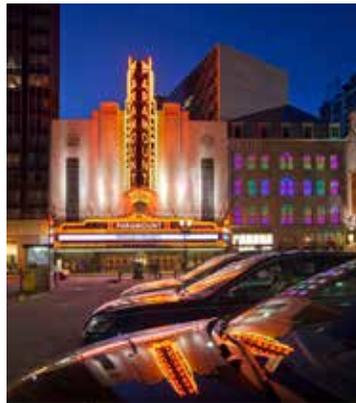


THE PARAMOUNT CENTER

Emerson College

Boston, Massachusetts

Client: Emerson College



AWARDS

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
ARCHITECTURE FOR BUILDING
ADDITIONS OR ADAPTIVE REUSE
SCUP/AIA-CAE, 2012

PRESERVATION HONOR AWARD
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC
PRESERVATION, 2011

PAUL E TSONGAS AWARD
PRESERVATION MASSACHUSETTS, 2011

MERIT AWARD
UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF THEATER
TECHNOLOGY, 2011

DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD (VENUES)
LIVE DESIGN MAGAZINE, 2011

HONOR AWARD FOR DESIGN
EXCELLENCE, 2010
BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

DESIGN AWARD
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS –
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, 2010

PRESERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD –
SIGNIFICANT REHABILITATION/
RESTORATION, 2010
BOSTON PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

BUILDING OF THE YEAR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, NEW
ENGLAND CHAPTER, 2010

The Paramount Center is a mixed-use development in Boston's Theatre District comprised of the existing Paramount Theatre, the "Arcade" building on Washington Street, and a vacant lot adjacent to Mason Street. Expanding on a 16-year relationship and two successful collaborations on previous theater projects, Emerson College selected Elkus Manfredi Architects to redevelop the two buildings and site as part of the Theatre District revitalization. The Paramount Center supports Emerson's mission to strengthen and expand its unique and highly specialized curricula in communication and the arts. The project adds 146,000 square feet of new construction and completes a key component of Boston's Midtown Cultural District.

The Paramount Theatre has been converted from its original cinematic use with a capacity of 1,657 seats to a 590-seat live performance space. Other program elements include a scene/prop shop, rehearsal studios, practice rooms, classrooms, faculty offices, a sound stage, a 180-seat film screening room, and an experimental black box theater with an audience capacity of 200. The new building provides the College with a variety of academic performance related spaces in addition to dormitory housing for 262 students. The program also provides a 150-seat restaurant at the intersection of Washington Street and Avenue de Lafayette.

