



THE JOURNEY FORWARD

Interim Facility Proposal

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Thank you for participating in the process of securing an interim facility for the Davenport Junior Theatre (DJT) program; America's second oldest children's theatre.

This interim facility proposal reflects the joint efforts of a Task Force created in January composed of Davenport Parks & Recreation (DPR) and DJT Staff, Junior Theatre Inc (JTI) board members, and the greater City of Davenport leadership to find an interim facility for the DJT program. Using feedback gathered from the 342 responses received from our community input survey in January 2024 (survey results found on [Facility Project Page](#)), we spent the past few months seeking and exploring interim facility options.

Any interim facility should provide the opportunity for continued growth, as we look to build a permanent facility for the DJT program. The following is the agreed upon best option from the Task Force.

Upon reviewing this document, we invite and encourage you to [take our survey found on the Facility Project Page](#).

(A special thanks to Zachary Meyer, DJT Alum, for donating his time and talent to create scale floorplans and 3D renderings of the proposed interim space)



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Overview Site Map



- **Northpark Mall**

- 320 West Kimberly Road | Davenport, IA 52806
- Previous site of 'Younkers'

- **Location**

- Interim space falls within top choice area based on Community Input Survey (document found on facility project page)
- Centrally located in City, with key corridor access to highways for those traveling to Davenport.

- **Parking**

- Ample parking, all on flat ground, within close distance of main entrance
- Easy drop off at north entrance
- Entrance exclusive to DJT , no general mall access

- **Greenspace**

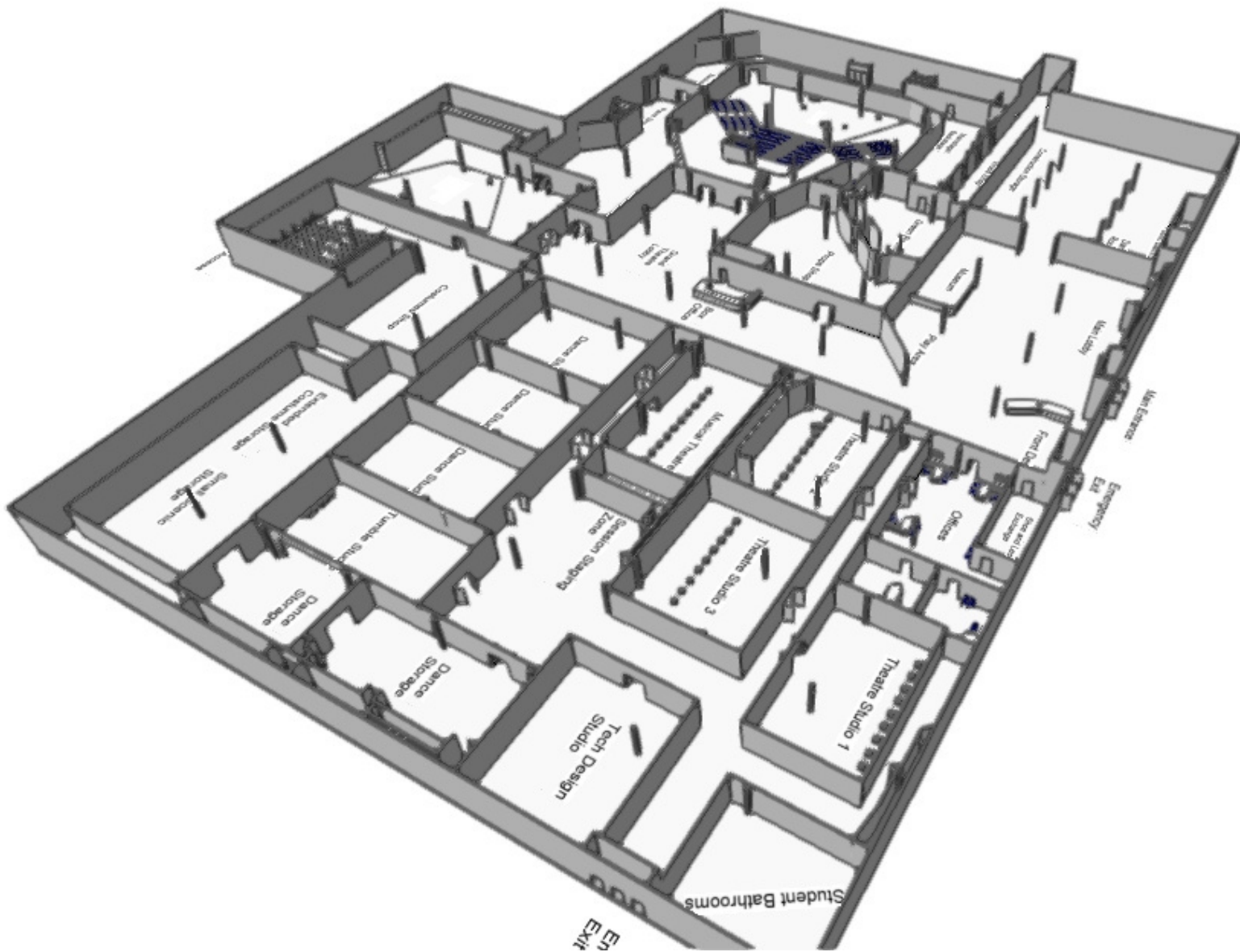
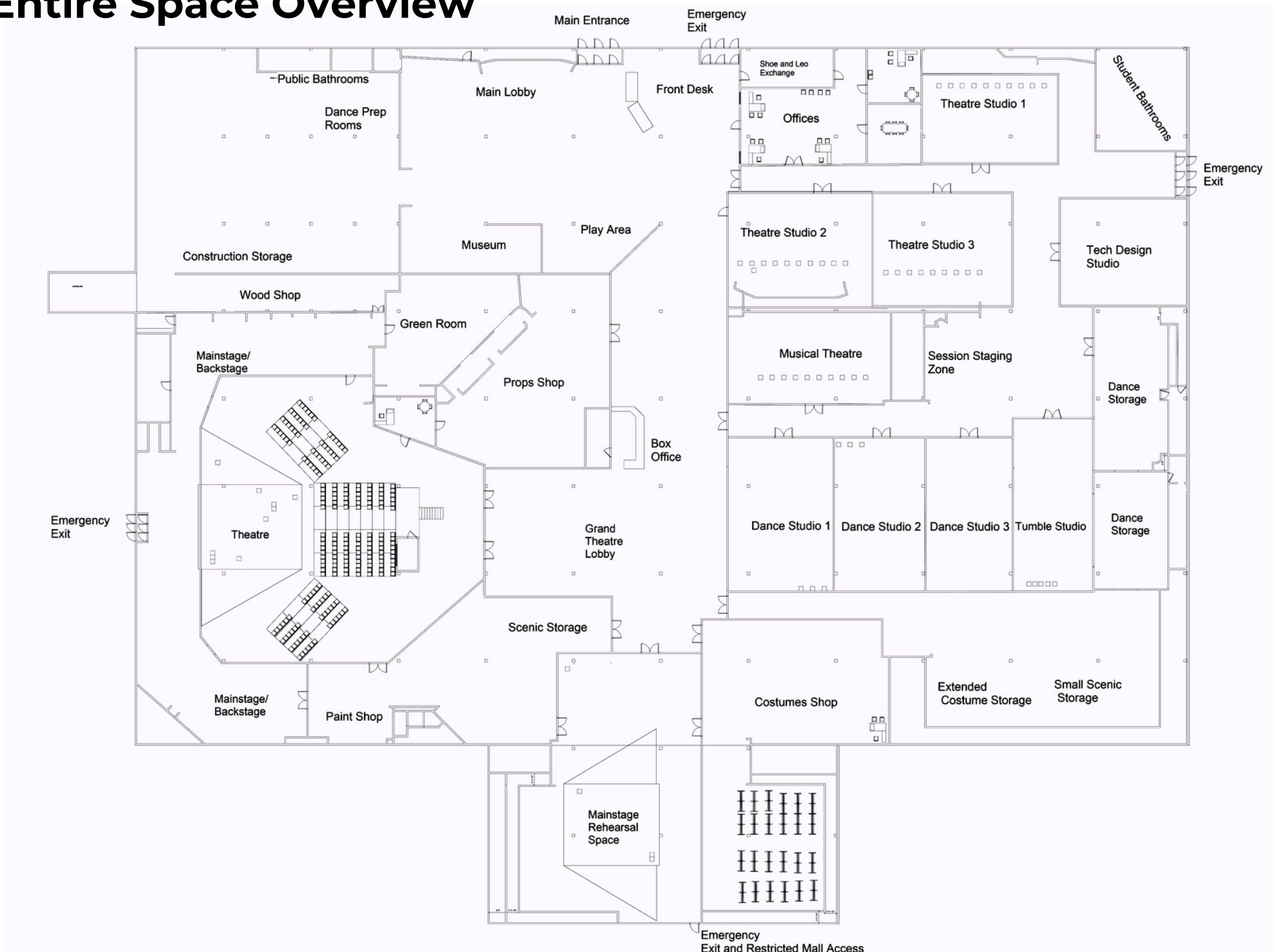
- Green space provides an outdoor programming area for summer camps
- Available to families to utilize while kids are in programming

