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BACKGROUND

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (CSO) started operations in 1951 as the Columbus “Little” Symphony after the Columbus Philharmonic disbanded. They performed first at Central High School, then Veterans Memorial Auditorium, before finding a permanent home in 1970 at The Ohio Theatre.

Despite amazing renovations in the 1970s to the theatre itself, the CSO business offices were desperately outdated. Ron Pizzuti, a long-time supporter and board member, spearheaded this project and asked us to participate.



TEAM

Glavan Fehér Architects, Inc.
Dingess & Son Demolition & Hauling
Kellogg Cabinets
Hardware Resources, Inc.
Best Supply
Keystone Drywall Systems, Ltd.
Commercial Carpet Systems
Hamilton Parker Company
The Sherwin-Williams Company
Contract Wallcoverings, Inc.
Construction Systems, Inc.
Empire Fire Protection
Eaton Plumbing
Bruner Corporation
Converse Electric & Technologies

CHALLENGES

Non-Functional Offices & Donations

The Ohio Theatre was built in the Spanish Baroque style in 1928 and used through the 1960s, but in steady decline. The restoration had focused on public areas, so the offices had never been updated. In a collaborative effort with Pizzuti, MCR Services acted as the Construction Manager for the project:

- ⊙ All contracts directly with CSO, with management & coordination provided by MCR Services
- ⊙ Limited funds available, so many of the trades donated time & materials for the project

FEATURES

Low Ceilings Raised to Maximize Headroom and Open Office Plan Created

- ⊙ Complete interior demolition and remodel of 5,504 square foot of business offices for the Columbus Symphony Orchestra
- ⊙ Project fast-tracked in preparation for the busy concert season
- ⊙ Extensive lighting and electric upgrades to mitigate the low ceilings
- ⊙ All new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system installed
- ⊙ High-quality finishes installed throughout on ceilings, walls and floors
- ⊙ An open office environment created to maximize natural and artificial light and create an inviting environment for employees, volunteers and visitors

RESULT

Camaraderie & Public Service

Working with all the contractors and suppliers—many of whom donated materials & services to the symphony—we were able to bring together a suite of new, state-of-the-art offices for the CSO.

Several of the subtrades had worked together on previous projects—or had professional relationships—which helped working together in the cramped quarters.

The finished offices are as much of a showplace as the Ohio Theatre itself; a real boon to the CSO’s business staff.



THE COLUMBUS SYMPHONY
— ORCHESTRA — NEW OFFICES —
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