



Talented cast designs World Class facility

It takes a dedicated team to build a "World Class" performing arts center. And Tempe Center for the Arts has assembled an incredible cast.

Supportive and active residents; a dedicated City Council and staff; helpful community and business groups; and strong performing arts organizations, all have joined in setting goals and standards to make the facility an outstanding and unique performance space.

Anchoring the team is a group of equally dedicated architects, planners, designers and artists whose collaboration is taking shape on the southwest bank of the Tempe Town Lake.

Heading the design team is Barton Myers Associates, Inc., of Los Angeles, in cooperation with the Tempe-based architectural design

firm ARCHITEKTON. These companies are charged with designing everything from site, floor and theater plans to building elevations, acoustical strategies, seating and landscape plans and more.

"We have created a very special place for the people of Tempe to experience theater," Associate in Charge Peter W. Rutti, of Barton Myers Associates, said. "(We) have taken great care to choreograph the visitor's arrival so that every step of the way one feels (that s/he is) in a very special place. This feeling will be especially evident once one takes a seat in the Main Theater. The intimacy achieved in the room will make one feel as if (s/he is) a part of

the performance." ARCHITEKTON's Joseph M. Salvatore, AIA, Executive Architect for Tempe Center for the Arts, manages the entire design team and the design process. He understands the importance of the project for Tempe residents.

"The citizens have spoken clearly of their desires for a world class performing arts center with their support of a sales tax increase



The view from the Main Theater balcony. Rendering compliments of Architekton and Barton Myers, Inc.

dedicated to this project," Salvatore said. "The city is responding with the best of the best for its citizens. Tempe has provided its

best site for the project and selected a quintessential performing arts center design team through an exhaustive search. The new center will exceed any of the highest expectations set for it."

Also in on the action is Theatre Projects Consultants, an international team of experts who specialize in the design of theatres and performance spaces. Theatre Projects combines hands-on, practical experience working in live theatre with extensive experience in designing and building performing arts facilities to produce outstanding and lively theatres that meet the needs of its users and community.

In coming issues, *Art Talk* will explore some of the unique features currently being constructed from designs by this talented team of professionals.