- **Size**

- Increases square footage compared to current DJT location, allowing for continued program growth

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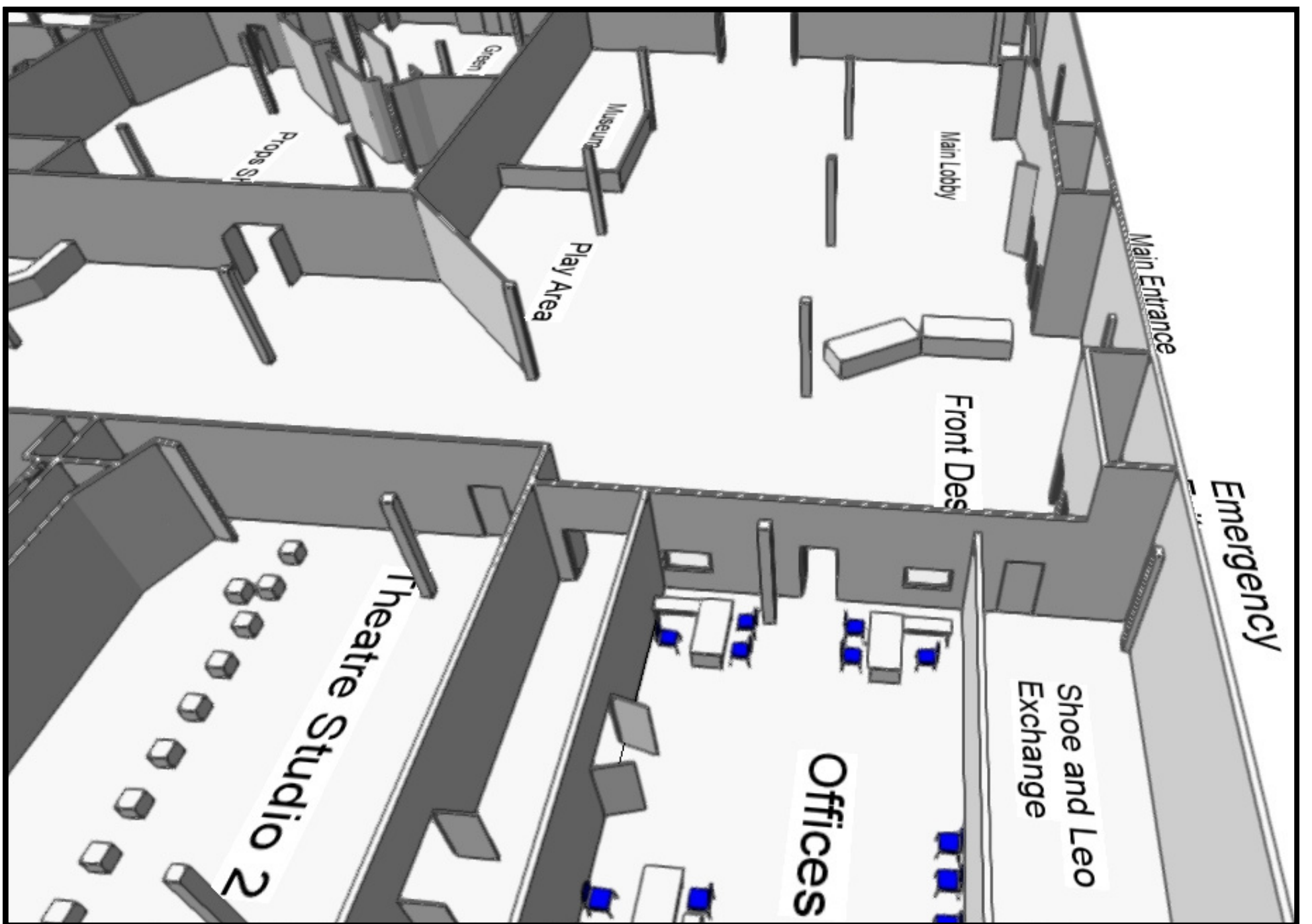
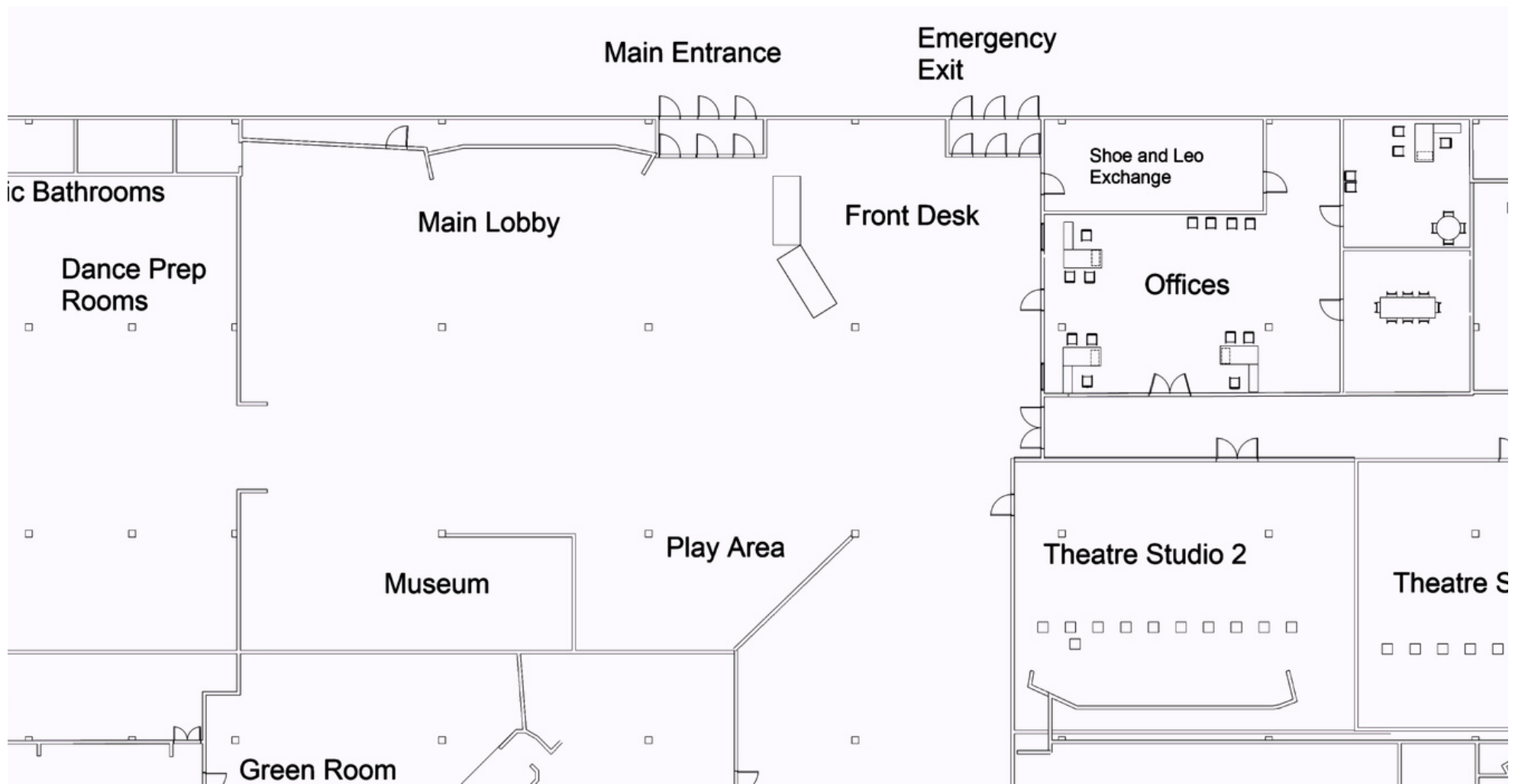
Entire Space Overview



- **ADA Access** - Full ADA access on single level
- **Security**
 - Single point of entry on north of building allows for greater security and monitoring traffic
 - Mall security team asset
 - Housed in one structure to avoid weather and security concerns
- **Facility Size**
 - Houses all previous shops and storage for Costumes, Props, Scenic, Lights, Audio, Paints, etc
 - Additional theatre studio, dance studio, expanded tumble studio, mainstage rehearsal studio, theatre tech studio, grand interior lobby, adequate offices, expanded storage and more

