

LOWER LAKE HIGH SCHOOL, LOWER LAKE, CA

PROJECT CASE STUDY



SIGNATURE® CHORAL RISERS AND LEGACY® ACOUSTICAL SHELLS



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“When deciding where to buy the equipment for our new facility, there was really only one company I considered. Even the architect agreed Wenger was the best choice.”

*– Cydney Dixon
District Director of Music*

CHALLENGE

Outfit new multi-purpose facility to be used for performing arts, athletics and community events.

WENGER SOLUTION

Assisting music faculty in planning for equipment needs of growing music program in available space. Protecting school’s investment by providing long-lasting, durable products that will look good for many years. Enabling a variety of musical programs and non-music events to take place.

BENEFITS

- Improved sound projection and aesthetics from acoustical shell
- User-friendly equipment eases handling, speeds transitions
- Flexible risers and platforms maximize versatility
- Efficient carts help organize and transport music stands

HIGHLIGHTS



VERSALITE® STAGING

“Wenger stands a lot on its reputation,” says Cydney Dixon, district director of music at Lower Lake High School in Lower Lake, Calif. “As a teacher making a purchasing decision, you look at equipment that’s been purchased before – like 30-year-old Wenger risers that are still functioning – and going with that same company is an easy choice.”

The new school gym that opened in February 2009 was also designed to serve as a performing arts center. Wenger equipment – including Versalite staging, Signature risers and Legacy acoustical shells – helps make this possible. Dixon’s Wenger representative diagrammed the new equipment’s footprint – both in-use and storage positions – to ensure everything fit the available spaces.



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“The Versalite platforms are easy to set up and offer flexibility,” comments Dixon. “We use them primarily for show choir performances – my 23-member choir accompanied by our jazz band.” This staging is also used for school board meetings and other non-music events.

While Dixon believes the new gym has very good acoustics, aided by acoustical tiles on the walls and ceiling, she says the Legacy shell makes a big impact. “I cannot believe the difference in sound when our shell is up,” comments Dixon. She also likes how the shell’s visual impact creates a more professional atmosphere when groups perform without the stage.

“The Legacy shells are very easy to work with,” notes Dixon. “My kids and I can easily handle them.” Eight shells were purchased, along with eight Signature risers, to accommodate the program’s future growth. When Dixon arrived in 2007, the music program numbered only a dozen students. In two years it’s grown to include a show choir, 50-piece concert band and 60-voice concert choir.



SIGNATURE® CHORAL RISERS

Dixon teaches both band and choir in the same room, so the Signature risers are used and put away daily; they nest together compactly for storage. “I’ve used Wenger risers for my entire teaching career,” she says. “I like these Signature risers the best because they are so easy to set up, even for my students.”

Their Classic 50 music stands offer lightweight mobility and Dixon says the openings on each end of the large Move & Store Cart enable quick, easy access. The carts help keep her rehearsal room look neater and also save space. For seating, she believes Wenger chairs encourage “perfect posture.”

Along with providing well-established products like risers and chairs, Dixon also counts on Wenger for innovations. “I bought four black flipFORMS primarily to create a staging area for the show choir when the jazz band is on our stage,” she explains. “We can also travel with them when our regular stage is too large. Their flexibility gives me some great options.”

When making purchasing decisions, school principal Jeff Dixon believes Wenger quality justifies the investment. “The price difference isn’t that wide between the various products out there,” he says. “If you’re going to spend the money, you should spend a little bit more and get the best you can afford.” The principal concludes, “Wenger products will be more durable over time, easier to use and offer better functionality.”

PRODUCT LIST

Legacy® Acoustical Shell, Versalite® Platform System, Signature® Choral Risers, Classic 50® Music Stands, Move & Store Cart, flipFORMS® and Percussion Workstation.