

HARRISON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, LAKE LAND, FL

PROJECT CASE STUDY



INSTRUMENT STORAGE CABINETS, STUDENT CHAIRS, CONDUCTOR'S PODIUM, ROUGHNECK® MUSIC STANDS



STAGE BOXES



RACK 'N ROLL® GARMENT RACK

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CHALLENGE

Outfit new music facility consisting of both newly constructed and renovated spaces.

WENGER SOLUTION

Providing comprehensive, single resource for specialized music and performance equipment. Recommending types, sizes, quantities and configurations of instrument cabinets, including finishes that complement other architectural details. Designing seated riser layouts to optimize space utilization and facilitate access.

BENEFITS

- Quality products, superior customer service provide peace of mind.
- Mobile garment racks offer flexible storage.
- Multi-purpose rehearsal furniture enhances theater scene work.

HIGHLIGHTS

“My reasons for choosing Wenger are simple – products and customer service,” says Craig S. Collins, Principal at Harrison School of the Arts in Lakeland, Fla. His school’s building project was a combination of new construction and renovation totaling 110,000 square feet, more than doubling their space.

The school, which serves 475 students in grades 9-12, already had some Wenger equipment and Collins was looking for Wenger to be the sole provider for certain items unique to the music area.

“The quality of the products was paramount for me,” he explains. “I believe Wenger’s reputation is second to none.” Collins says, adding that he sees a lot of knock-offs from other companies trying to replicate what Wenger does.

“But in my mind and the minds of my peers, Wenger has long been the standard,” he states. “When you couple that with incredible customer service, I think it’s a perfect match.”

Collins praises Wenger’s service with instrument storage cabinets – from recommending certain types and sizes of lockers to explaining the advantages and disadvantages of various layouts and also planning capacity to accommodate future growth.

“I love how the proper storage cabinets keep everything out of sight and organized,” Collins remarks. Wenger cabinets help maximize space, especially in the instrument storage room shared by the jazz program and 81-piece orchestra.

Aesthetically, the cabinets with cherry finish coordinate with other furniture, architectural details and finishes. “They look stunning!” he states.

Uniform storage areas were not designed into the facility – the primary focus was classroom space and the large music library. Rack ‘n Roll carts are used to store uniforms for chorus, guitar and world music. “They’re a tremendous help, giving us the flexibility to move them around as needed,” explains Collins.

To support the school’s new guitar program, Collins’ Wenger representative recommended the necessary equipment, including Nota music posture chairs. Collins says people notice these chairs immediately.

“There is absolutely no way you can slouch in the Nota chair – it’s not possible,” he contends. “Developing the correct posture and correct tone are interrelated, so having the Nota chair is a big advantage.”

PRODUCT LIST

Instrument Storage Cabinets, Troupers® Seated Risers, Student and Nota® Music Posture Chairs, RoughNeck® Music Stands, Conductor’s Equipment, Percussion Cabinet, Folio Cabinets, Music Library System, Stage Boxes, Rack ‘n Roll® Garment Racks and Markerboards.

- Storage cabinets keep equipment organized and out of sight.
- Specialized chairs support posture and tone development.
- Seated risers offer functionality, versatility and space efficiencies.

The school has six practice rooms dedicated to theater activities, each large enough for scene work. All the rooms feature Stage Boxes, which Collins believes are more versatile than chairs and easier to work with. “Everyone loves them!” he declares.

For the choirs at Harrison, Collins considered seated risers essential equipment, providing the functionality and flexibility of a flat floor without all the wasted space. He wanted deeper steps, so they ordered Troupers instrumental risers for two choral rehearsal rooms.

“These risers are more conducive to the multiple functions of our music program – singing and movement or traditional classroom work like music history or theory,” explains Collins, adding that the additional depth offered by instrumental risers gives students more room for their lap desks, laptop computers and backpacks.

“It was great having Wenger design the riser layout to fit each room, because we saved space,” he says. Even in the smaller room, there is access all around the risers: the computer lab and emergency exit are on the right side, uniform storage on the left and music library in the back. The entrance is in the front, where Collins also has the baby grand piano and teacher’s podium.

“We could not have equipped everything we did without Wenger’s outstanding customer service,” concludes Collins. “Overall, Wenger was really focused on tailoring their solutions to best serve the unique needs of our program and students.”



TROUPERS® SEATED RISERS, FOLIO CABINET, STUDENT CHAIRS