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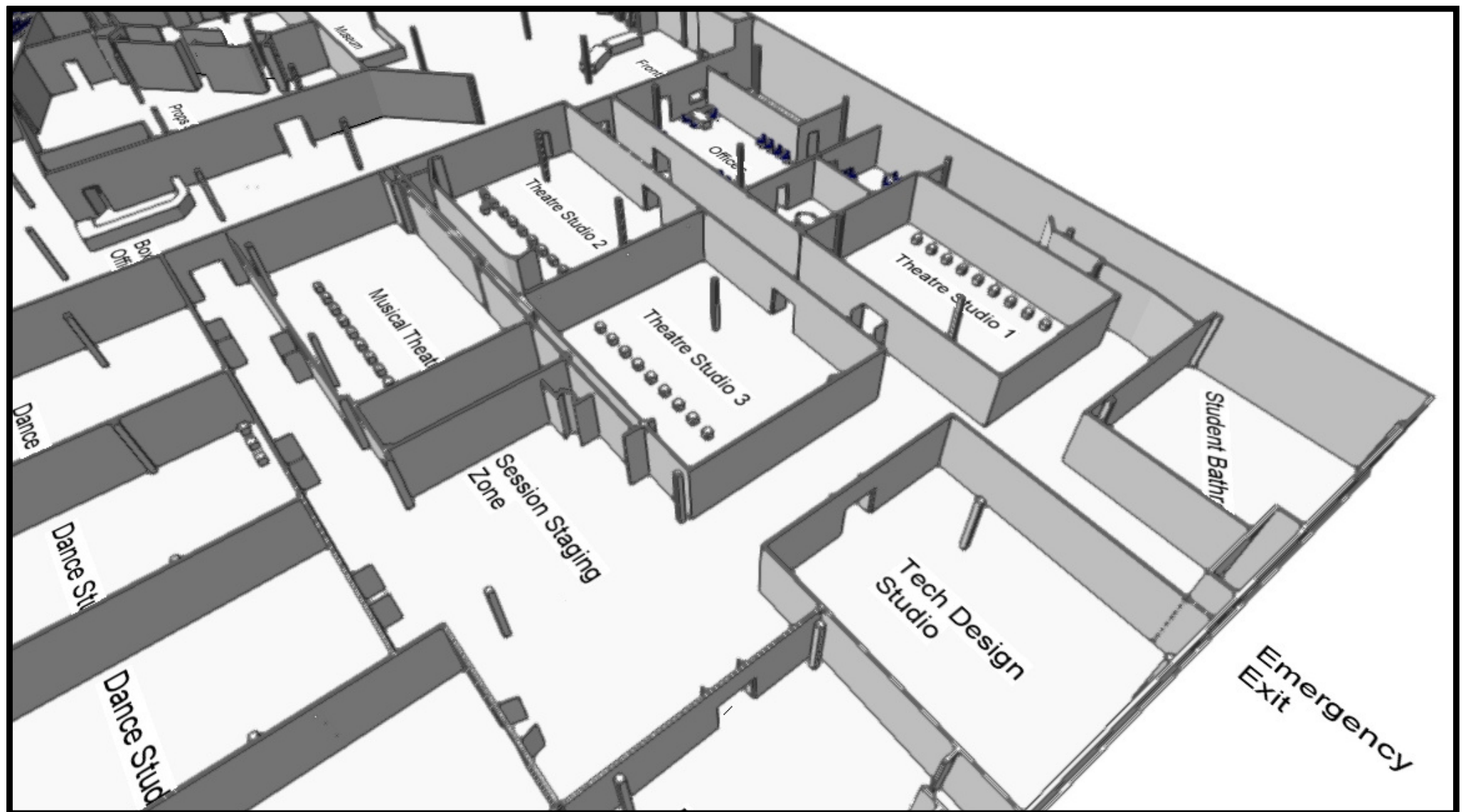
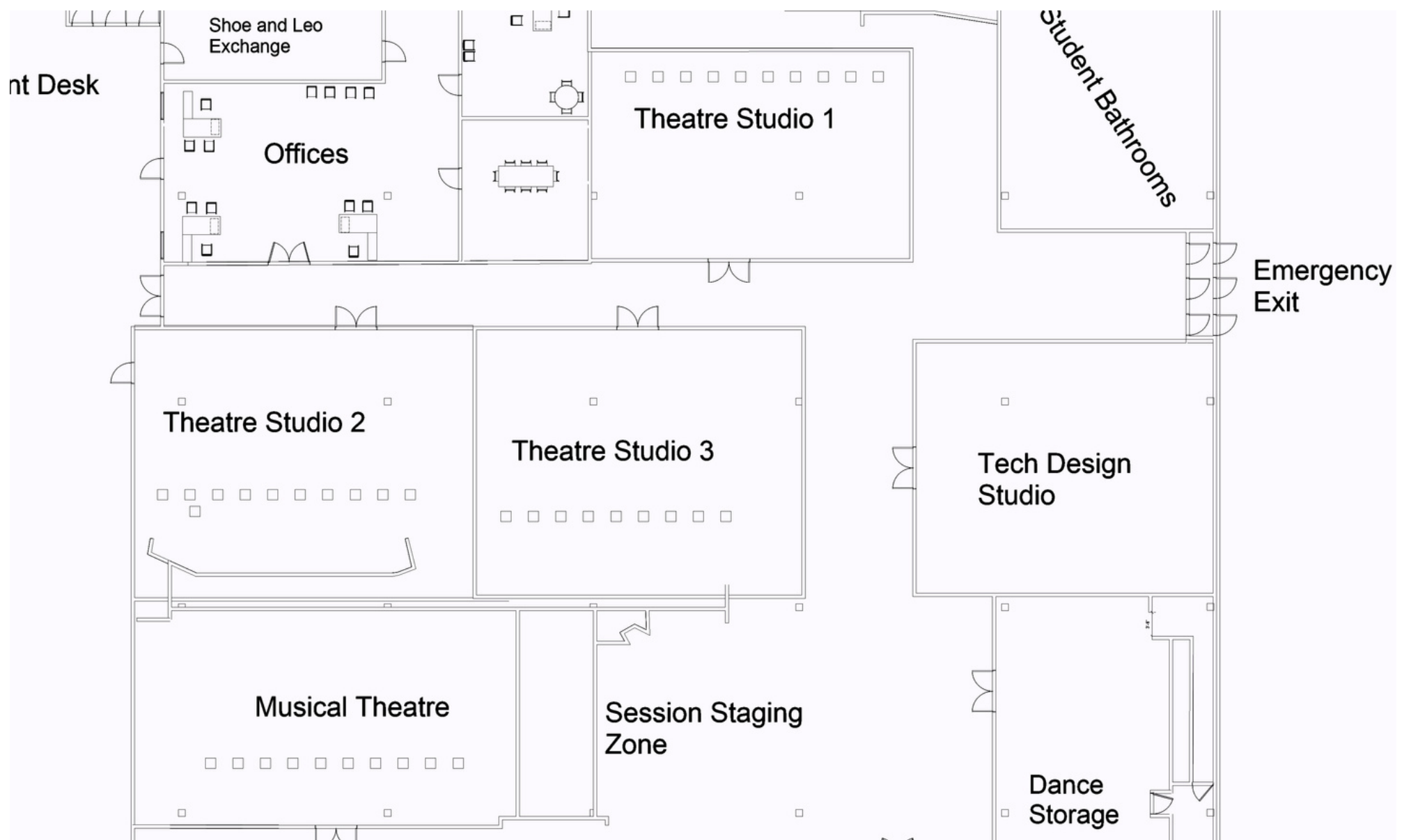
Front Entrance, Lobby, & Museum Area



