

DOMIS PALMER AUDITORIUM

Connecticut College Palmer Revitalized

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Process, Programming & Visioning

Programming & Visioning Summary

Auditorium Capacity & Technology Requirements

- Spring Camels Days, Fall New Student Orientation, and other major public events require ca 1,000 seats
- The majority of performances require 800 or fewer seats, with average of 400
- Significant AV and theatrical equipment upgrades required

Theater Department Priorities

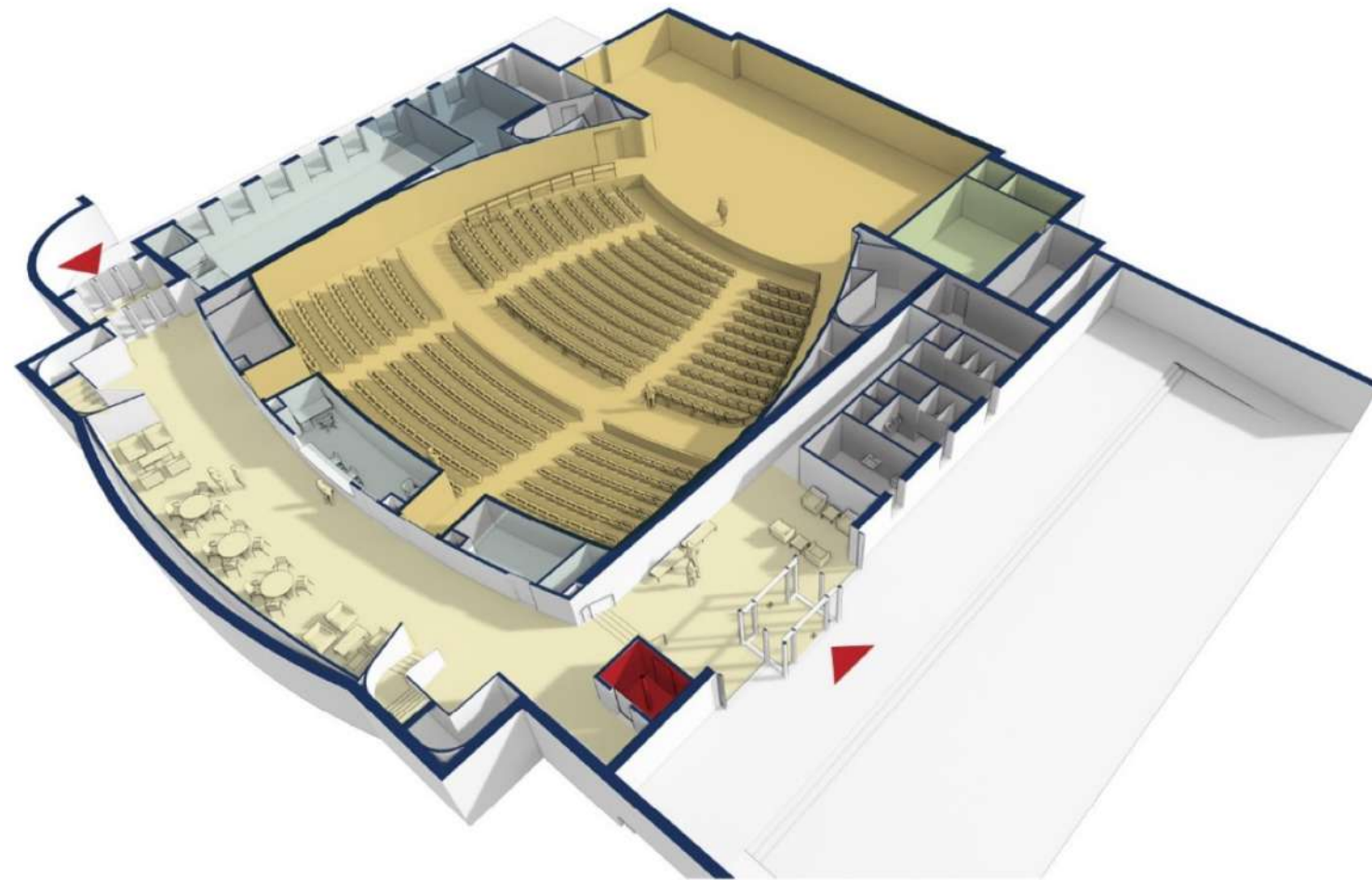
- Improved teaching space is key. Among desired features :
 - Enlarged Rehearsal Room (Currently Classroom 202)
 - Additional classroom/studio spaces
 - Consolidated offices with a departmental “front door”
 - Enhanced Costume Shop

Student Priorities

- Accessibility is key. Among desired features:
- Enlarged Rehearsal Room (Currently Classroom 202) to support student theater groups (e.g., Wig & Candle)
- Open study areas, lounge seating w/ outlets, group study and meeting rooms to draw more students to Palmer. Increased natural light and vending
- Improvements to Castle Court to create stronger link to campus

