

Mann Center Master Plan and Park Pavilions

Mann Center for the Performing Arts



The education center is tucked beneath the main plaza and has direct access to the green room under the main stage.



Master plan building components reinforce the public spaces.

The Mann Center Park Pavilions, Entry Gate, Plaza, and Campus Green are the first physical realizations of an ambitious master plan to expand one of the nation's premier outdoor entertainment venues. The Entry Plaza, bookended by two pavilions, creates a welcoming place to gather and linger before and after events. At the eastern end of the plaza the Welcome Center/Ticket Office Pavilion provides visitor services including restrooms. To the west, a two-story Education Center/Concessions Pavilion reflects the geometry and metal roof of the existing performance hall.

The Mann Center campus is strengthened by the successful merger of architecture, landscape architecture, and master planning. An expansive Campus Green slopes upward from the Plaza to the top of the amphitheater hill with pedestrian paths, ramps, and stairs. Overall, the Master Plan for the eleven acre site defined the reconfiguration of roadways, parking, vehicular drop-off, and entrance sequences to improve the visitor experience and to simplify connections to other venues within Fairmount Park.



The entrance gate manages the crowds and creates clear point of primary entry for the venue.



The two-story pavilion activates the main plaza by serving concessions and at the lower level teaches students at the education center and engages donors on the private plaza.

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