



## KEHREIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

RENOVATION OF AUDITORIUM AND PRE-FUNCTION AREA

**CLIENT** The Catalyst Schools | **LOCATION** Chicago, Illinois (South Austin) | **SIZE** 22,000 sf

### PROJECT SCOPE

Eckenhoff Saunders partnered with the Catalyst Schools to redesign and bring this 22,000 sf, 950-seat auditorium back to life in Chicago's Austin community. Designed by Belli and Belli Architects circa 1956, the building sat vacant since the mid-1970s. Through the efforts of the Catalyst Circle Rock School community, the renovation of this unique space was completed in May 2019.

The renovation includes all new finishes, seating, theatrical lighting, AV systems, architectural acoustic enhancements, and MEP/FP systems. The venue serves as a school auditorium, church sanctuary, and music performance space for multiple users. Most importantly, it will serve as a beacon in the Austin community for arts and culture, providing a much-needed opportunity for families and residents to participate in performance activities of all kinds.