MACALESTER COLLEGE
Saint Paul, MN

THE PROJECT

DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) was commissioned by Macalester College to help define the space needs and develop a detailed facility program for a fine and performing arts facility and gallery. The arts departments — Art, Music, and Theater and Dance — along with the College's art gallery are located in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. This facility was built in 1964 and no longer supports the mission of the departments. Key objectives were to provide more and better teaching space, arranged to support interdisciplinary work, and state-of-the-art technology that can easily be shared. Another project goal was to promote Macalester's interest in community outreach with an enhanced gallery and performance space including a 750-seat recital hall that will be a source of income.

CHALLENGE

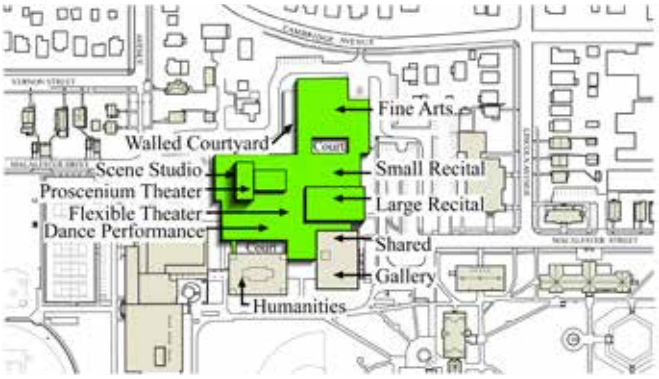
The Wallace Center is comprised of five buildings, four of which are assigned to the arts. The fifth building houses, and will continue to house, humanities departments, Communications and Media Studies, and College technology support. The design challenge was to program space that can be in a combination of new and renovated facilities on the Wallace site, with adequate service and parking.

SOLUTION

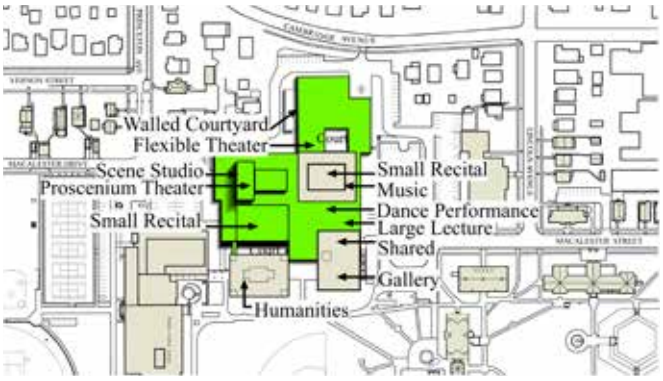
Through a participatory process, a Facility Program for 130,000 NASF (net assignable square feet) of space was developed. Of that amount, over 14,000 NASF was allocated for shared space consisting of classrooms, computer labs to encourage interdisciplinary work, meeting rooms, offices for center staff and visiting artists, a café, and space for receptions.

RESULTS

The project went on to fund raising, architectural design, renovation and construction.



SITE DETAIL - SCHEME A (2004)



SITE DETAIL - SCHEME B (2004)

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