



Case study

Performing Arts Centre, Southport College



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Key facts:

Location: Southport

Client: Southport College

Sector: Education

Status: Complete

Area: Theatre, 3 rehearsal rooms, a bar, dressing & workshop areas

A new sustainable Performing Arts Building which replaces outdated facilities in the former “Chapel Theatre”, which had become inefficient to use and uneconomical to maintain.

The new building provides a 120 seat flexible teaching/performance theatre and teaching/rehearsal spaces for music, dance and drama together with supporting facilities, including dressing rooms and workshops.

The cedar clad main auditorium rises out of a brick plinth containing teaching/rehearsal rooms and supporting functions. Generous window proportions provide high levels of natural light to all main functions.

As the site was located within the heart of the College campus, access arrangements to the construction site needed to be carefully considered to ensure segregation of construction traffic from College personnel and students.