IMAGINON, THE JOE & JOAN MARTIN CENTER CHARLOTTE, NC

Architecture Fact Form

The architecture presents a story that supports the mission of ImaginOn, even in the details: To bring stories to life through extraordinary experiences that challenge, inspire and excite young minds!

The architects created forms to serve as a language to bring the story of the architecture of **ImaginOn to life.** Each significant programmatic element is defined by a geometric form.

Parallelogram

Area: 50,000sf Program: Lobby

Circulation Desk Box Office Children's Library Tech Central Teen Loft

Performer Support Scene Shop

Administrative Offices

S-Curve

Area: 2,400sf

Program: Main Entry Vestibule and Ramp

Pentagon

Area: 100sf

Program: Main Entry Elevator

Wiggle Wall

Area: 10,000sf (surface area)

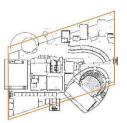
Program: Divides "front-of-house" and "back-of house"

Helix

Area: 900sf

Program: Story Room and Garden

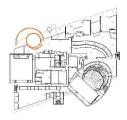
Studio i Blue Screen Room











Ellipse

Area: 10,500sf

Program: 550-seat Proscenium Theater

Rectangle

Area: 5,000sf

Program: 250-seat Studio Theater



Boxes

Area: 700sf, 800sf, 900sf

Program: Art, Dance and Acting Studios



Rhombus

Area: 70sf opening

Program: Clerestory "Skylights"



The variation of architectural scale reinforces the notion that a new story can unfold with each extraordinary architectural experience.

- 1. The sloping concrete roof ensures that no one ceiling height is ever the same and enforces the notion that each individual experience within the space is unique.
- 2. The columns are different heights- every column is different. This creates an interesting play of scale and proportion.
- 3. From a distance, the glazed tile boxes appear to be massive solid colors. Up close the individual tiles and their textures are revealed.
- 4. The 10'-0" ceiling of the dance classroom (in a glazed tile box) adjacent to the 20'-0" ceiling of The art classroom (under the concrete roof) creates an exaggerated spatial contrast; an awareness of scale and proportion is inherent to the experience.