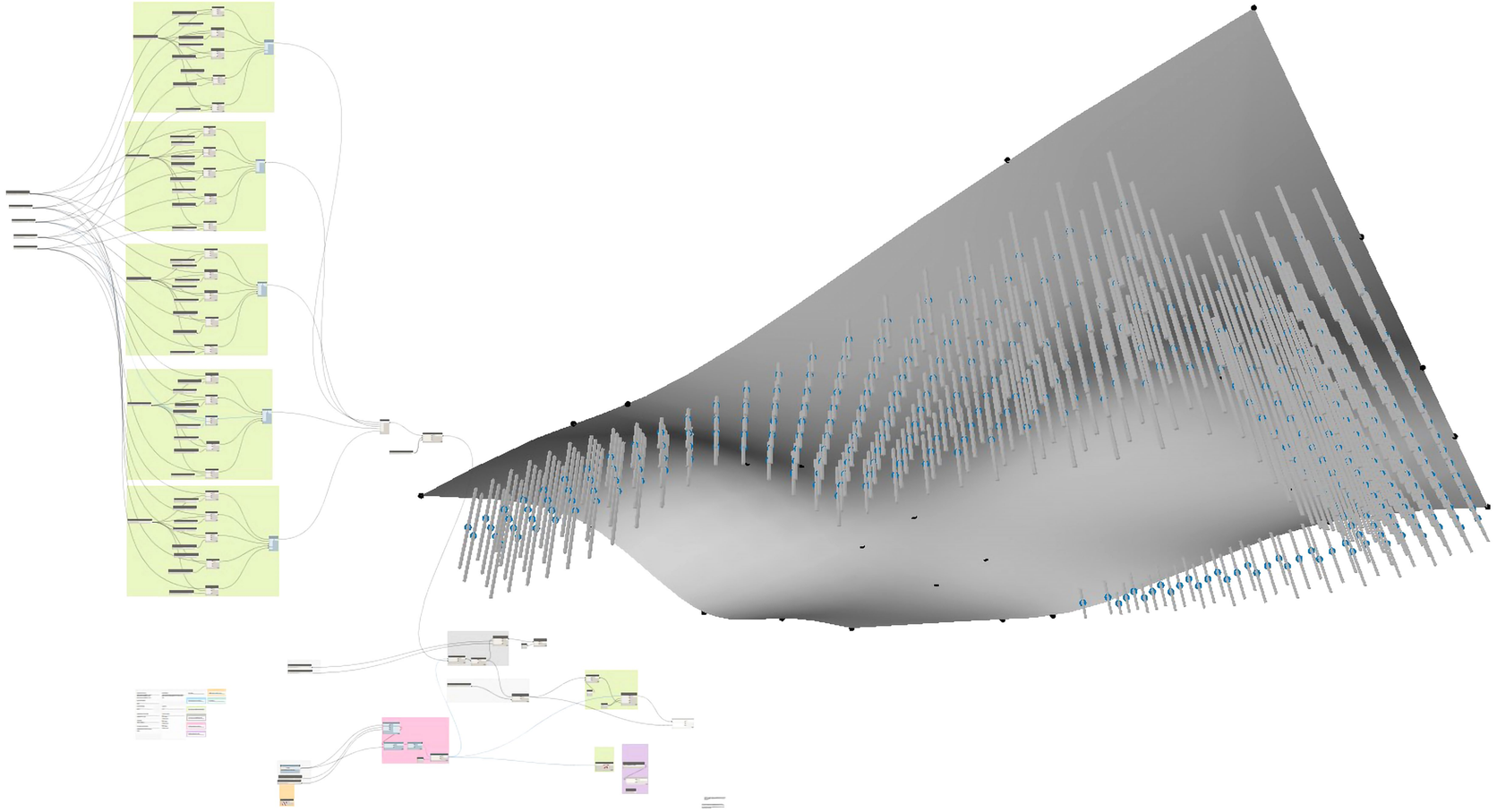



## CONNECTED CIVIC SPACES

Connection spaces throughout the building encourage interaction beyond their primary function as circulation. Generous landings, open views, and shared gathering areas create opportunities for informal meetings, community engagement, and everyday encounters, reinforcing the PAC as a place where civic life unfolds.