Revitalized Palmer: Scope & Features

REVITALIZATION

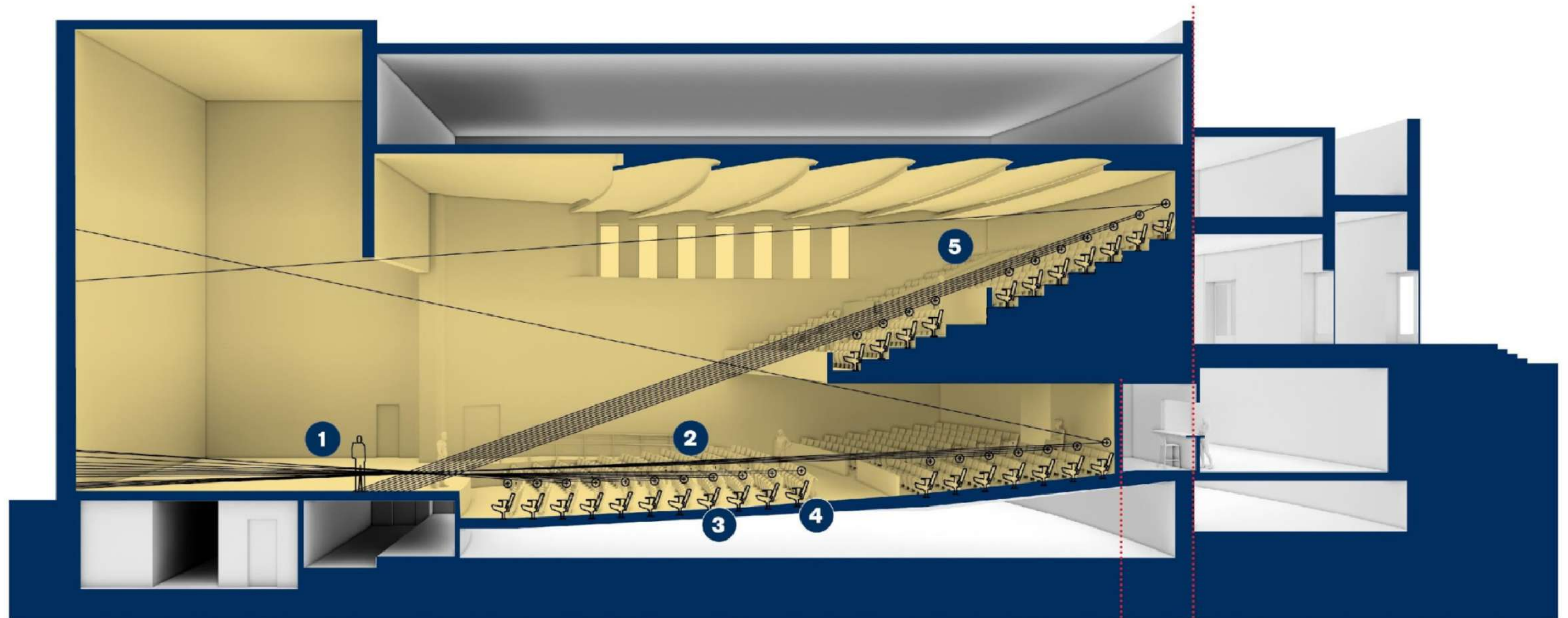


KEY SCOPE CONSIDERATIONS

- Respects historical significance
- Incorporates sustainable objectives
- Improved stage
- Enhanced acoustics & sightlines
- New AV and theatrical equipment
- Repositioned theatrical lighting
- Reintroduction of natural light
- Enlarged public spaces
- Consolidated theater department offices
- Large, accessible teaching & rehearsal spaces
- Improved Castle Court and Tempel Green entries
- Preservation of seating capacity at 1000

Improvements to Revitalized Palmer

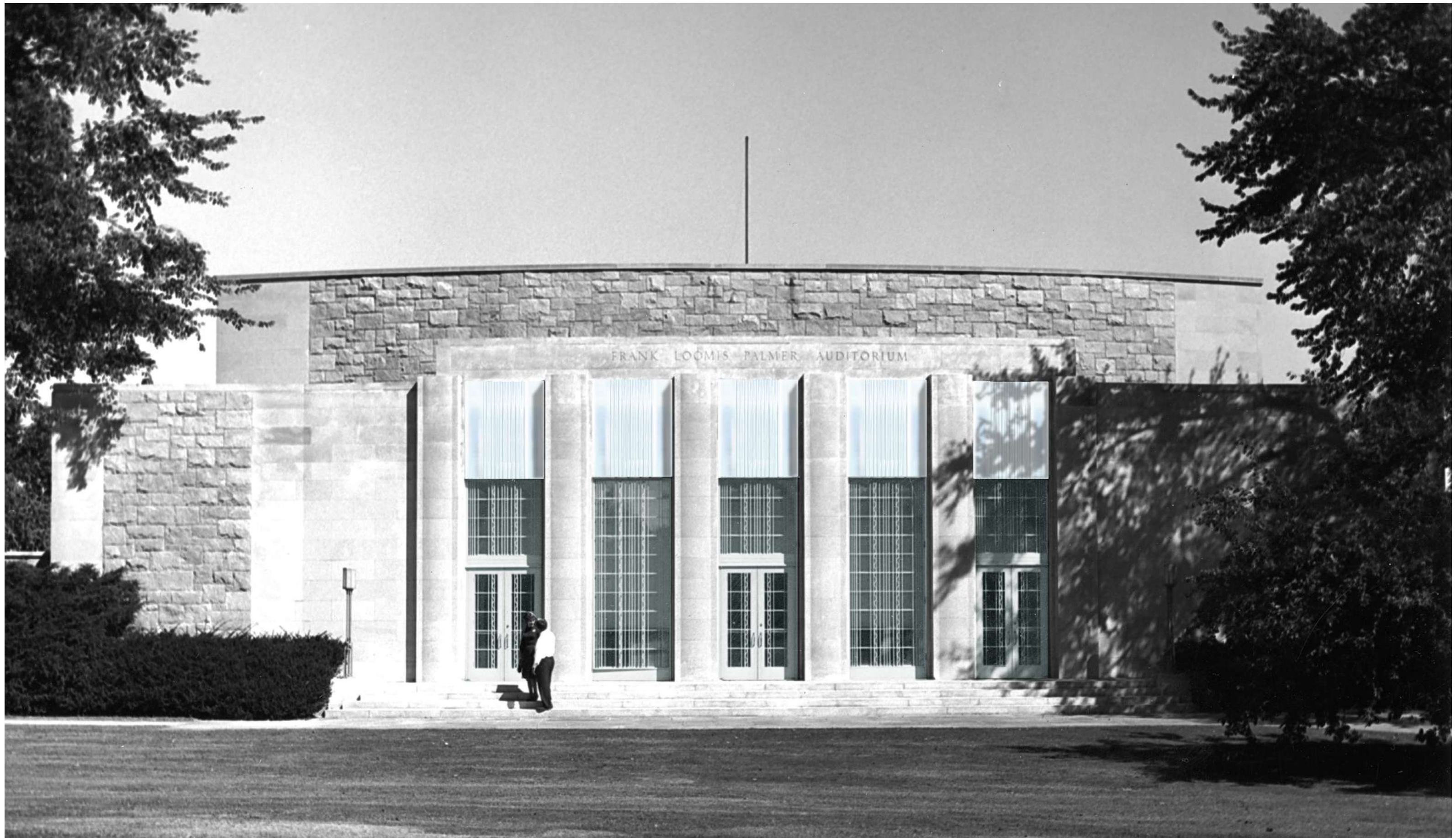
1. Enhancement of sightlines with improved chair stagger
2. Introduction of side wings at the front of the orchestra offers improved stage access and audience intimacy
3. Greater comfort: new seating provides leg room increased by 4 inches and average chair is 1-2 inches wider
4. ADA seating is increased and improved
5. Improved sightlines to the stage



Revitalized Section

8'

