

TEMPE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

132 EAST SIXTH STREET

Not to be confused with Tempe Center for the Arts, currently under construction, this project contains 22,390 square feet of office, studio, shop, storage, rehearsal and performance space, located on a 1.02-acre site. The Tempe Performing Arts Center provides a temporary home for Childsplay and the Tempe Little Theatre. The 200-seat, black-box theater allows for flexible stage settings, which can range from theater-in-the-round to formal proscenium productions.

The Center is designed in two parts, with some office functions located in a one-story portion facing the sidewalk, and performance/support spaces, as well as additional offices, in a two-story (with basement) structure. The two building masses are separated by a breezeway which is shaded by a 2-1/2-story canopy, supported by open metal frame "upside-down pyramids" resting on metal obelisks with surrounding, artist-designed benches.

Upon completion of the new center, the performance space in this facility will be converted to City offices and other uses. Part of the Harry E. Mitchell Government Center, the project was completed in 1990 and received a Tempe Beautification Award of Merit in 1991.



public role: City acquisition and assembly of land and relocation of structures, tenants, assisted by federal Community Development Block Grant funds, provided a site adequate for construction of the present complex; City-funded construction

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