

Guthrie Theater



Identification

EBN	178213
Name	Guthrie Theater
Alternative Name	Guthrie on the River, The New Guthrie Theater
Construction Type	high-rise building
Complex Type	mixed-use
Complex Name	Guthrie Theater
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	District (1st level)	Central
Country Name	U.S.A.	District (2nd level)	Downtown East
State Name	Minnesota	Postcode	55415

Zone	West Bank Milling District	Address (as text)	818 2nd Street South
Metro Area Name	Minneapolis-St. Paul-St. Cloud Combined Statistical Area	Main Address	800-818 2nd Street South
City Name	Minneapolis	Virtual Address	801 West River Parkway

Map



Description

Foundation System	caisson foundation	Facade Color	dark blue
Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	deconstructivism
Facade System	curtain wall	Main Usage	theater/opera
Facade Material	stainless steel	Side Usage	shop(s) restaurant bar

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Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	167.29 ft	Floors (overground)	10
Height (tip)	251.58 ft	Escalators	2
Height (roof)	166.63 ft	Elevators	5
Floors (underground)	0	Usable Floor Area (UFA)	Contact us

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	2003	Building costs	\$ 125,000,000
Year (construction end)	2006		

Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- Balconies are available
- Handicapped accessible
- Observation deck on roof
- Observation floor is available
- Ornamental illumination is installed
- Skybridge link to next building
- Skylobby is present

Facts

- The complex includes 3 separate theaters: a replica of the iconic 1100-seat thrust stage theater on the west side, a 750-seat proscenium theater on the east, and a smaller 250-seat theater for studio or experimental work on the 9th floor.
- The distinctive stainless steel cladding began going up in September 2004.
- These LED masts are programmable by the Guthrie and feature messages that interact with other lighted signage on both sides of the Mississippi River.
- The Minnesota legislature approved \$25 million in a state bonding bill to support the Guthrie Theater project on May 26, 2003.
- This is one of approximately \$500 million in arts and cultural institution expansions scheduled for completion in Minneapolis through 2007. Others include the Walker

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Art Center expansion, the new Minneapolis Central Library, an expansion of Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and an expansion of the Children's Theater Company.

- The block to the east will include some parking for the Guthrie Theater, but the remainder of the block is to be developed. The city of Minneapolis announced several proposals in early 2006.
- The first floor contains a large public lobby, the box office, the restaurant "Cue", and the Guthrie Gift Shop. Escalators and Elevators whisk patrons to the main theater lobby on the fourth floor.
- The Guthrie Community Celebration and public grand opening occurred June 25, 2006.
- West River Parkway was closed from September 27, 2004 until Thanksgiving to allow construction of the cantilevered walkway toward the Mississippi River.
- This building replaces the original -designed Guthrie Theater located next to the Walker Art Center Gallery Tower in the Lowry Hill neighborhood. Founded in 1963, the Guthrie is one of the leading regional theater companies in North America.
- The eighth floor features the Livingston Conference Room and the Guthrie Learning Center with four classrooms.
- The parking lot previously occupying the Guthrie site closed on August 28, 2003, the official groundbreaking took place on September 8, 2003, and the drilling of caissons began the last week of October.
- The major vertical sign masts were installed on June 9-10, 2005. The top of the taller one rises higher than any other structure in the Downtown East neighborhood.
- A third, and final, LED mast was installed on the parking ramp/scene shop on February 24, 2006.
- Public access is limited to the first, fourth, fifth, eighth, and ninth floors.
- The ninth floor is marked by the stunning Amber Box lobby and the Dowling Studio Black Box Theater. Striking views of the Mississippi River and downtown Minneapolis are accented by the deep yellow hue of the windows.
- These included a new Norwegian consulate and residential building, a 30-story condominium tower, and, the winning design, a city park partially funded by a donation from William McGuire, CEO of Minnetonka-based United Health Care, the second largest HMO in the United States.
- The fourth floor features a large lobby with multiple bars and access to both the Wustele Thrust Stage Theater and the McGuire Proscenium Stage. A long ramp rises to the terrace level of the Endless Bridge.
- The first production was the World Premiere of Simon Levy's adaptation of the Great Gatsby, widely regarded as one of the finest American novels. Author F. Scott Fitzgerald was a native and long-time resident of neighboring St. Paul.
- The "Endless Bridge", a cantilevered walkway stretching 178 feet over West River Parkway, provides stunning views of the Mississippi River, Stone Arch Bridge, and St. Anthony Falls.

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- The fifth floor features a large lobby with multiple bars and access to the Wustele Thrust Stage Theater. A long ramp slopes down to the terrace level of the Endless Bridge.
- This is architect Jean Nouvel's first building in the United States.
- The theater complex rivals the neighboring flour mills and loft buildings in height.
- Architect Jean Nouvel drew inspiration from the industrial and mill structures along the Mississippi River. Important design elements include a twilight-blue glass & metal facade with images etched into the surface.
- Construction of the skyway connection between the theater building and the scene shops atop the Riverfront Municipal Parking Ramp across 2nd Street began February 28, 2005.
- The first test of the LED masts took place on November 18, 2005.

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