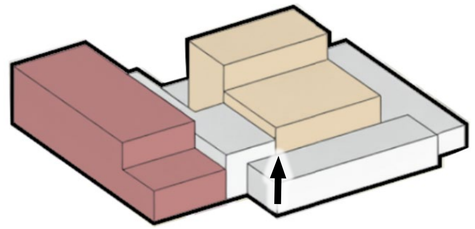
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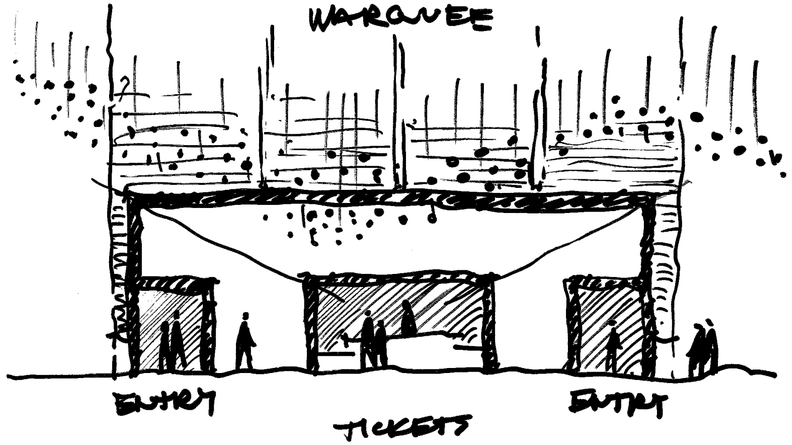
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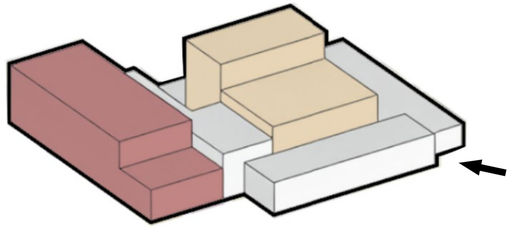
The marquee canopy lighting feature, a reference to classic sparkling lit theater canopies of the past, can be seen a mile up Highway 40. A custom Dynamo script was developed to design this dynamic lighting feature, allowing budget-conscious refinement of the 321 light array, while retaining architectural ambition.



