



## Tower Theatre



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**Size** 27,615 sq ft

**Contract Delivery Method** AIA-format, at risk

**Contract Time** 270 calendar days

*Contract completed on time and in budget*

### Project Narrative

Liberty University's Tower Theatre found a home in an 85' tall industrial tower formerly housing a lightning simulator used to test transformers. The height of the space lent itself well to the desired function, allowing for a fly tower for set storage, a concrete mechanical mezzanine 60' above the stage floor, and balcony and orchestra seating for 625, all of which required a 3 hour fire separation assembly to comply with life safety requirements. Academic and production spaces were also accommodated in the renovations.

During construction, the only viable access to the site was a 20' x 20' corner of the building facing an active food service delivery dock, a maintenance yard, and a parent pick-up drive for an adjacent K-12 school. All materials had to be delivered through this opening, with hours of delivery limited to 11am-1pm and 3:30pm-7:30am. 250 cubic yards of concrete demolition debris and 555 cubic yards of excavation was removed prior to delivering the mechanical and fly tower material, consisting of 60' long x 36" deep beams weighing 17,460 lbs. A 100 ton hydronic air handler was set on a platform 60' above the stage floor.

The facility was owner occupied during the entire construction process. Operation of all surrounding facilities and programming was coordinated with the construction schedule to ensure no incidents of delays and/or impacts. The project performed with zero injury or safety incidents.