

OUTSTANDING BUILDINGS ■ POST-SECONDARY

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, SIGFRIED WEIS MUSIC BUILDING ■ LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Firm: Schmidt Associates, Inc.
Associated firm: Mathes
Brierre Architects

Design team: Wayne S. Schmidt, FAIA, Partner-in-Charge; Steven Alspaugh, AIA, Project Manager; Mary Beth Hanke, Interior Designer; Jeff Mader, Landscape Architect; Kyle Miller, Civil Engineer; Bill Mosbaugh, PE, Mechanical Engineer; David Shuck, PE, Electrical Engineer; Alex Vekslar, Plumbing Engineer; Jay Beranek, Construction Administrator

Client: Bucknell University; Jim Hostetler, Assistant Director for Project Management

Capacity: 150 (recital hall)
Area: 31,507 sq. ft.
Total cost: \$4,928,936
Cost/square foot: \$156.44
Completion: October 2000

Serving as the new home for the music department at Bucknell University, the Sigfried Weis Music Building includes a recital hall, music library, classrooms, faculty studios and student practice rooms. Specialized laboratories for computerized music functions provide access to recording/playback equipment and keyboarding stations.

A special display of historic musical instruments from a donated private collection greets visitors to the building. Faculty offices/studios facilitate individual and small ensemble practice with students. The 150-seat recital hall also functions as a large instructional space.

In the design process, each stakeholder was encouraged to verbalize a vision for the building. The design team also observed the campus building context and circulation patterns to provide a better understanding of the culture of Bucknell University.

The Sigfried Weis Music Building houses more than 30,000 square feet of acoustical integrity, providing resources to Bucknell University students and faculty for generations to come.



Entrance to recital hall lobby



Recital hall



Music library



Faculty studio