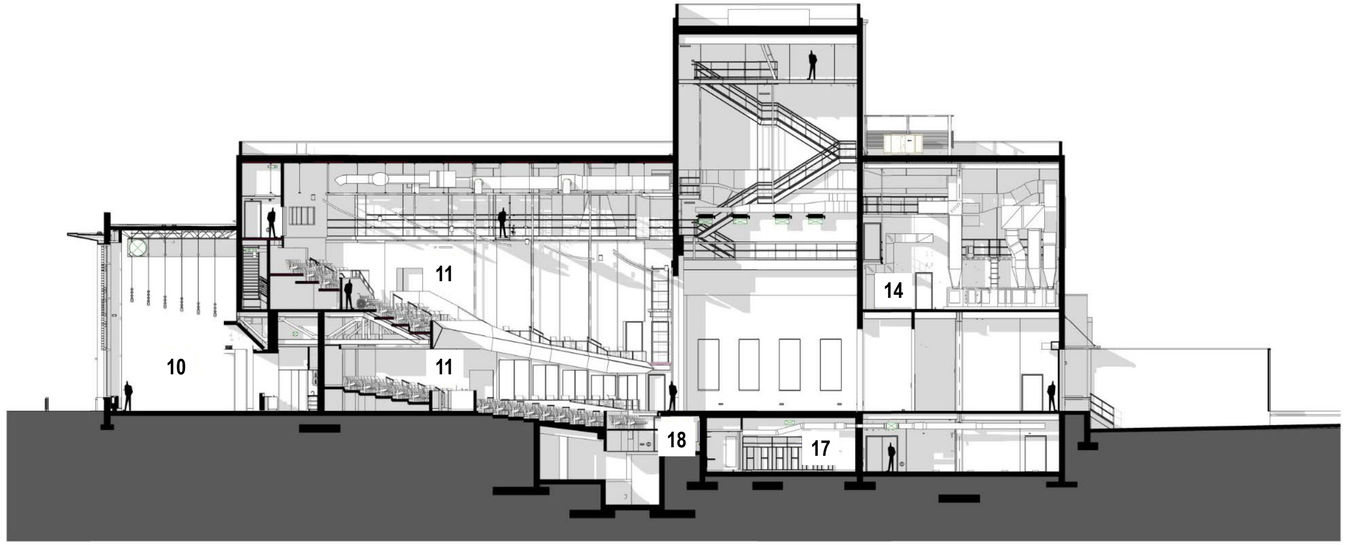
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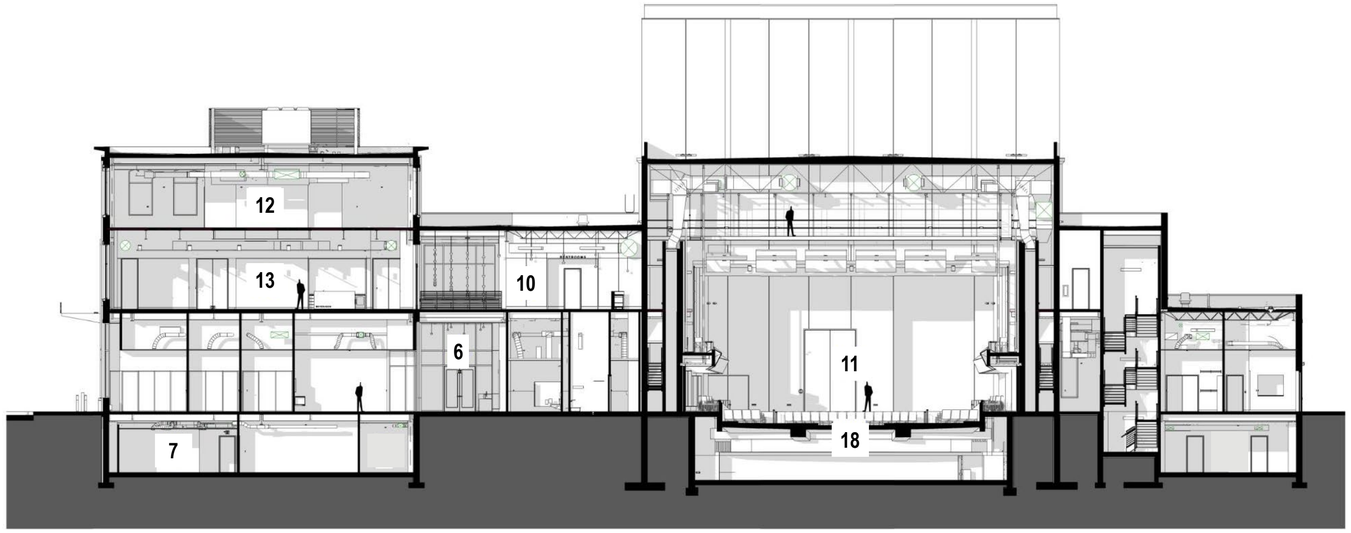



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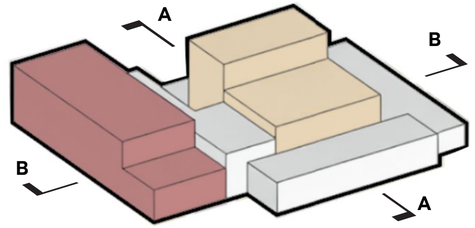
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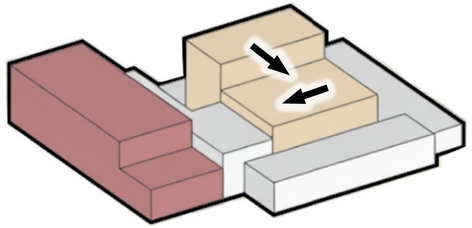
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4 Dock
5 Main Entry
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7 Department Office
8 Chamber of Commerce
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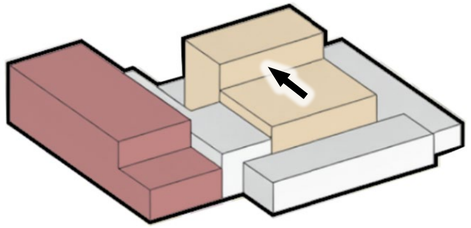




