

William R. Elfers Center for the Arts at The Fessenden School / Newton, Massachusetts



Owner:
The Fessenden School

Owner's Project Manager:
Riser11

Architect:
CBT Architects

Area:
20,000sf

Duration:
13 Months

Type:
New Construction

Awards:
Excellence in Construction
Award, Merit 2020, Spirit
2020, Associated Builders and
Contractors of Massachusetts



Erland was invited back for a second project on the busy Fessenden School campus. In an effort to revitalize their existing Performing Arts Center, Erland renovated the entire arts wing including a theatre, multipurpose common areas, and classroom space. To meet new ADA regulations, a new elevator was also installed.

In addition to the renovation, Erland constructed a 3,000sf addition to accommodate Fessenden's growing orchestra program and equipment. The renovation and addition required various MEP upgrades including air handlers and roof monitors. A sound data test was performed to ensure the new air handlers would not disrupt the school's future performances.

The campus remained occupied throughout construction. Special plans and a sequenced schedule were implemented to accommodate the academic calendar. Erland took great care mitigating disruption to school activities for the duration of the project.