As California State University-Northridge (CSUN) is enjoying recent strengthening in their nationally-accredited Music and Theatre programs, their new 166,000sf, $125M Valley Performing Arts Center is becoming one of the top three destinations in Southern California for symphony, opera, pops and Broadway performances.

MCH initiated the project with a feasibility study in 2001 and continued with full-scale design services for the entire project leading to the Gala Opening in January 2011. The venue comprises a 1700-seat multipurpose, variable acoustics, professional performance hall with concert-quality acoustics and audio (serving everything from cinema to Tchaikovsky), a 175-seat black box theatre, a 230 seat lecture room as well as lab, rehearsal, recording and their requisite support spaces. It is also the new home of its nationally-recognized FM radio station, KCSN. The hall will serve as well as a "laboratory" for the University's Curb College of Arts, Media and Communications and CSUN Symphony and other student groups and soloists perform there.

Acoustical tuning exercises, concerts by Doc Severinsen, the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra and Jennifer Koh, internationally recognized violinist, the Borromeo Quartet and the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra helped MCH optimize acoustics and AV for the principal hall.

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