1,000
Seats

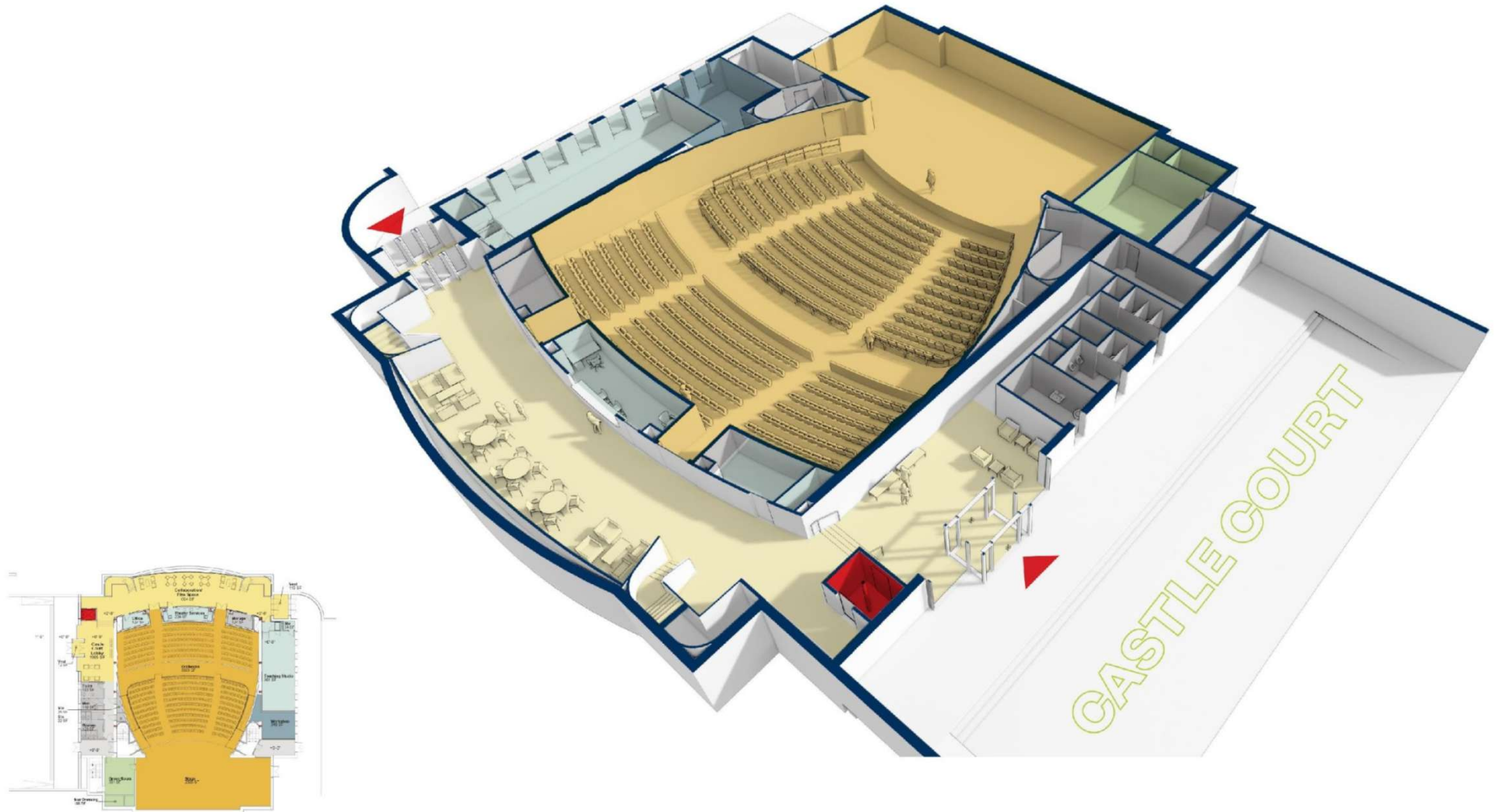


Tempel Green Entrance

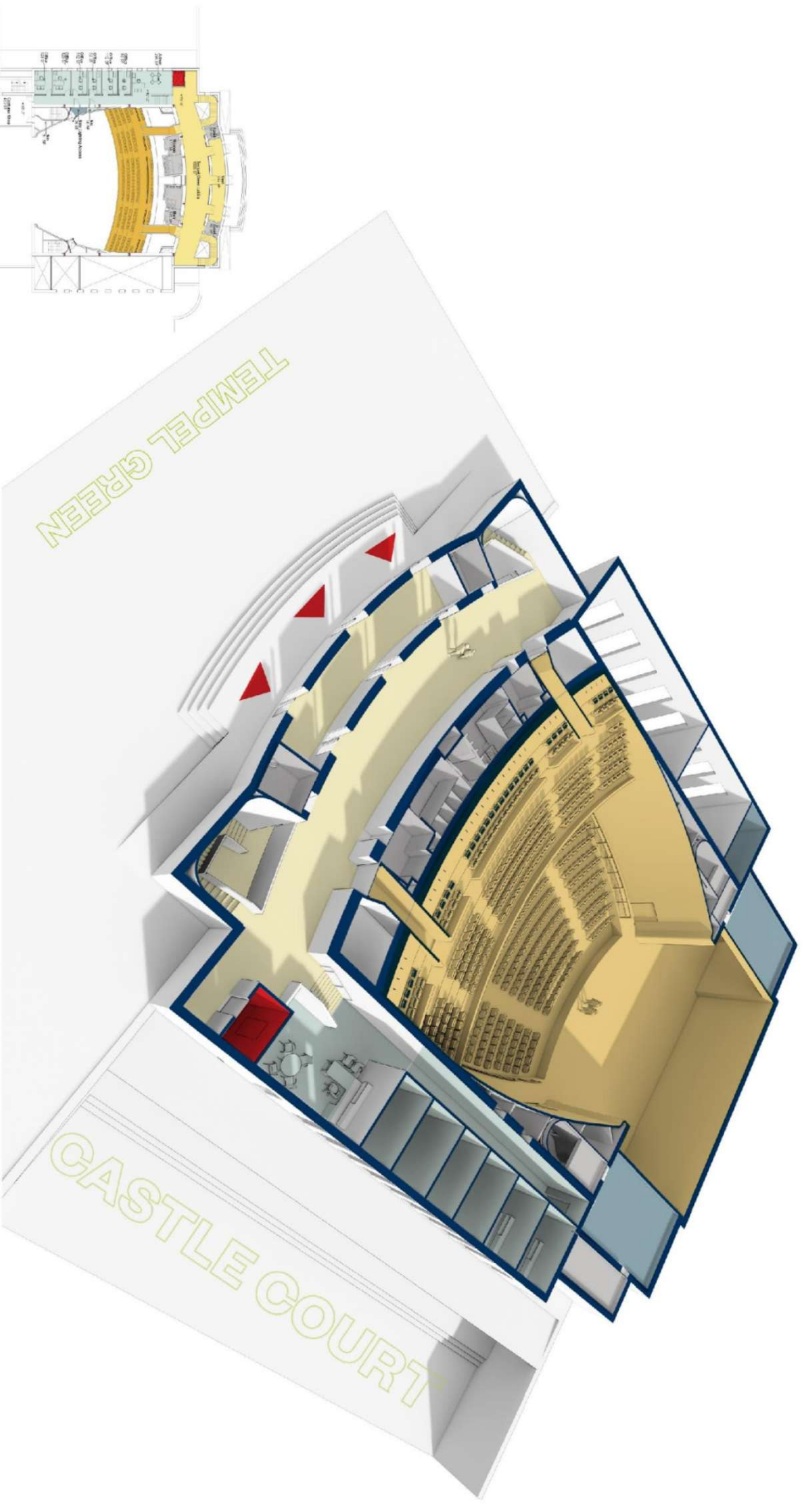


