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# SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES®

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## **Sight & Sound Theatres® Lancaster County Theatre** Fact Sheet

Construction began on the Lancaster County theatre in July 1997 and it opened on September 1, 1998. It was built after a fire destroyed Sight & Sound's previous theatre in January 1997.

The theatre structure at a glance:

- 105,000 square feet under roof
- Top height reaches 105 feet
- Seating for 2,047 people, plus designated spaces for up to 22 wheelchairs.
- The massive central dome measures: 42' outer faceted sphere, 36' internal hemisphere, and 54' from lobby floor to the interior top of the dome.
- The three domes on the exterior represent the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit.

The 300-foot-long stage wraps around three full sides of the main-floor audience with action also taking place in the theatre aisles. The main stage offers 18,000 square feet of acting area, with an additional 2,000 square feet on each of the left and right stages. The total stage area is more than double that of Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Two million watts of light illuminate the theatre utilizing 1,600 lighting instruments, including 108 moving lights, which is one of the largest moving light systems on the East Coast. 60 LED fixtures light the backdrops to save 60,000 watts. The number and type of lighting instruments may vary from time to time based on an individual show design. More than 70 surround sound speakers are used in the theatre.

Embedded in the center stage floor is a 14' x 40' "cargo-vator" which is an elevator used to lift set pieces up from the set design and construction area to the stage. This elevator is capable of lifting eight tons, including set pieces as tall as 40 feet.

A network of specially designed passageways under the theatre floor is designed to facilitate the movement of show animals to various parts of the theatre, as well as to their "dressing rooms" backstage.

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