

## GALA Hispanic Theatre Project Completed: 2005



### CLIENT

GALA Hispanic Theatre

### LOCATION

3333 14th Street, NW,  
Washington, DC

### ARCHITECT

SmithGroup Architects

### CONTRACTOR

JGM Construction

### PROJECT COST

\$3,500,000

### PROJECT TYPE

Renovation/Performing Arts  
Fit-Out

### PROJECT SCOPE

Originally a movie theater, The Tivoli Theatre was a landmark in Columbia Heights, Washington, DC. It was converted into the home of the GALA Hispanic Theatre, along with retail and office space, in 2005. Founded in 1976, GALA Hispanic Theatre has long been a groundbreaking and energetic “theater with a different accent,” presenting plays in Spanish and English and featuring programs in dance, music, poetry, spoken word, art and film. The project scope for the GALA Theatre’s new home consisted of design and construction of a world-class performing arts theater.

### SERVICES PERFORMED

Services performed included Project and Construction Management Services, which included overall responsibility for the success of all aspects of the project. Management of the pre-construction phase included oversight of the design and construction team selection, design management, project budget development, construction cost estimating, value analysis/engineering and all regulatory approvals. Day-to-day oversight and management of the design and construction team efforts was provided, with Wade Eller serving as the conduit between the owner’s consultants, design team and general contractor.

### CHALLENGES

- Creation of a state-of-the-art performance hall in a historic building
- Management of design and construction difficulties associated with retaining the historic dome structure, original balcony and theater ceiling
- Management of budget constraints commonly associated with nonprofit organizations

### RESULTS

An on time and on budget delivery allowed GALA Hispanic Theatre to move into its newly renovated and permanent home. It has established itself as a renowned National Center for Latino Performing Arts.

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