

## Arena Stage: The Next Stage Campaign Timeline

### 1998-1999

Arena Stage considers relocating to Seventh Street, NW, but after discussions with Mayor Anthony Williams and the City Council, decides to stay in Southwest as a crucial part of the Southwest Waterfront revitalization.

### 2000

*June:* Arena Stage reviews 60 architects as candidates to design the new complex and selects Bing Thom Architects of Vancouver, Canada.

*July:* Arena Stage completes its fundraising feasibility study.

### 2001

Arena Stage completes its engineering study.

### 2002

*July:* The design of Arena's new theater campus by Bing Thom Architects is approved by both the Historic Preservation Review Board and the Fine Arts Commission.

*September:* Arena Stage receives the Mayor's Agent Approval for Exemplary Architecture.

*October:* Arena Stage begins the quiet phase of its fundraising campaign.

### 2003

*January:* Arena Stage selects a Trustee Steering Committee led by John Derrick to serve as its campaign leadership.

*June:* Arena Stage receives approval of zoning variances by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

*October:* Bing Thom Architects' final design is approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

### 2004

Arena Stage files for the needed permits for the renovation project.

### 2005

Bing Thom Architects completes construction drawings.

### 2006

*December:* Arena Stage publicly launches The Next Stage Campaign and begins the bid process for the construction contract.

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2007

*May:* Clark Construction chosen for the construction contract.

*October:* Arena Stage Board of Trustees votes to commence construction, and announces plans to break ground in January of 2008.

*December:* Performances of *Ella* begin at the Crystal Forum in Crystal City, Virginia, the temporary theater space Arena will use during the two-year construction in Southwest, D.C.

2008

*January:* Arena Stage breaks ground on its historic Southwest, D.C. theater complex

2010

*Fall:* The Arena Stage Mead Center for American Theater opens for the 2010/2011 season.

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