

Place des Arts



LOCATION

Sudbury, Ontario

CLIENT

The City of Greater Sudbury

SIZE

40,000 SF

PROJECT TEAM

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The first multidisciplinary art centre of its kind in Northern Ontario, and consisting of seven member organizations, Place des Arts (PdA) is a centre of excellence for Sudbury and its Francophone communities. The goal of this community-based project, led in joint venture between Moriyama Teshima Architects (MTA) and Bélanger Salach Architecture (BSA), was to find new ways for interactivity and connectivity so that each of the organizations can continue to collaborate and thrive in this new facility. PdA also aligns with the Greater Sudbury Downtown Revitalization Masterplan, and as such, required close consultation with each of the seven member organizations to ensure that each member group is well represented in their respective programs and activities as they merge into this new dynamic and collaborative space.

Located at the corner of Larch and Elgin Street in downtown Sudbury, a once vacant city parking lot has been transformed into a 3-storey building housing a 300-seat theatre, 120 seat black-box studio theatre and rehearsal space, youth studio, daycare for 24 children, and spaces for children's summer camps and specialized after-school programs involving the arts. The building also contains a multi-media art gallery, bistro and a gift shop as well as meeting rooms accessible to the community. The third floor is dedicated to administrative spaces for the seven founding cultural arts organizations that are in charge of the programming of the centre.

The team effort of developing Place des Arts represents a culmination of creative professionals with one shared vision, successfully producing something that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

*Moriyama Teshima Architects in joint venture with Bélanger Salach Architecture