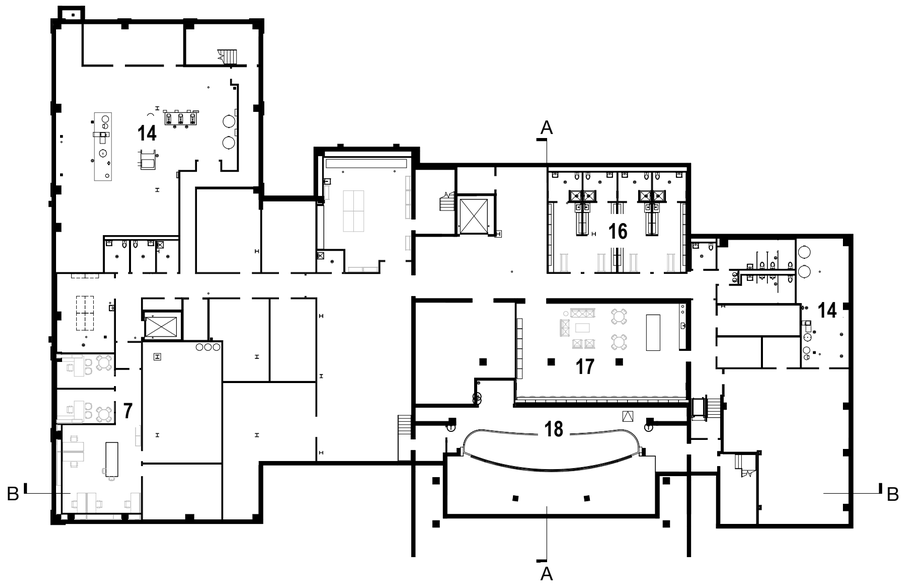
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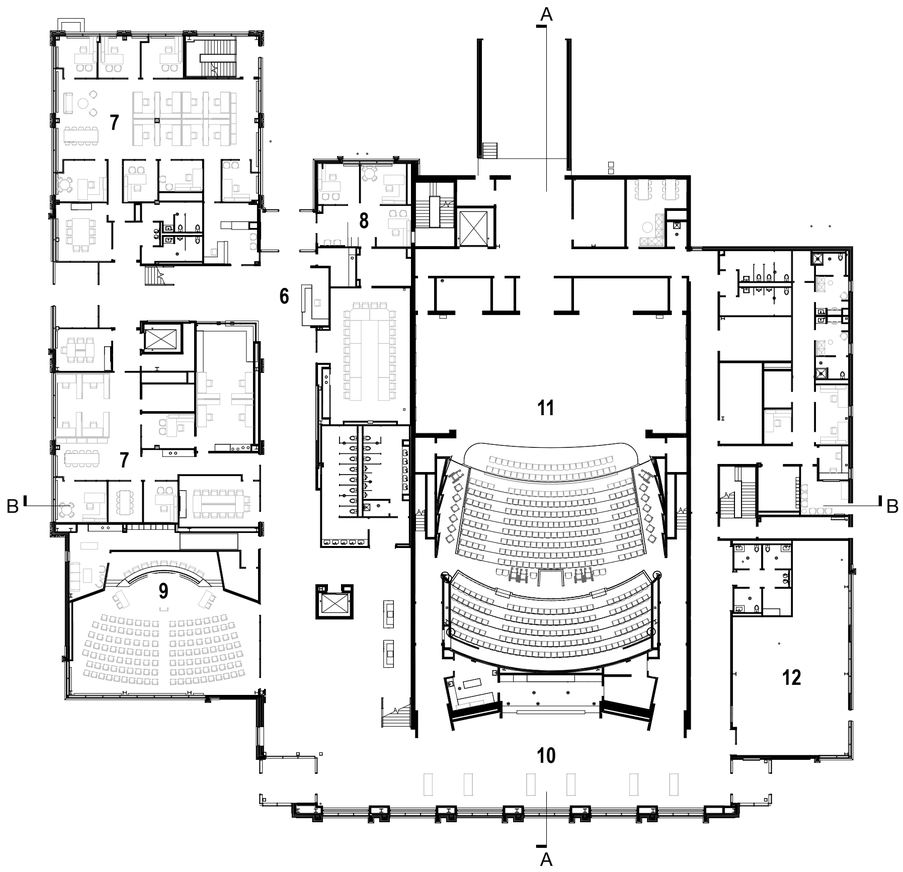




