

AUDITORIUM OF THE BIBLIOTHÈQUE ET ARCHIVES NATIONALES DU QUÉBEC

MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA



GENERAL INFORMATION

Client	Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec
Capacity	290 seats
Area	438 m ²
Cost	US\$ 6M (incl. US\$ 360,000 worth of equipment)
Inauguration	2005

The Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (known by the French acronym BANQ) has a mission to disseminate the published documentary, archive, and film heritage of the province. Under the roof of this preservation site for Quebec and world heritage, there are 4 million documents open to the general public. The library's vocation goes beyond safeguarding our heritage, however; it is also an activity site, with an auditorium, exhibition hall, café/ restaurant, booths for booksellers, and outdoor facilities. Scéno Plus was given a mandate to design the auditorium for this major cultural forum.

This small space is remarkably intimate – the ideal site for lectures, dance and theatre performances, or chamber music concerts. The specialized modern equipment meets the particular needs of this type of small performance space: complete sound and lighting systems, large video projection and motorized suspension system

The stepped seating and impressively high ceilings lend the room a sense of space and openness.