In May, 2010, Westlake High School's Theater re-opened with a gala event featuring Richard Carpenter and family. The $4M renovation, due in large part to a generous donation from the Carpenter Family (of '70s pop duo, "The Carpenters"), included additional and new stadium seating, an addition of orchestra pit, professional stage lighting and fiber-optic system, recording studio, and a 21st century audio/visual system. MCH provided both the Acoustical guidance and Audio-visual Systems design. Prior to the renovation, Choral Director Alan Rose said "It was never really a theater, but more like a lecture hall ... we had to change things acoustically...it was always a battle".

Now, Westlake High School offers the more than 500 students in choral, symphony orchestra and band a new stage to showcase their talents. The state-of-the-art, $250,000 sound system is highly unusual among high school performance venues. MCH was tapped specifically for the project by the school only after reconstruction was well underway (floor slabs were being poured) and opening night was a short 8 months away!

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