Lightbox Illumination

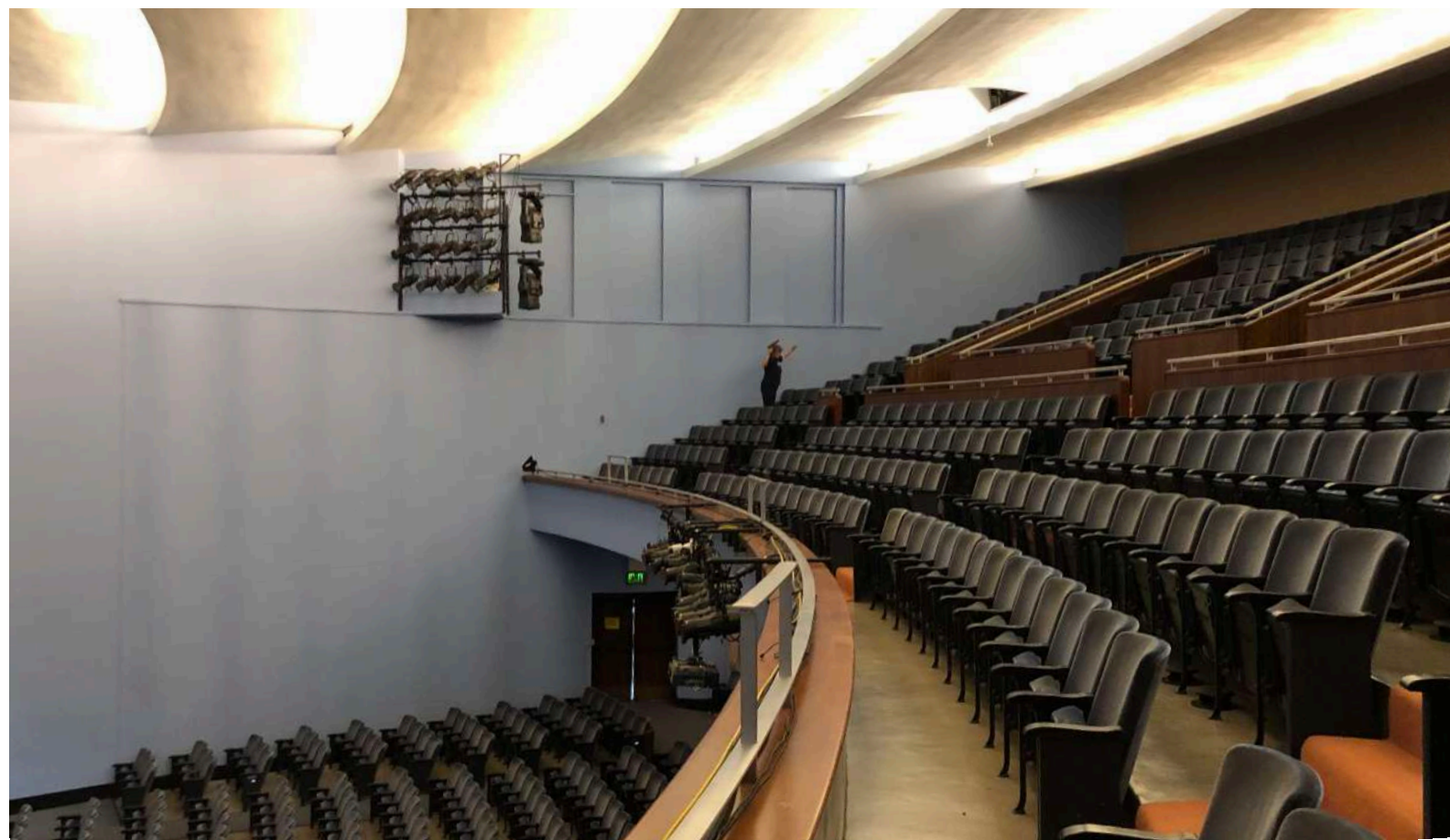
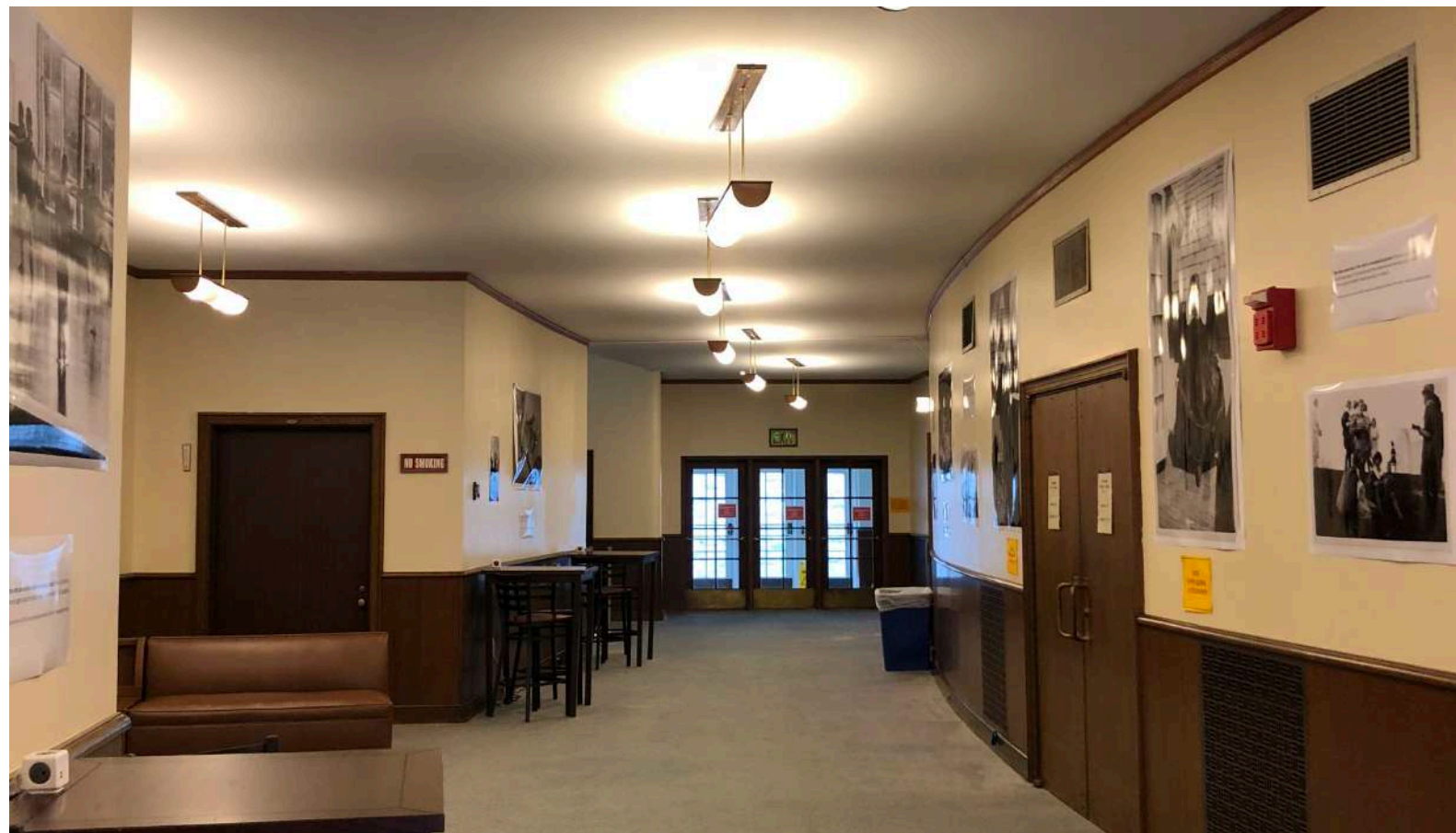




