



## Concert Halls



### **Hobby Center for the Performing Arts Zilkha Hall**

**Houston, Texas**

Zilkha Hall, the new jewel box theatre of the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts opened in the Fall of 2002 to outstanding reviews. The hall's design centers on natural acoustics but can support the varied acoustical demands of classical music ensembles, jazz and contemporary programming.

JHA's acoustical design achieves richness and warmth in the hall as well as a sense of clarity and articulation. When the hall is used for chamber music, the stage can be configured with a tunable concert enclosure for optimal audiences listening while at the same time blending and mixing the sound for the finest onstage hearing. The ceiling of the hall contains acoustic absorbing drapes that can, if so desired, be deployed; these drapes are vital to tune the hall for amplified performances.

The acoustic innovations and features incorporated into Zilkha Hall's design will enhance the performance aspect of a diverse mix of Houston arts organizations. The superior acoustic environment will enable emerging artists as well as established performers a new high quality venue in which to perform.

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