As small as it is, the 99-seat Purple Masque Theatre is by far the busiest performance space at KSU, running from about 9:30am through 11pm weekdays and equally busy on weekends. It is also home to KSU’s internationally respected Drama Therapy program, regularly attended by visitors from the community and students from around the world.

By early Spring 2015, a new 135-seat Purple Masque will arise within the south end of West Stadium, allowing patrons better access to general and ADA access. The current theater, part of the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, is used for drama therapy, workshops, playwrights' stage, acting recitals, scene rehearsals, Ebony Theatre performances and final scenes for the Principles of Directing course.

In addition to the adaptive reuse of the new “found” volumes, the project involves providing a green “roof”, substantial waterproofing, ADA access and new M.E.P. equipment. MCH is providing full-scope acoustical and AV consulting from programming through construction administration for this $5.6M project.

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