The Fine Arts Building at the University of Alaska Fairbanks serves principally their strong music program. Constructed in the 1960s with a problematic vapor barrier at exterior walls, it has long suffered heating and water infiltration problems in addition to a plethora of acoustical challenges.

MCH was retained to make scrupulous acoustical assessments of their principal rehearsal space (originally intended only for chorus) and its surrounds and develop a design to mitigate the excessive HVAC noise, separate problematic listening conditions (balance, ensemble, clarity, loudness, reverberance, etc.) and provide a far more suitable venue for both choral and instrumental use.

HVAC was entirely re-worked, sound isolation is improved, risers now accommodate both choral and instrumental rehearsals with much-improved cross-section ensemble and balance and variable acoustic curtains provide fine “tuning” of the space to best serve the needs of every group from large choral to small jazz ensemble.

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