

**DESIGN COLLECTIVE PROJECT FEATURED IN USITT EXHIBIT**

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Baltimore, Maryland – The United States Institute of Theatre Technology (USITT) has selected the Towson University, Center for the Arts project as one of 15 projects to be exhibited on video during the 2007 Prague Quadrennial. The video featuring these projects will be shown at the USA Scenography Exhibit during the Architecture and Technology Exhibition.

The Center for the Arts, a joint venture with Wilson Butler Architects, is a unique project that consisted of the addition to and renovation of an existing structure on campus that unites Towson's visual and performing arts programs under one roof for the first time. Set out in a complex phasing plan, the 166,000 square foot renovation and the three additions totaling 134,000 square feet were completed while students, faculty and staff continued to occupy the building. The \$41.7 million project has been transformed from an inwardly focused, foreboding building into a transparent structure strengthening the connection between the students, the campus and learning.

"It is a privilege to have the Center for the Arts displayed amongst and designated as one of the best designs in American theatre architecture," said Scott Vieth, project manager at Design Collective. "A beacon of the arts, this building emphasizes connectivity and uniqueness in its design to facilitate interactions with the students and the campus abroad."

The Prague Quadrennial, to be held in June 2007, celebrates innovations in theatre design by exhibiting thousands of designs from across the world, presenting an unprecedented opportunity for world artists to participate in a cross-cultural exchange in ideas.

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