



AWARD

Quebec Order of Architects Award of Excellence

GENERAL INFORMATION

Client	Théâtre du Rideau Vert
Capacity	427 seats
Cost	C\$ 2.15 million (plus C\$ 665,000 for equipment)
Area	17,000 square feet
Inauguration	1991

The challenge was to design a new theatre on a very narrow lot in the heart of town, with a tight construction deadline of just five months. Nearly the whole building was replaced by a more modern functional design that has won rave reviews.

The exiguity of the terrain and the impossibility to increase the ground area require lots of cleverness to develop a functional and modern design.

The need to maintain the existing height of the building was a crucial factor in the development of a high-performance design. Two walls were preserved and reinforced during construction. The obtuse angle at the intersection of the two walls is located in the fly tower, an unconventional shape that required special treatment.

In order to upgrade the room capacity while respecting the norms of evacuation, a new design for chairs is especially developed for the project; a seat which the seating and the back are both retractable, giving room for the required space within rows.