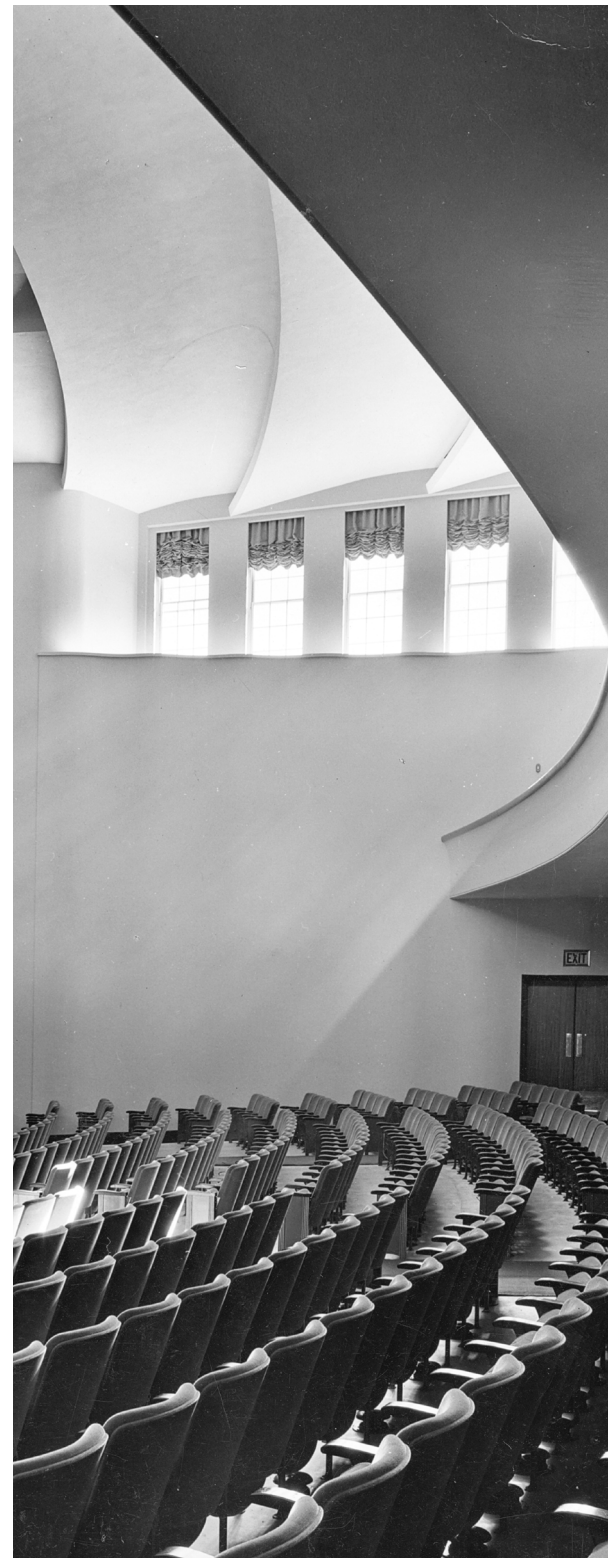
Revitalized Castle Court Entry Level Cutaway Plan View



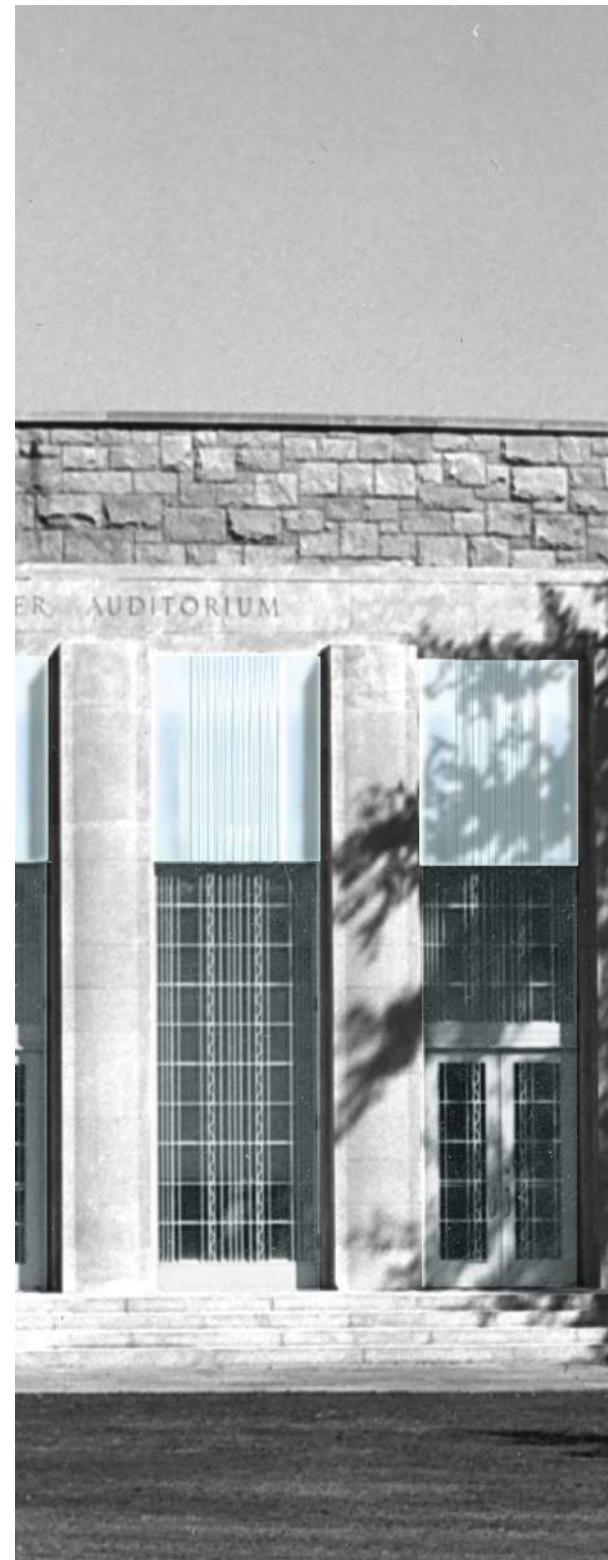
Revitalized Tempel Green Entry Level Cutaway Plan View



