

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PROJECT CASE STUDY



STAGETEK™ STAGING, STAGETEK™ SEATED RISERS AND PORTABLE AUDIENCE CHAIRS

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MOVE & STORE CARTS

CHALLENGE

Equip new performing arts high school with flexible staging platforms, risers and accessories.

WENGER SOLUTION

Designing staging/riser configurations for multiple applications. Assisting with product selection and responding promptly to inquiries. Providing durable, high-quality equipment.

BENEFITS

- Versatile staging adapts to multiple uses – theatre, music, dance, events, etc.
- Easy handling speeds setup and reconfigurations, even by students
- Seated risers enable classrooms to be truly multi-purpose
- Portable theatre chairs provide comfort and flexibility
- Durable music stands offer locking height adjustment
- Supportive music chairs promote proper posture

HIGHLIGHTS

“When researching equipment for our new space, Wenger was the first company I considered,” says Chris Krambo, Technical Director at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA) in Los Angeles, California.

“I’ve known Wenger equipment since my student days – it’s high quality and lasts a long time,” he adds.

LACHSA recently opened a \$25 million, three-level arts facility featuring 21 classrooms, outdoor stage area and black box theatre. Founded in 1985, LACHSA is one of the region’s premier public arts high schools, serving 600 diverse students from across Los Angeles County.

Wenger’s new StageTek™ staging platforms were selected to provide tiered audience seating platforms in the new black box theatre, along with flexible stage platforms for performers. More than 130 StageTek decks were supplied, along with multiple leg sets in a variety of heights.

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In the theatre, audience seating can be tiered in a variety of configurations up to ten levels, at 8" increments, for a maximum height exceeding 6'. Cross-bracing is only necessary above four feet; Krambo states they’ve successfully used StageTek at four feet without any bracing. At higher elevations, he says the braces are easy to put on.

“Other platforms I’ve used feature legs like Z braces that unfold and my fingers would get pinched,” Krambo comments. “They were difficult to work with.” One upcoming drama performance will have StageTek platforms comprising the majority of the set, arranged in a number of creative levels.

The theatre features Wenger’s Portable Audience Chairs, which provide flexibility with the comfort of a fixed seat. In addition to the black box theatre, several LACHSA rehearsal rooms feature StageTek staging set up as seated risers for music rehearsals or classroom use. “StageTek helps our classrooms be multipurpose – they work for academic classes and music rehearsals,” explains Krambo. “They also give us flexibility if we need a flat floor or want to use them somewhere else.”

He says the StageTek risers are user-friendly and student-friendly. LACHSA students are gaining real-world experience, so it’s imperative the platforms be as easy as possible. “I’m very pleased with the StageTek risers – the ease of assembly and the sturdiness,” remarks Krambo. “They’ve worked out really well.”

Other Wenger products at LACHSA include RoughNeck Music Stands and Student Chairs. The trigger lock on the RoughNeck stand is particularly appreciated. “That’s the neatest innovation,” he comments. “Simply squeeze the grip, adjust it to the level you want and it locks in place.” Krambo calls the Student Chairs “fantastic” based on his own orchestra background. “I’m really glad our Music Department ordered them – they’re exactly what I would have chosen.”

Finally, he praises Wenger’s customer service throughout the entire project. “We absolutely had a fine experience working with Wenger,” Krambo comments. “Everyone was very kind and very quick to respond with whatever we needed.”



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PRODUCT LIST

StageTek™ Staging, StageTek™ Seated Risers, Portable Audience Chairs, High-Density Portable Audience Chairs, Student Chairs, RoughNeck® Music Stands and Move & Store Carts.