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DEVELOPMENT



## Block 3: The Gerding Theater

### Transforming an Armory into a Sustainable Theater

Transforming the historic Portland Armory, built in 1891, into a performing arts center for Portland Center Stage required a thoughtful and creative approach. The Portland Armory had been one of the defining elements of the neighborhood, but was in dire need of repair. We worked closely with the architects and contractors to restore the building's distinctive façade while reconstructing a state-of-the-art theater within the existing structure.

The Armory is the first building on the National Register of Historic Places and the first performing arts center in the US to achieve LEED Platinum status. Rainwater harvesting and reuse in the building for non-potable uses results in significant potable water savings, and reduces the amount of stormwater runoff from the site. The building features many energy saving strategies, such as displacement ventilation in the office, theater and lobby areas, the use of chilled beams for heating and for supplemental cooling, skylights which allow for daylight penetration into the office areas, and a highly-efficient lighting design that evokes a theatrical experience while highlighting the architectural character of the historic building.

The theater was named in honor of Bob and Diana Gerding in recognition of their support of the arts in the community. It houses two theaters, creative gathering spaces, offices for Portland Center Stage and a learning center.

LOCATION	Portland, OR
LEED STATUS	Platinum
PROJECT VALUE	\$28 Million
TIMELINE	Aug. 2004 – Oct. 2006