Existing Conditions



Past Recognition



Future Representation



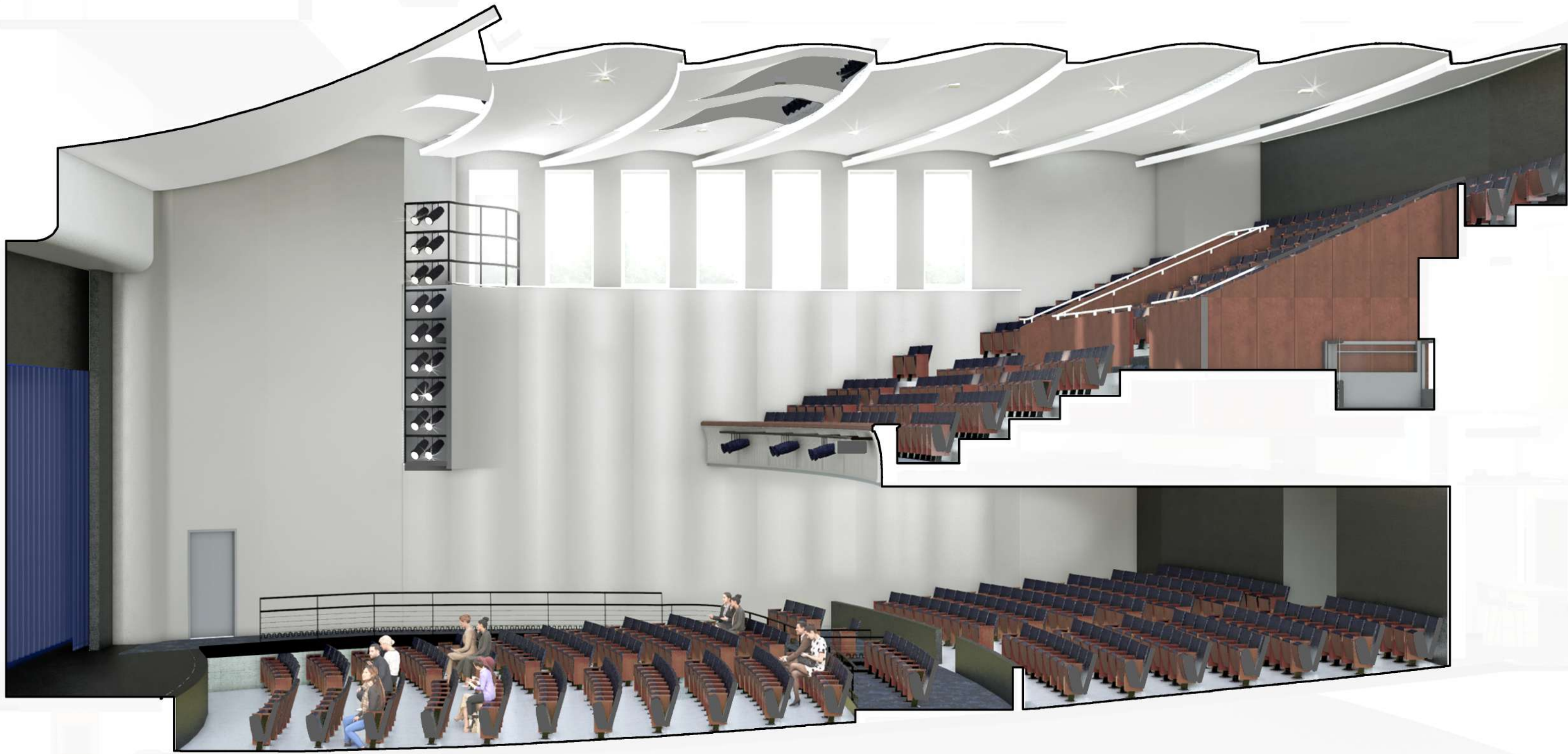
Tempel Green Lounge



Collaboration & Small Group Meeting



Castle Court Entrance



Auditorium Section



Auditorium View from Stage