- **Entry** - One point of entry will enhance security, sign in, and sign out for all programs
- **Staff** - Front desk & coordinating staff available to all families, near main lobby
- **Museum** - Located alongside the lobby areas to provide easy access and browsing
- **Play Area** - Designed for youth activities while waiting
- **Restrooms** - Large public restrooms with many stalls & sinks
- **Shoe & Leotard Exchange** - Near main entrance for ease

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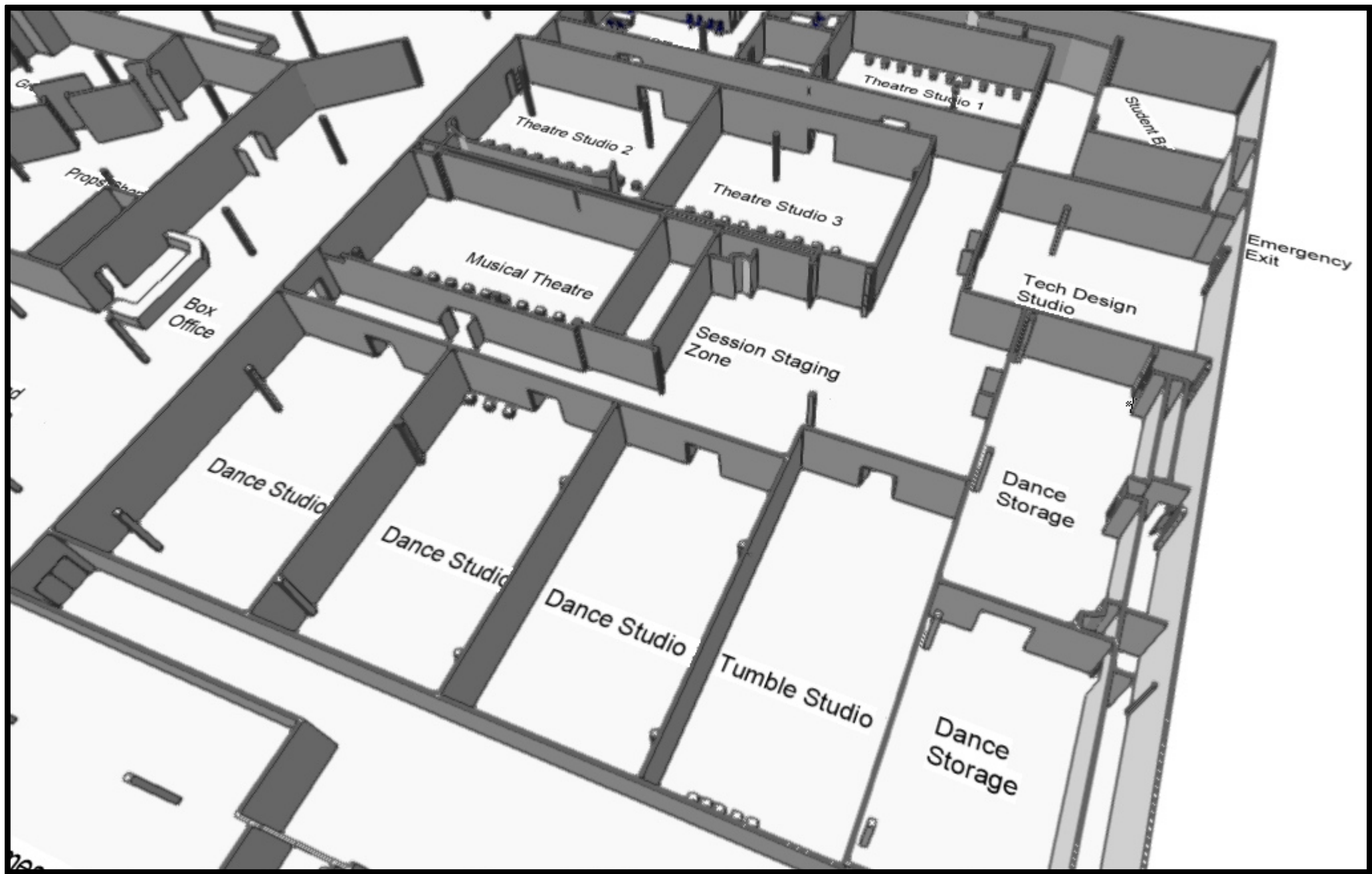
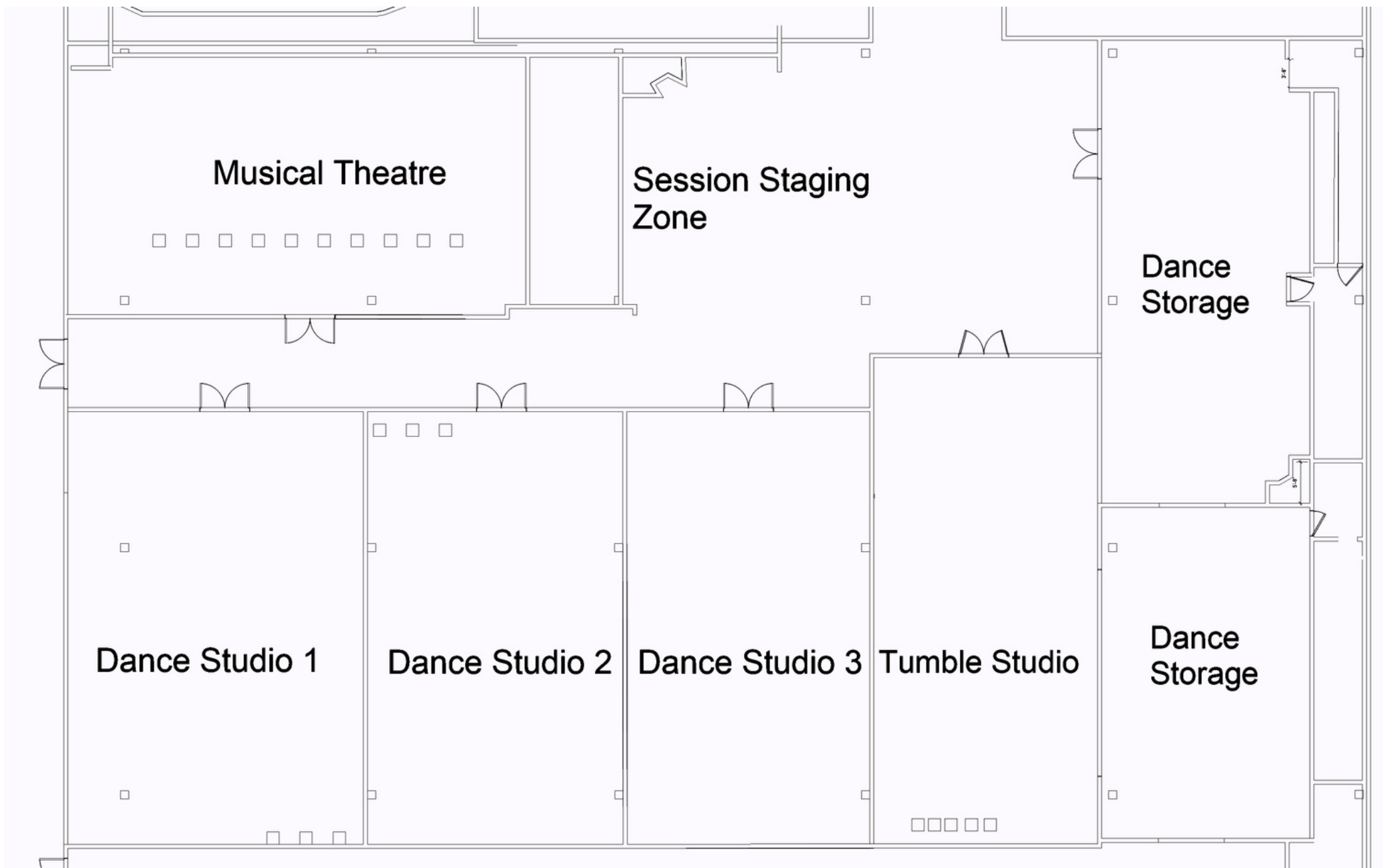
Theatre Studio Area



