

Morgan Hill Playhouse, Morgan Hill, California

Project completed while with Landry & Bogan. Rose Steele provided programming, seating and stage design and project management services as part of the Landry & Bogan team.



As the 20th century became the 21st, the City of Morgan Hill became concerned that too many of the City's historic buildings were being lost to development. When the 1920's Church of Christ building became available, the City obtained it for future civic use.

In 2001 the City commissioned ELS Architects and Landry & Bogan to study the church as a possible performing arts space. The conceptual budget at that time was about \$800,000.

The study showed a strong need and strong support for a community performing arts space, but our team determined that more money and more square footage was required for a successful facility. The City agreed and adopted a conceptual scheme that added 3000 SF of stage and performer support to the existing building. ELS led the design team, with L&B providing specialized consulting on space planning for performance, stage design, performance lighting, rigging, seating, sightlines and ADA access.



The end result is a modest but attractive 172-seat facility that has been a hit from opening night. The gala performance sold out so quickly that the first performance was moved to 7pm and a second gala added the same night at 9pm.



Construction data: 7,100 SF total, including new and renovated. Construction cost \$2.3M, opened 2002

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