

CENTRE FOR CONSERVATION OF BOREAL BIODIVERSITY

SAINT-FÉLICIEN, QUÉBEC, CANADA



GENERAL INFORMATION

Client	Zoo sauvage de St-Félicien
Capacity	266 seats, 235 seats
Area	51,600 square feet
Cost	C\$ 12.5 M
Inauguration	2003

In developing the concept for the new Centre for Conservation of Boreal Biodiversity (CCBB) at the Zoo sauvage de St-Félicien in Québec, Canada, Scéno Plus never lost sight of its prime objective: to outfit the centre with a high-performance facility, harmoniously integrated with the zoo site. The design criteria emphasized the importance of using local materials, such as wood essences and granite from the region. The objective was to create a convivial, welcoming place that would be open to nature. A further challenge was to create a multipurpose venue adapted not only to CCBB requirements but also to needs in the region.

Embedding the large volume of the giant screen theatre in the cliff minimized the visual impact of construction on the environment. The

large panoramic windows and terraces respond brilliantly to this need for transparency and openness on nature in the wild.

Special attention was paid to fluid circulation, with the educational pathway following through from the auditorium to the discovery workshop and from the nature pathways to the giant screen cinema. Everything was done to create a multifunctional, high-performance building that responds to a wide range of needs.