- Designated Musical Theatre & Tech Design studios
- Secure restrooms for students only, not in a public space
- All Theatre Studios are larger than current studio spaces, allowing more room for set, props, costumes and other items needed for classes

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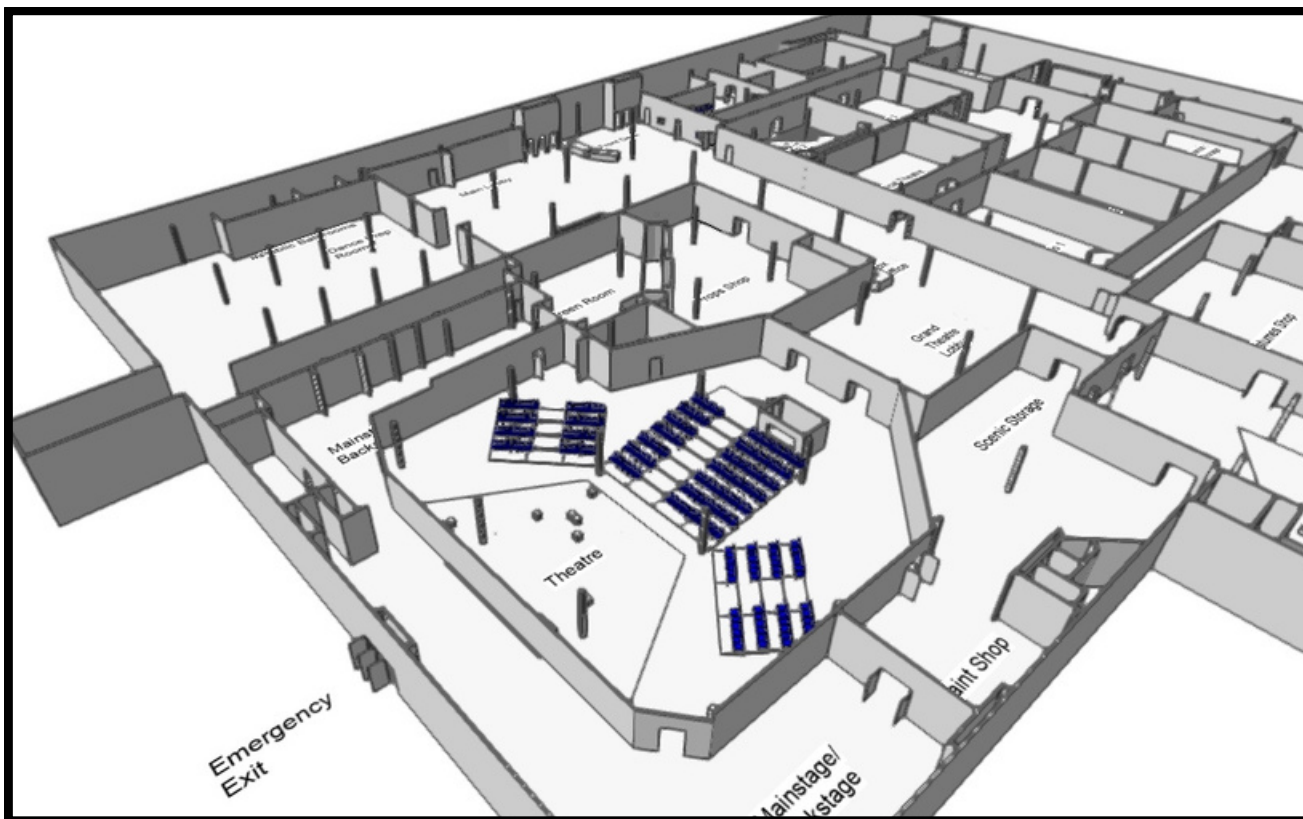
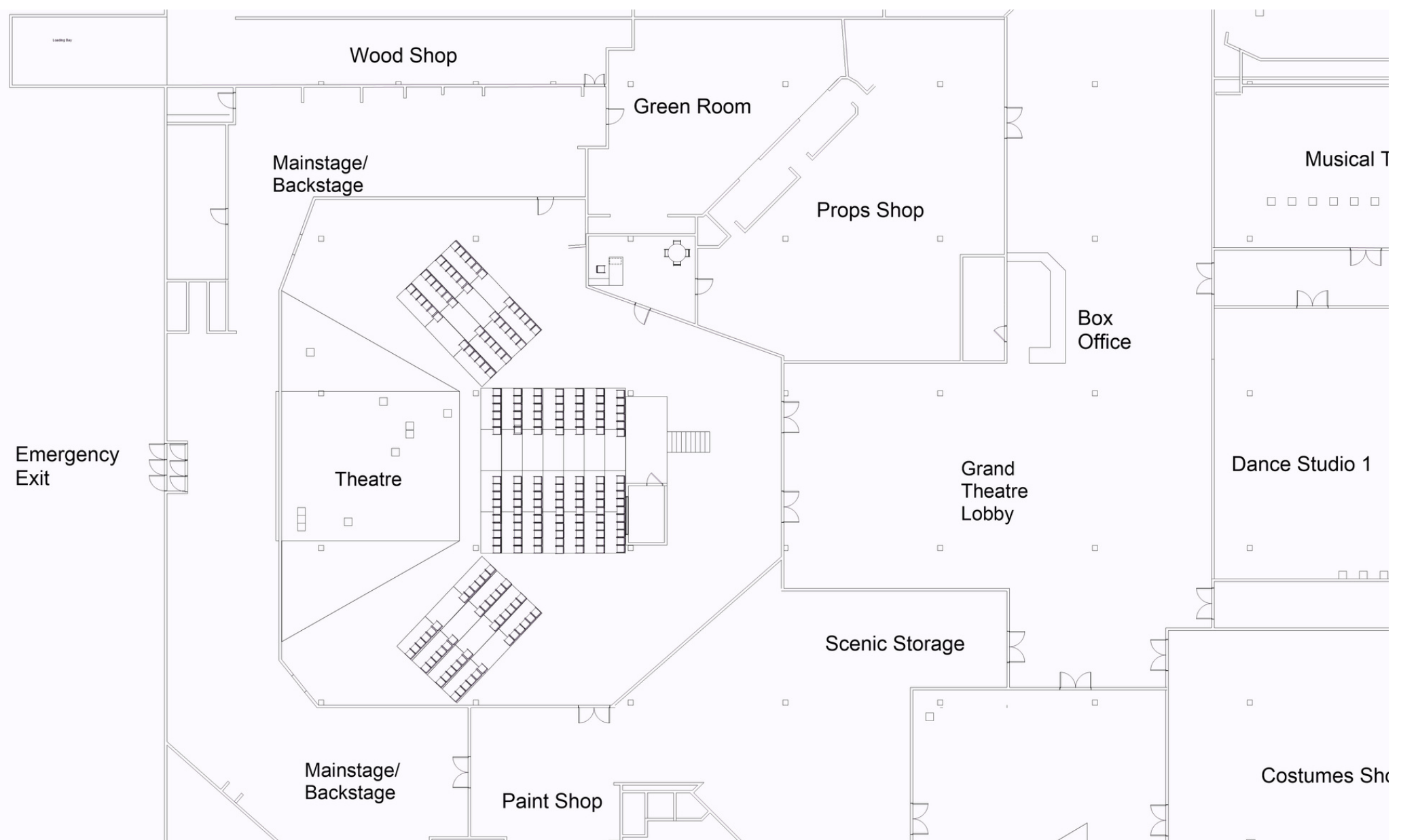
Dance / Tumble Studio Area



