

# Northview Performing Arts Renovation



In support of Sylvania Northview's renowned performing arts reputation they looked to renovate their one-story Performing Arts Wing. SSOE was commissioned to build a new performing arts center on the bluff on the Ottawa River that would accommodate the size of their program and create a defined public entrance to the theatre.

The addition needed to solve mechanical noise issues, meet stage requirements, and add seating capacity while creating an environment conducive to the highest level of teaching to reinforce the program's reputation. The design approach was to use the natural topography of the bluff to shape the exterior of the new lobby entrance and to pay homage to the original school rather than dominate the original building. While the topography allowed for dramatic views of the building, it provided limited area for the addition. The design of the center's main entry plays off the original folded plate roof of the library with the shape turned horizontally on its side. This shape is amplified by the pattern of the flooring in the lobby. Brick was used to match the existing building for the state and classroom addition allow the glass and aluminum facade of the lobby to stand proudly on the bluff of the hill. An exterior concrete patio wall reinforces the shape of the entry while anchoring the composition to the side of the bluff.

A patron for a performance now has a strong sense of entry, while providing the performing arts program a space to match their reputation and meet their needs.

**location** Sylvania, Ohio

## highlights

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Site to accommodate views off of the bluff

Stage meets height and size requirements