Auditorium View from Crossaisle



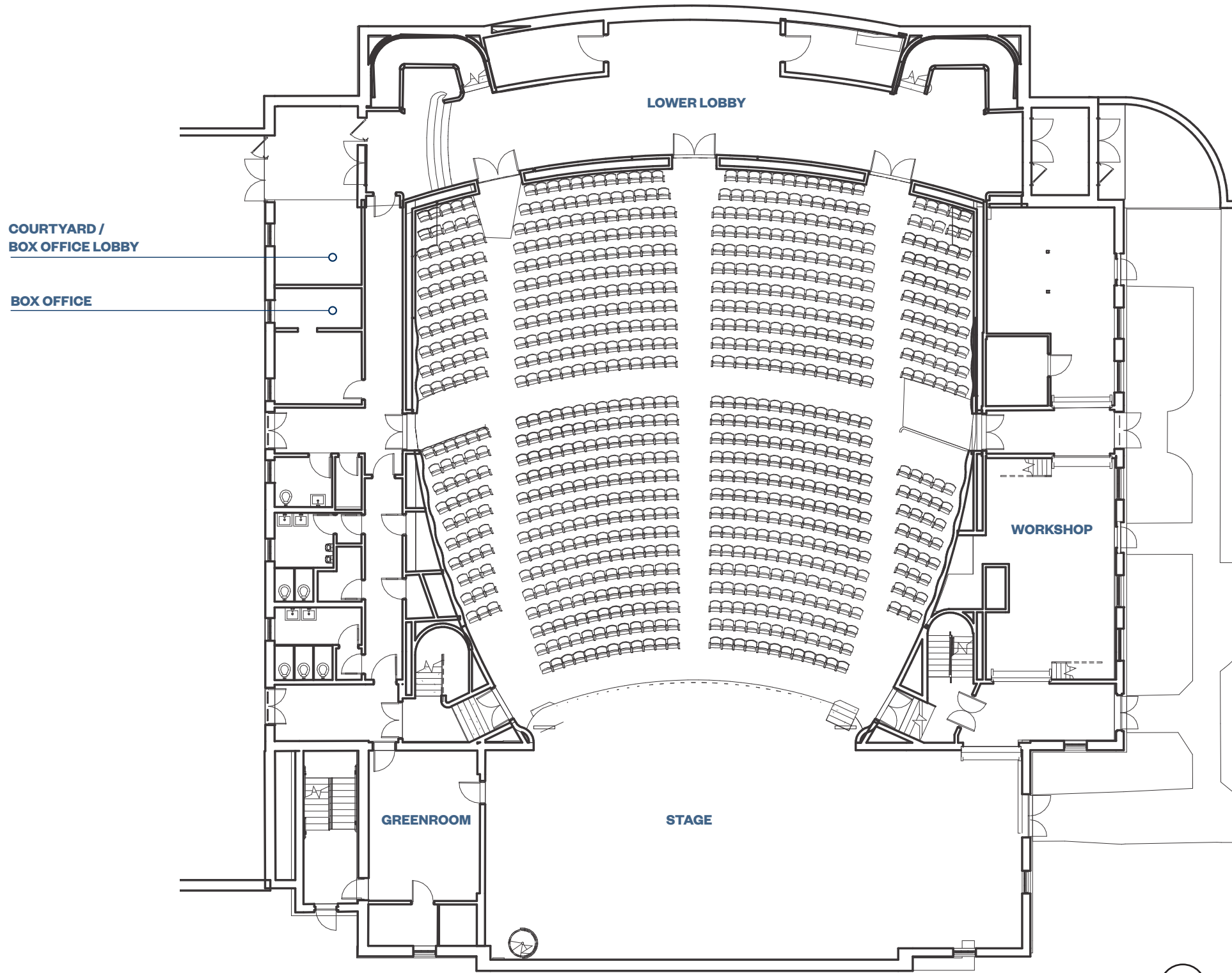
Teaching Studio



Theater Department Reception

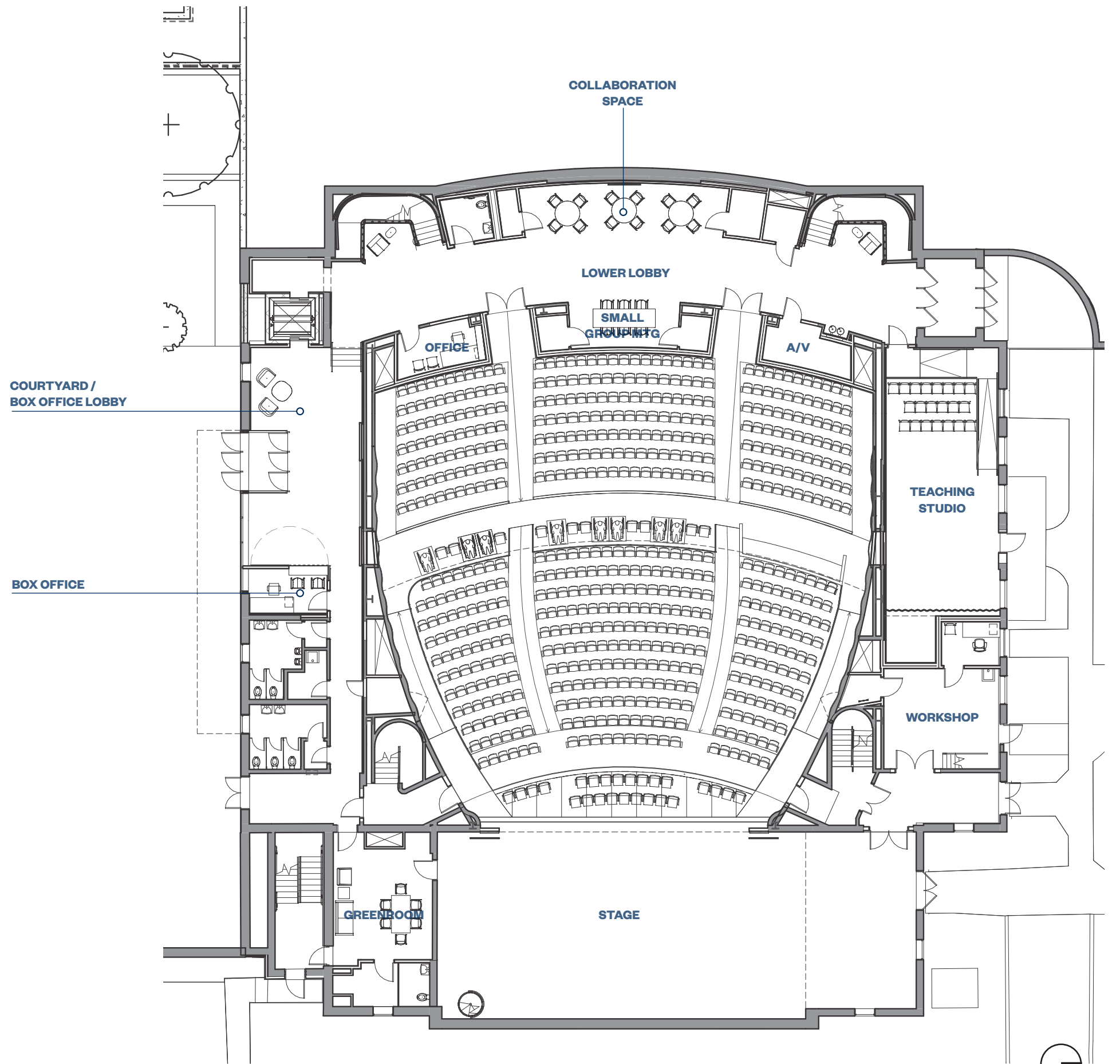


Theater Department Meeting Room



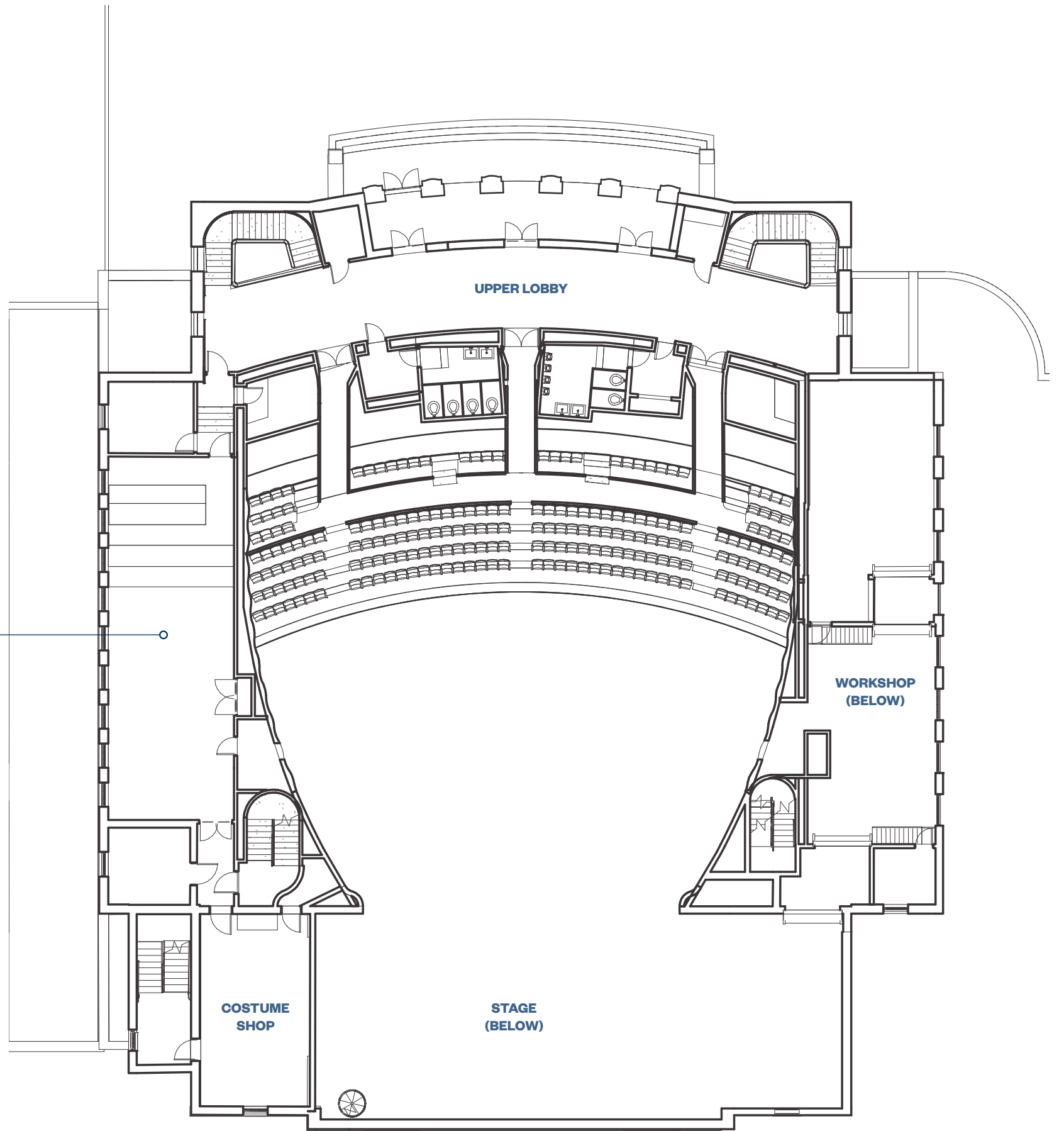