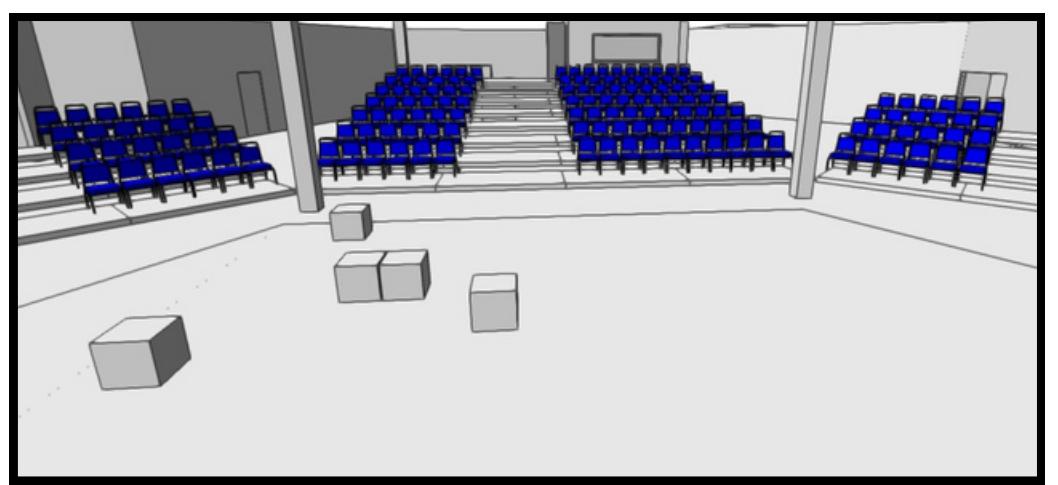
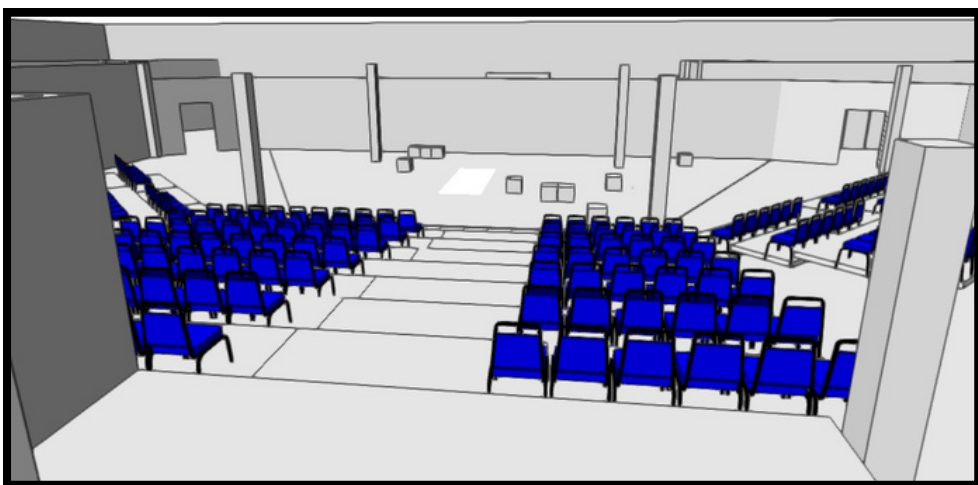
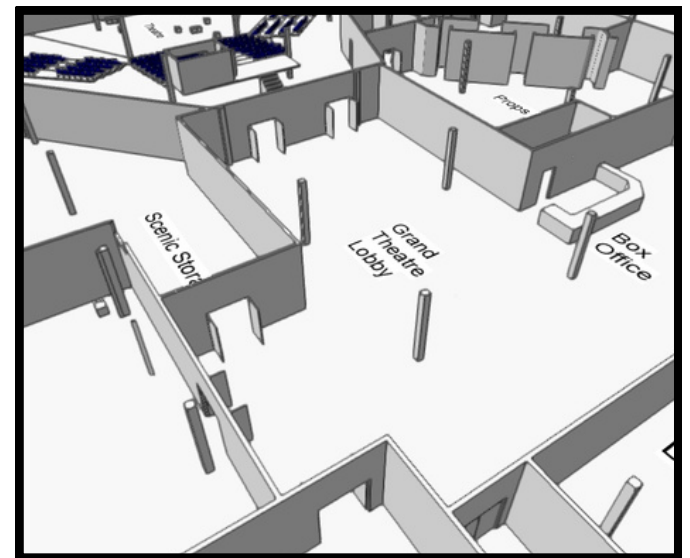
- One additional dance studio will allow for continued growth
- Expanded tumbling studio
- Secure restrooms for students only, not in a public space
- Session Staging Zone allows for quick storage of items needed for theatre & dance programs when classrooms in use

