



The Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui is exclusively dedicated to mounting dramatic productions by Quebec playwrights, playing a leading role in the development of dramatic arts in Quebec. In the autumn of 1991 the theatre left his small local on Papineau Street to move to its present quarters on St-Denis Street in Montreal where it can continue to grow and shine in Quebec cultural scenery. Located on the site of a former cinema and two residential buildings, the TDA entered a new phase of growth that will quickly lead to a maximum occupancy of its spaces.

The rehearsal room's lack of availabilities becoming increasingly problematic, the TDA therefore aimed Scéno Plus, designers of the original project, to explore the possibility of adding a rehearsal room on the roof of the existing building, replace the movable seating, redo the stage floor and modernize the stage equipment. Scéno Plus's study enables the theatre to get necessary funding from provincial and federal agencies as well as from the private sector. In October 2011, after a five months brief break, the Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui inaugurated its new facilities.

This versatile showroom combines the flexibility of a multi-configurable

room with the theatrical machinery of an Italian-style space. The "Trampoline Net", a suspended grid made of steel cables, gives technicians more flexibility in terms of installations and covers the entire surface with lighting and sound equipment. Since the trampoline is partially retractable, the room can be configured Italian-style with the use of special scene machinery.

The tiers are completely mobile and removable. The stage can be mechanically enlarged with an elevator lifting the front section. Acoustic panels revolve to absorb or reflect sound as needed.

With a 75 seats capacity, the Jean-Claude Germain performance space is a flexible venue with a great intimacy for creators and emerging artists.

## AWARD

Canadian Architect Magazine's Award of Excellence

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Client	Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui
Area	3 950 m <sup>2</sup>
Inauguration	Original project 1991 Expansion 2011

