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Tishman named CM for facade restoration at NE Conservatory; Wessling provides design

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The New England Conservatory has selected Tishman Construction Corp. (TCC-MA) as the construction manager for the facade restoration of four campus buildings.

Wessling Architects, Inc. of Quincy is the architect.

The project consists of exterior restorations to:

* Jordan Hall (290 Huntington Ave.) - This 1,013-seat hall has been central to the musical life of New England ever since it opened in 1903. Tishman will manage restoration of the limestone, terra cotta and brick facade; complete roof replacement; restoration of wood windows on the primary facades; and replacement of some wood windows with aluminum on the back alley. The design and shop drawings will be reviewed by the Mass. Historic Commission to be sure the project is in compliance with the National Historic Landmarks program.

* 295 Huntington Ave. - Restoration of slate roofs and brownstone and brick facade, and replacement of existing windows. This building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

* 241 St. Botolph St. - Replacement of existing windows with new aluminum ones, and restoration of the brick facade. This building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

* 33 Gainsborough St. - Select repairs to the brick facade.

Tishman Construction will begin construction this spring. The project is estimated to cost \$15 million and will be completed late this fall. Tishman will work to mitigate the project's impact on the school by completing as much of the project as possible during the summer student break, and phasing the work with New England Conservatory's planned occupancy of the buildings. Although most of the campus will be vacated, Jordan Hall maintains a schedule of performances during the summer months, which the team will accommodate.

Tishman will also work to minimize the impact of construction-generated dust and noise on New England Conservatory and its neighbors by enclosing scaffolding with protective screens, and utilizing the latest technologies for capturing dust generated by the masonry restoration activities. Tishman will provide scaffolding and sidewalk protection to minimize impact to pedestrians and vehicles while working in a tight urban site.

TCC-MA will also work with the Conservatory to develop a Web link that will help keep the Conservatory's community informed of progress and important milestones.

"New England Conservatory, working with our architect and Tishman Construction, will carefully restore these historic facades and replace the roof of Jordan Hall," said president Tony Woodcock.

"These buildings are our most important asset, and we want to safeguard them for the future, thereby ensuring our leading role in the training of musicians from around the world and the concert life of Boston. We chose Tishman because of their excellent track record in the restoration of historic performance spaces."

"Tishman Construction is proud to be a part of the New England Conservatory's team and to play a key role in restoring these important buildings," said Tom Erickson, senior vice president of TCC-MA. "We will apply our long history of successfully managing the complexities of urban historic projects."

Historic Restoration Track Record

Tishman's past historic renovations in the Northeast include the Wang Theatre (also known as the Citi Performing Arts Center built in Boston in 1925, and renovation and historic rehabilitation of the Portland City Hall Auditorium, built in Maine in 1912. Nationally, Tishman is a leader in the building of new, and restoration of historic, performance arts spaces. Tishman provided project management services for the design and construction of the Strathmore Music Center, a 1,976-seat world-class theatre and arts education building in Montgomery County, Maryland. Tishman also managed the renovation and restoration of Carnegie Hall in New York City, and the construction of the Judy and Arthur Zankel Hall below the existing Carnegie Hall.

Tishman Construction Corp.

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TCC's current projects include:

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