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Consider the program as a generic set of elements intended to give a sense of the scale of the project. You are expected to understand the use, layout, and relative size of each area in order to develop meaningful spatial adjacencies (both indoor and outdoor). In the spirit of the studio, adapt the program to your unique set of ideas. The openness of certain parts of the program should be developed and distributed to fit your specific conceptual interests.

Refer to Architectural Graphics Standards as needed

Refer to the *Architectural Wish List* provided by Meridian Mainstreet for exhibit narrative(s)

Spaces need to be ADA compliant

General Public

- Entry lobby (~ 500 sq ft)
- Ticketing and information (area per project)
- Café with outdoor seating area (~ 1500 sq ft)
- Gift shop (~ 1500 sq ft)
- Small library with listening rooms and media spaces (~ 1500 sq ft)
- Multi-purpose community space (area per project)
- Restrooms (refer to Graphic Standards)

Exhibition / Education / Event

- Exhibit / Gallery spaces (see narrative provided by Meridian Main Street)
 - Permanent / Jimmie Rodgers (~ 3000 sq ft)
 - Temporary (~ 3000 sq ft)
 - Educational / Interactive (~ 1500 sq ft)
- 200-seat performance hall / Auditorium (refer to Graphic Standards)
 - Should include stage, backstage, and technical areas
- Reception / Break-out area (area per project)
- Small commercial kitchen and prep area (~ 1000 sq ft)
- Teaching spaces (~ 750 sq ft each)
 - 2 rehearsal / 2 teaching studios
- Small general recording studio (~ 500 sq ft)
- Spatial sound research lab (~ 500 sq ft)
- Instructor / Visiting researchers' offices (2 @ ~ 150 each)
- Meeting space(s) for visiting groups (area per project)

Administration

- Admin / Management offices (4 @ ~ 150 each)
- Conference / Meeting area(s) (~ 500 sq ft)
- Lounge area (~ 150 sq ft)
- Restrooms (refer to Graphic Standards)

Support / Back of House

- Storage (area per project)
- Mechanical (~ 5% of overall sq ft)
- Loading / Unloading area (~ 500 sq ft)

Landscape / Outdoor Areas

- Entry plaza (area per project)
- Park w/ outdoor performance, recreation, and education areas (area per project)
- Small parking area (staff and public, must include 1 ADA space) (max 25 spaces)
- Bus drop off area

References

- [Architects' Data](#)
- [Architectural Acoustics: Principles and Design](#)
- [Architectural Graphic Standards](#)
- [Architectural Graphic Standards Online](#)
- [Plumbing, Electricity, Acoustics: Sustainable Design Methods for Architecture \(Chapter 5 – Architectural Acoustics\)](#)