Castle Court Level Plan
Existing





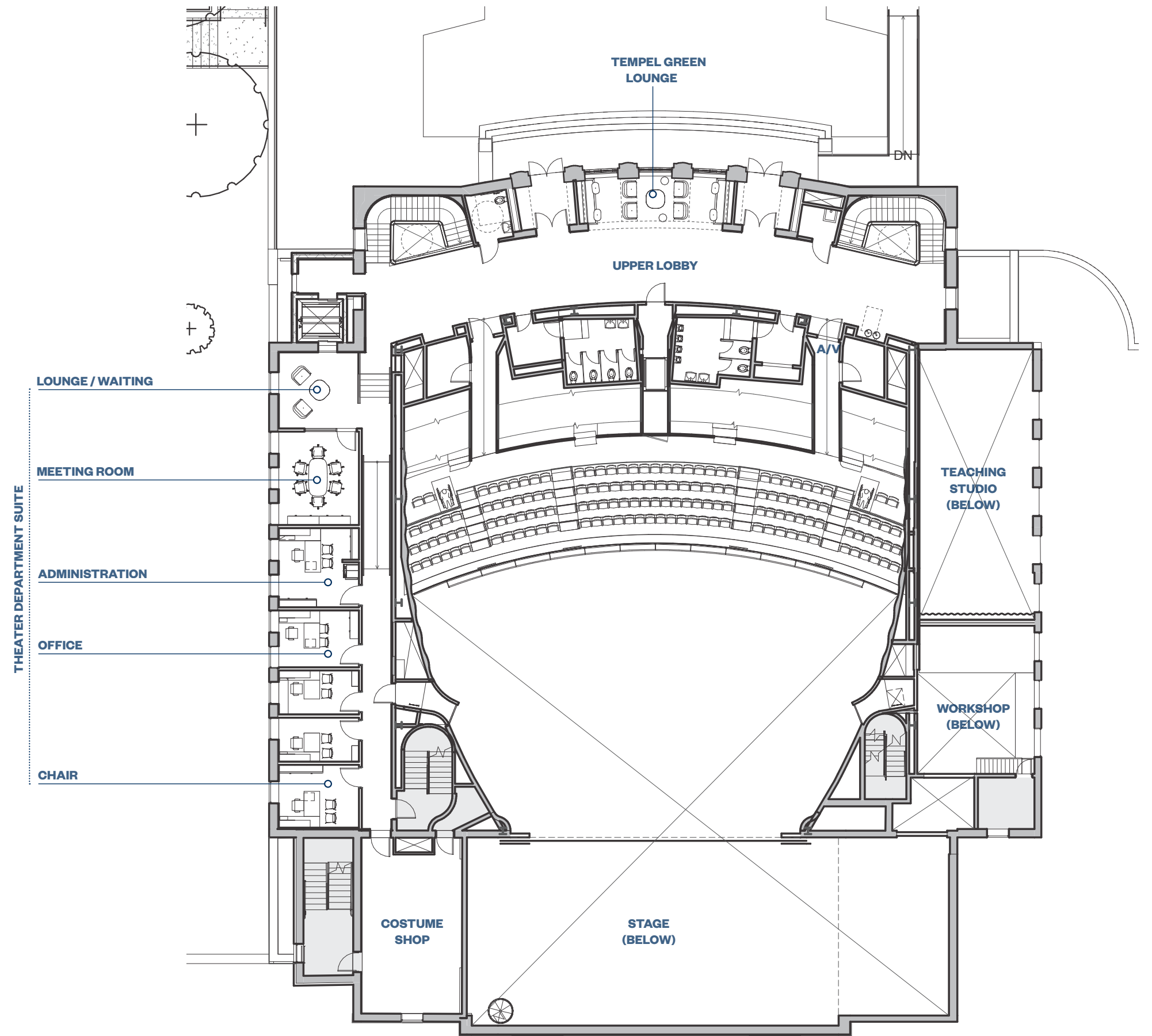
Castle Court Level Plan
Program Distribution





Tempel Green Level Plan
Existing





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 Program Distribution



