



"The SIA Acoustics team works to address sound critical concerns of both new or existing facilities by collaborating with architects, facility owners, operators, integrators and manufacturers.

We offer an independent perspective that best addresses the client's priorities and program needs."

Sam Berkow, Founding Partner

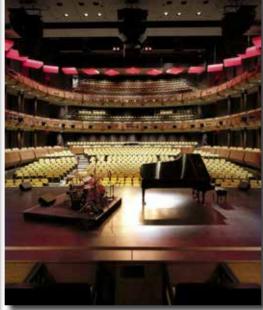




SF JAZZ CENTER ACOUSTICS & SOUND SYSTEM



CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE ACOUSTICS & SOUND SYSTEM



ROSE THEATER
ACOUSTICS & SOUND SYSTEM



NYU CLIVE DAVIS DEPARTMENT OF RECORDED MUSIC ACOUSTICAL DESIGN



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ACOUSTICS & SOUND SYSTEM

## WHAT WE DO

- Design Services
- Consulting Services
- Advisory Services
- Acoustics
- Technical Systems
- Space Planning

### Design

Design aims to encompass all aspects and services related to a project, as opposed to consulting.

Our involvement is continuous (as opposed to a single report) throughout the design and construction phases for a new facility under renovation.

### Project Phase

- Programming Development
- Schematic Design
- Design Development
- Contract / Bid Documents
- Construction
- Facility Commissioning

## **Acoustics & Space Planning**

- Proposed functional overview
- Summary concerns document
- Schematic treatment location drawings
- Detailed drawings (plans, RCPs, elevations, details)
- Acoustical designs are integrated into architectural drawing set
- Meeting minutes and site visit notes as required and final test data

## **Technical Systems**

- Proposed functional overview estimated budgets
- Schematic design drawings (signal flow, layouts, etc.)
- Design Drawings (detailed layouts, infrastructure, etc.)
- Contractor bid package (including full specifications)
- Meeting minutes and site visit notes as required and final test data

"We believe that consultants and designers should be constructive and active members of the design team.

Above all, the final result of any project should reflect both the 'big picture' goals for performers and audiences with the detail - level priorities for those who will operate the facility."

Jeffrey Friedlander, Senior Consultant



## A Practical Approach

- Offering an independent perspective that best addresses your priorities and program needs.
- Our extensive field knowledge and experience combined with studied expertise, deliver results that are as intended and make sense while on budget.
- From start to completion, we actively work with you, your vendors and your contractors to achieve the ideal result.

"[SIA Acoustics] possesses an innate ability to combine science and art in such a way that they completely compliment each other."

Robert Scovill, Front Of House Mixer

### CONSULTING

- Consulting (as opposed to design) typically addresses a specific problem or problems of an existing facility.
- This approach offers a set of practical schematic recommendations
- The level of detail provided is adequate to understand the issues at a basic cost, but does not include construction-level detail.
- Includes follow-up correspondence as needed, our goal is to be sure this process is helpful.



# WHY WORK WITH A CONSULTANT?

We are not tied to the sale of equipment and we offer an independent perspective that best addresses the client's priorities and program needs.

Developing a complete design that reflects both the big picture goals and details critical to a successful project allows for a competitive bid process that minimizes costly extras.

Consultants are involved throughout the entire design and construction process. From start to completion, we work with the client to achieve the ideal result.

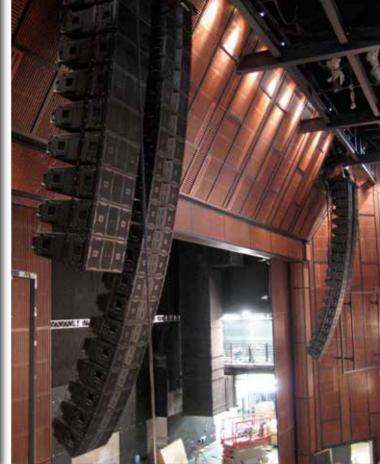




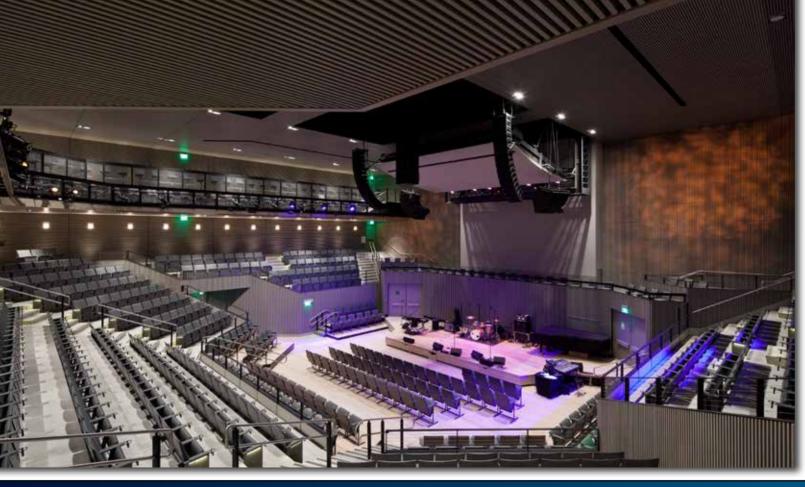




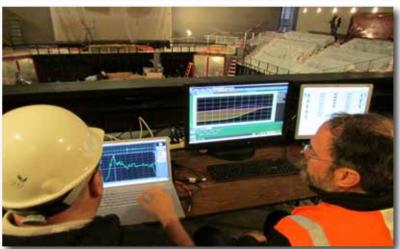


























"What truly sets SIA Acoustics apart from others is their remarkable ability to make us truly feel they are 'on our side'. SIA treats our business like it is their business."

