

Environments at Work and Gensler create new space for Boston Ballet

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Environments at Work has completed upgrades to Boston Ballet. After the planning process, Environments at Work and architect Gensler collaborated to overhaul the existing spaces and provide Boston Ballet with a new design that will offer both dancers and administrative staff a flexible environment.

From the start, careful planning was essential to preserving the daily activities of Boston Ballet. Environments at Work worked closely with the client to outline a product delivery and installation schedule that minimized impact on office staff as well as the rehearsal and recital schedules of the dancers. With the renovation project affecting occupied spaces such as private offices, the lobby area, the dancers' lounge and the box office, the installation of Haworth Compose workstations and the Zody Task Chair and Side Chair provided long-needed upgrades throughout much of the facility.

Despite the extensive renovations required to modernize the facility, Boston Ballet faced a tight budget. By beginning the planning process early, Environments at Work and Gensler were able to select modular furniture provided by Haworth that compliments the functionality of the new design, saving the client time and money.

In addition to working with Environments at Work, Gensler helped the client update their facility with new paint and carpet, transformed the lobby and added a new cantilevered boardroom within Studio 7, as well as rehearsal and performance space.

"The efforts made by the Environments at Work team to create a functional space with excellent flexibility while working within an active performing arts space required a great deal of coordination and communication," said Barry Hughson, Boston Ballet executive director. "Administrative employees, executives and Boston Ballet's artists are all impressed with the newfound design flexibility of their offices thanks to the Haworth Compose system."

"The workspace improvements made to Boston Ballet will support their mission for years to come," said Roger Kaufman, vice president for Environments at Work. "Working with the ballet was a pleasure, and their partnering approach made it possible to execute these renovations in a timely fashion with minimal downtime."

The general contractor for this project was J. Calnan & Associates of Quincy, Mass.

About Environments at Work

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