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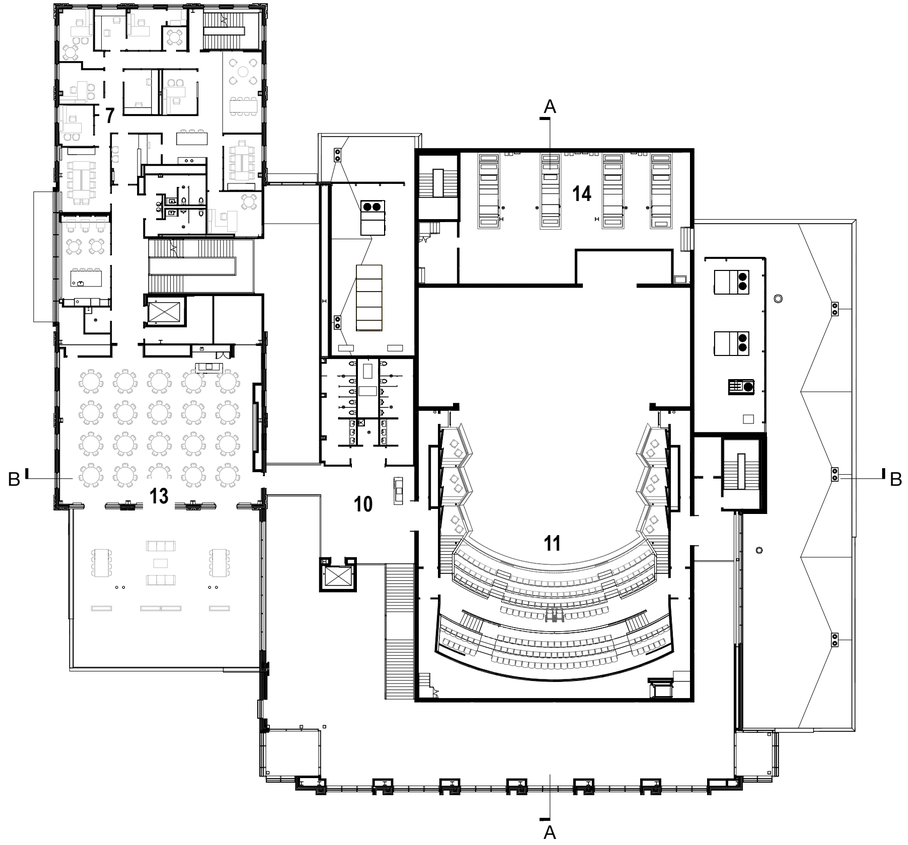



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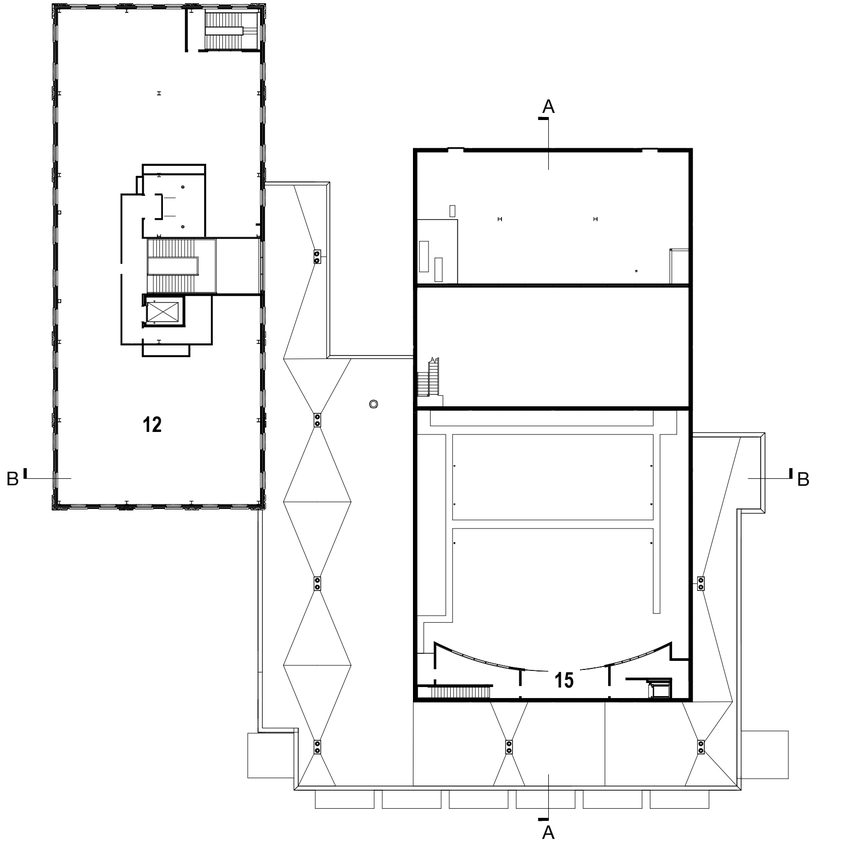



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SECOND LEVEL FLOOR PLAN




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