David Swinghamer

Managing Partner, Union Square Hospitality Group





JAZZ STANDARD





















"SIA Acoustics has designed our facilities both in Boulder, CO and Takoma Park, MD. We love both facilities. In Boulder, Sam and the SIA team came up with an elegant, easy-to-build mastering room design that works great for both stereo and surround. Our clients love it, and most importantly, I love it."

David Glasser,
Airshow Mastering, Owner/Chief Engineer

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

# Q: What is the role of an acoustical consultant?

A: An acoustical consultant's role is to help the client identify, document, develop, and implement the acoustical needs of a project. This includes room acoustical treatments, ambient noise management, isolation between sound-critical spaces.

# Q: What is the role of a sound system designer, and how does it relate to acoustics?

A: A sound system designer is responsible for determining the technical infrastructure, specifying the equipment, and generating specifications for use by an installer to implement the design intent. We consider a successful sound system to be one that is seamlessly integrated with the acoustical design - building a great-sounding venue requires consideration of these two systems together.

# Q: When in a project should an acoustical consultant be hired?

A: The acoustical consultant should be hired as early as possible. For large projects, it is common for the acoustical consultant to be on-board even prior to the selection of an architect. Issues of wall, floor and roof construction, as well as space planning and the consideration of power, infrastructure and HVAC - all are significant factors that should be considered early in the project. Many acoustical and technical failures result from decisions made before a consultant is brought on-board.

### Q: Why SIA Acoustics?

A: We are dedicated to being active and constructive members of the design team, striving to implement acoustical and sound system components as integrated design elements. Additionally, we have developed and continually use the industry's leading tools for acoustical and sound system system measurement and prediction. Combined with a wide range of skills and years of experience, we are able to produce creative solutions that work technically and aesthetically.

# Q: What are the methods used for acoustical design?

A: Acoustical design is best described as an engineering discipline combined with artistic sensibility. We combine quantitative analysis (using tools such as SIA-SMAART) and qualitative consideration (critical listening) to accurately define the listening experience and understand the impact of each design element (i.e. acoustical treatments and technical systems). No guesswork is involved.

# Q: How do acoustical and sound system consultants charge for services?

A: SIA Acoustics bills either by fixed fee for a defined scope of service, or hourly. In either case, it is our goal to ensure that the client receives the greatest value for every dollar spent with us.

# **Measurements Tools**

SIA Acoustics is known worldwide for developing SIA-SMAART, the industry leading sound system measurement software.

Using our measurement platform, we are able to take the guess work out of sound system tuning and acoustical testing. By measuring the concerns objectively, we ensure that our work is consistent from project to project.

## **Prediction Tools**

Predictions, calculations and measurements are cost effective ways to objectively consider a number of possible design choices.

These can be then used to achieve tangible performance improvements in a practical way.

Prediction software allows us to model the directivity of our loudspeakers, directing energy only where it is needed and applying targeted acoustical treatments as appropriate.













"SIA Acoustics has exceeded our highest expectations. I would recommend them to anyone."

Lance Le Blanc, Executive Director, Healing Place Church

















Hollywood Bowl - Los Angeles, CA Largest natural amphitheater in the United States

iHeart Radio Theater - New York, NY P.C. Richard and Son's exclusive, 200-seat concert venue





"SIA Acoustics is dedicated to designing halls that work well for both performers and audiences. The SIA team has helped us with both our New York City home and our new facility in Doha, Qatar"

Wynton Marsalis, composer, musician, band - leader.

Pictured left: Allen Room, Jazz at Lincoln Center

# SIA Acoustics has successfully completed a variety of project types:

- Auditoriums, Multipurpose Halls
- Concert Halls
- Studios, Production Facilities
- Cinema
- Nightclubs
- Restaurants, Retail Spaces
- Conference Rooms, Boardrooms,
   Classrooms
- Convention Centers, Ballrooms
- Transportation Facilities
- Home Theaters, Residential
- Stadiums
- Events

### SELECTED CLIENTS

Airshow Mastering

**Baltimore Orioles** 

Big Apple Barbecue Block Party

Blue Note

**Boston College** 

Bruce Botnick

Calvary Chapel Worship Center

Central Synagogue

**Consumers Union** 

**Elliot Winick Productions** 

Etown Colorado

**Etown East** 

Faith Community Church

Feinstein's at the Regency

Grand Ole Opry

Harrah's Casinos

Hard Rock Hotels and Cafes

**Healing Place Church** 

Hollywood Bowl

Jazz at Lincoln Center

Jones Lang LaSalle

King of Kings Worship Center

Madison Square Park Conservancy

Manhattan School of Music Mount Sinai Medical Center

NBC

New York Museum of Modern Art

New York Univerisity

New York Philharmonic

Palms Hotel and Casino

**Paramount Studios** 

Remnant Presbyterian Church

Republican National Commitee

Rialto Theater

Route 66 Casino

Saddleback Church

SoulCycle

SST Studios

Temple Israel of Hollywood

The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien

This American Life

Time Warner Inc.

Union Square Hospitality Group

Warner Music Group

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