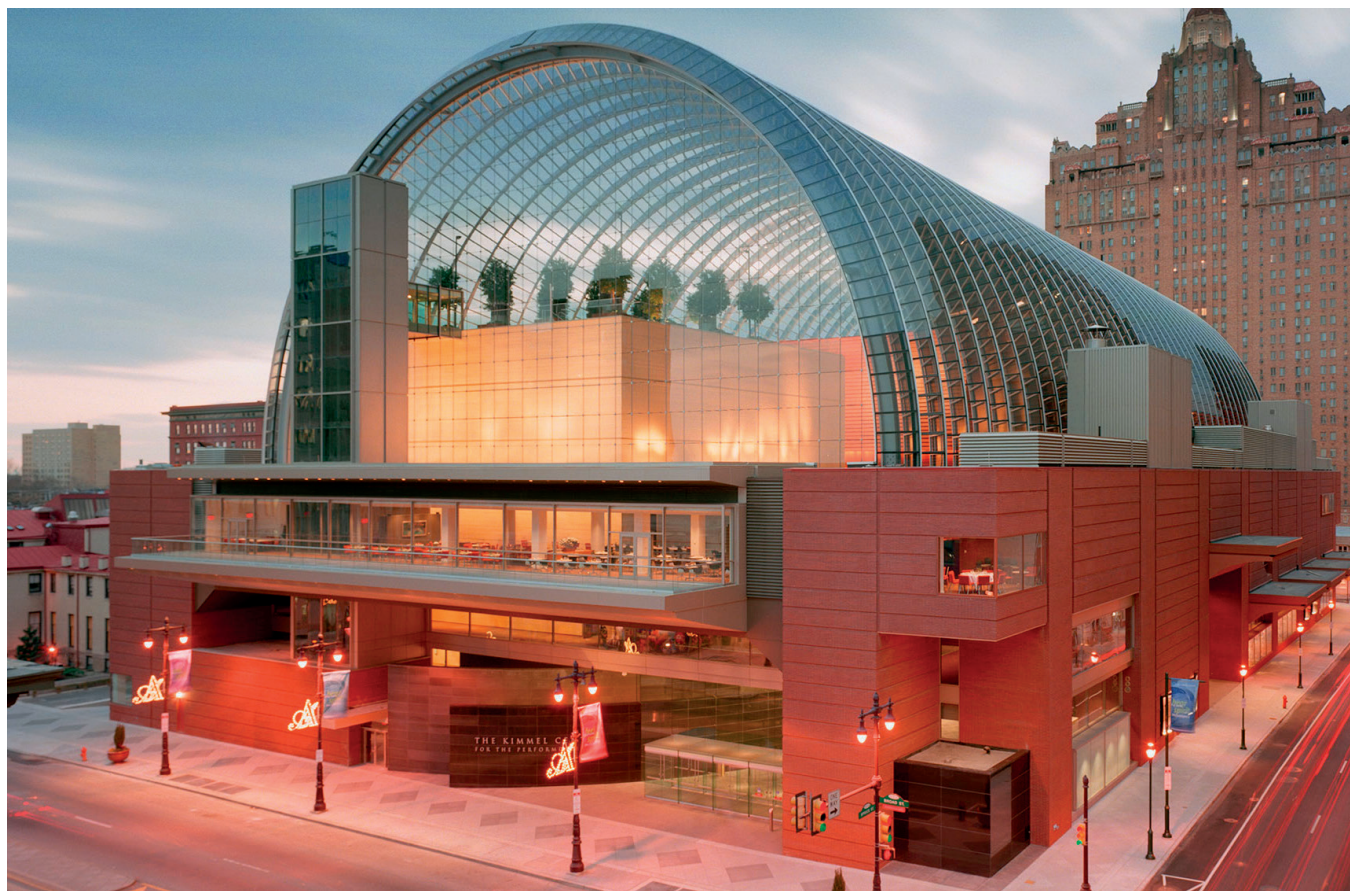


KIMMEL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

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For the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Rafael Viñoly Architects was tasked with providing a state-of-the-art home for the Philadelphia Orchestra, a flexible theater for multiple types of performances, and a major new public space for the city of Philadelphia on a single site. Located along the Avenue of the Arts cultural corridor, the Kimmel Center also furthers the revitalization of this

primary north-south axis in the downtown area. Chosen after developing 13 alternative schemes that explored variations in the placement of halls, lobbies, and event spaces, the design treats the main program components as freestanding buildings on a vast indoor space, Commonwealth Plaza, topped by a large steel-and-glass barrel vault roof that fills the interior with natural light.

FACTS + FIGURES

Completion

2001

Size

41,990 gsm

Awards

National Winner, \$100M and Above Category, Innovative Design and Excellence in Architecture Using Structural Steel Award, American Institute of Steel Construction, 2003
British International Expertise Award, British Consultants and Contractors Bureau, 2003
Building Excellence Award, General Building Contractors Associations, 2003
Engineering Award of Excellence, American Institute of Steel Construction, 2003
Structural Achievement Award, Institution of Structural Engineers (UK), 2003
Engineering Excellence Award, New York Association of Consulting Engineers, 2002

Grand Award, American Council of Engineering Companies, 2002

American Architecture Award, Chicago Athenaeum, 1999

Media Coverage

Architectural Record, "Kimmel Center," March 2004
Wall Street Journal, "Sounds Good to You? The Art of Acoustics," April 2003

Client

Regional Performing Arts Center

Consultants

MEP Engineer
Arup

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Dewhurst Macfarlane & Partners

Civil Engineer

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