

Stevens Building Fact Sheet

OFFICIAL BUILDING NAME:	Stevens Building
NAMESAKE:	Thomas Woods Stevens, former director, Goodman Theatre
ORIGINAL BUILDING NAME:	Fine Arts Building
FIRST OPENED:	1959
ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION:	The Fine Arts Building housed the Art, Music and Speech Departments. The Speech Department facilities consisted of the University Theatre, which had a capacity for 472 persons and contained areas for workshops, paint shops, dressing room, costume shop, stage, a high grid plus amplifier and dimmer system. The second floor featured five classrooms, a seminar room, listening and reception rooms and two areas for offices. The first floor Music Department featured four classrooms, instrument room, broadcasting and recording booths, library, 14 private teaching studios, 24 practice cubicles, a work room for instrument repairs and offices.
DESCRIPTION:	The Stevens Building houses the School of Theatre Arts—which presents more than 70 performances per year and houses the O'Connell Theatre in addition to a smaller, flexible "black box" space—and the Anthropology Department.
RENOVATION DESCRIPTION:	The project includes demolition of the building's north wing of 27,200 square feet and an interior renovation of 21,000 square feet. The demolition area will be replaced with an addition which will include classrooms, laboratories, and offices for the Department of Anthropology. The addition will also include a new Black Box Theater with supporting scene shop space and a new 330 seat lecture hall. The remaining existing building space will be a complete interior and exterior rehab. The new building with addition will be approximately 109,000 total square feet.
RENOVATION TIMELINE:	Design Started: December 29, 2010 Bid Release: December 19, 2013 Bids Due: January 30, 2014 Construction Started: May 12, 2014 Substantial Completion: October 3, 2015
ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:	\$27,419,960.00
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:	\$22,806,102.00
SOURCE OF FUNDING:	The State of Illinois, distributed through the Capital Development Board
RENOVATION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TEAMS:	Designer: Dewberry Architects Inc., Elgin Engineer: KJWW, Rock Island Coordinating Contractor: River City Construction LLC, East Peoria Electrical Contractor: Ballard Electric, Rockford Mechanical Contractor: Commercial Mechanical Inc., Dunlap Ventilation Contractor: Loescher Heating & Air Conditioning, Freeport Fire Protection: Automatic Fire Sprinkler, Normal Plumber: Commercial Mechanical Inc., Dunlap