



Project: San Francisco Opera
Architect: Mark Cavagnero Associates / ARUP

Location: San Francisco, CA
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Scope:

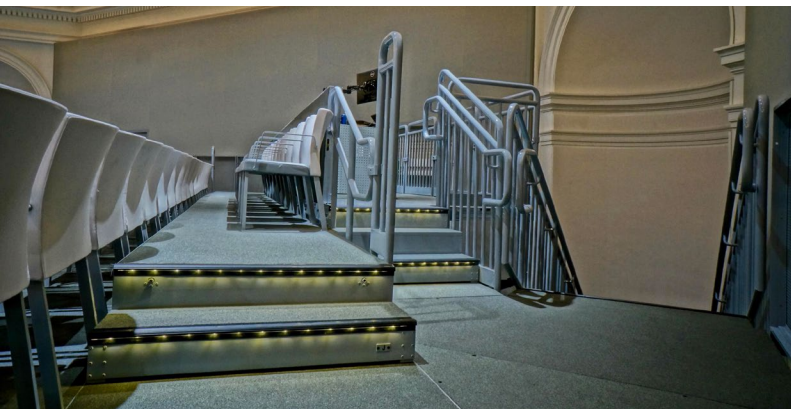
The Dianne and Tad Taube Atrium Theater is a cutting-edge performance space that offers the San Francisco Opera the ability to push performance boundaries and inspire new generations of audiences. When the company needed to upgrade its equipment, Sightline Commercial Solutions rose to the occasion creating a custom seating riser system designed to make the space more flexible to accommodate a variety of experimental performance styles. Supported by a SC2000 understructure – an accordion-style system that folds in and out – the high-performance seating system holds a nine-tier riser that can be quickly set up, taken down and reconfigured for a variety of layouts. It can also be easily tucked away in the limited storage space of the 1930s building. Requiring approval by a team of acousticians to ensure it would complement the venue’s state-of-the-art sound system, Sightline Commercial Solutions purchased special chairs for the riser innovatively designed so vacant seats have the same acoustical properties as those that are occupied. The understructure is powder coated black to disappear during performances, while closure panels and custom raker guardrails are custom finished in gray to blend with the design aesthetic of the theater. LED lighting integrated into stair units mark aisles and ensures audience members can see stair edges at egress.



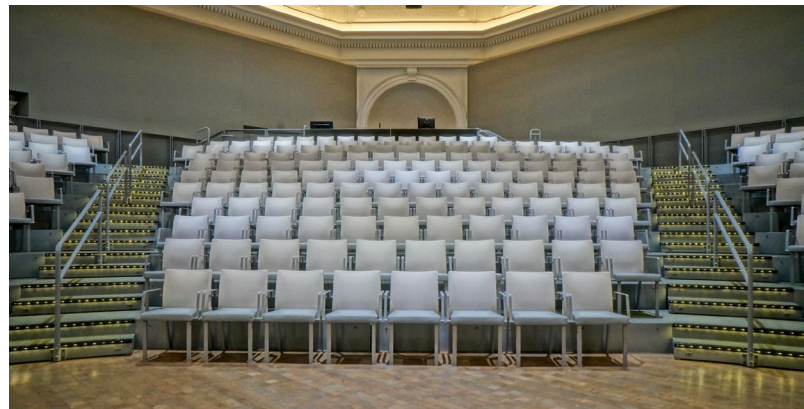
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