



YOLA BECKMEN CENTER

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 2021



Owner: Los Angeles Philharmonic

Construction Cost: \$14.5 Million

Architect: Gehry Partners, LLP

Executive Architect: Chait & Company, Inc.

Theatrical Consultant: theatreDNA

Seating Capacity: 260

Room Volume: 5,500 m³

Youth Orchestra Los Angeles, a program within the Los Angeles Philharmonic that serves more than 1,500 students across the city with free instruments and intensive music instruction, opened its first purpose-built facility in 2021. A small building in downtown Inglewood which had sat vacant was repurposed by architect Frank Gehry into a 25,000ft² facility with rehearsal and performance spaces of various sizes.

At the heart of the renovated building is a 260-seat performance and rehearsal hall, which can be divided into two separate rooms each large enough for full orchestra rehearsal when the audience seats are

retracted. For symphony orchestra rehearsal and performance, ceiling height is the most important factor to ensure excellent acoustics. The 48' ceiling height is achieved by extending the main volume 12' above the existing roof, and by expanding the basement to the full building footprint. The orchestra stage is one storey below street level. Natural light floods the space from the clerestory created by the raised ceiling, which has a folded shape to distribute reflections evenly in the room.