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Theatre Area



GRAND LOBBY AREA



(Interior detail of theatre still under development, general concept here)

- **Seating**

- Interim space would seat 270, while current DJT theatre seats 365
- Chairs in pictures not accurate, as chairs from current theatre will be removed and installed (cost savings)
- Goal to expand seating beyond 270

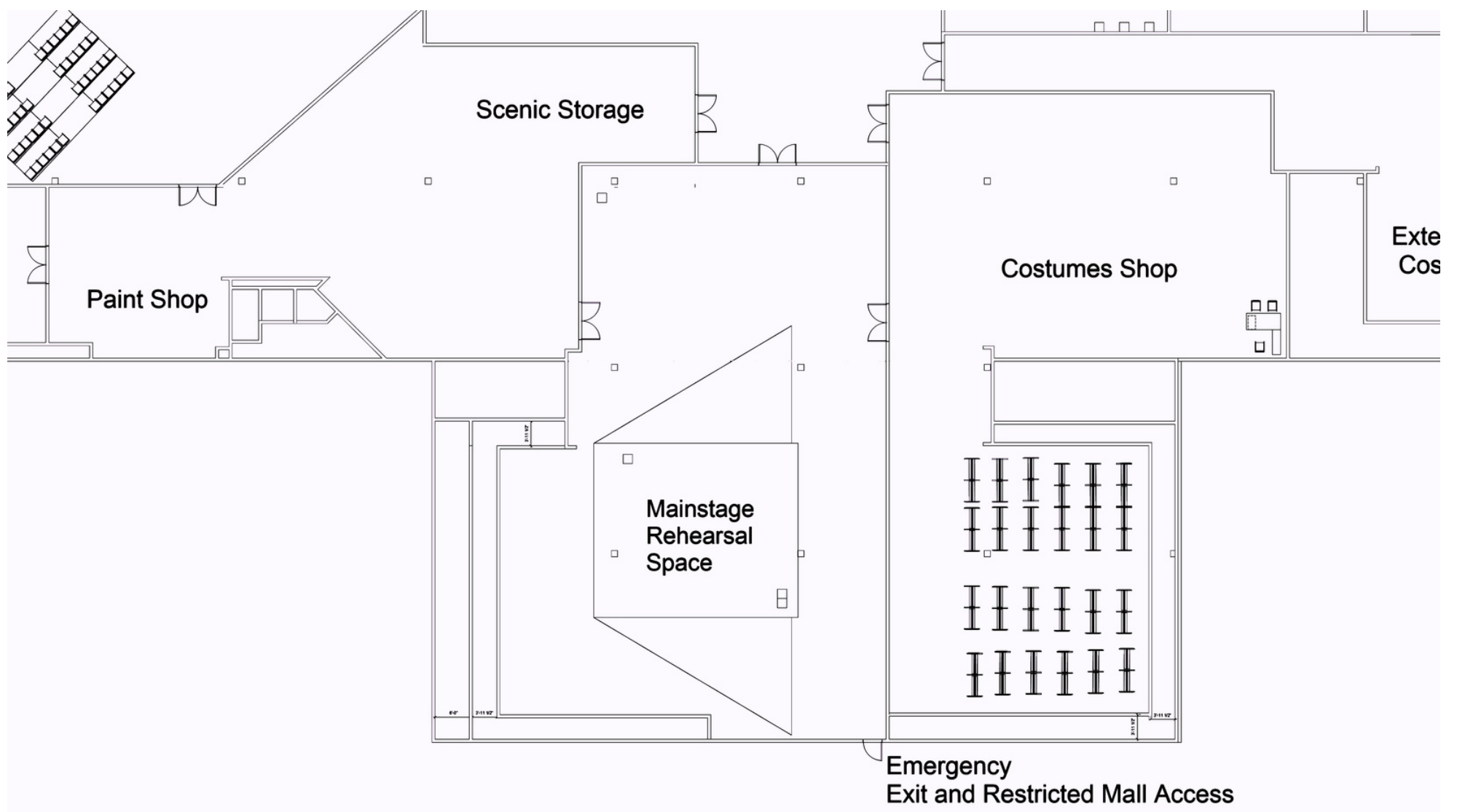
- **Grand Theatre Event Lobby**

- Large space allows families to gather with kids after performances
- Also a flex space used for large gatherings, events, full camp warm ups, etc

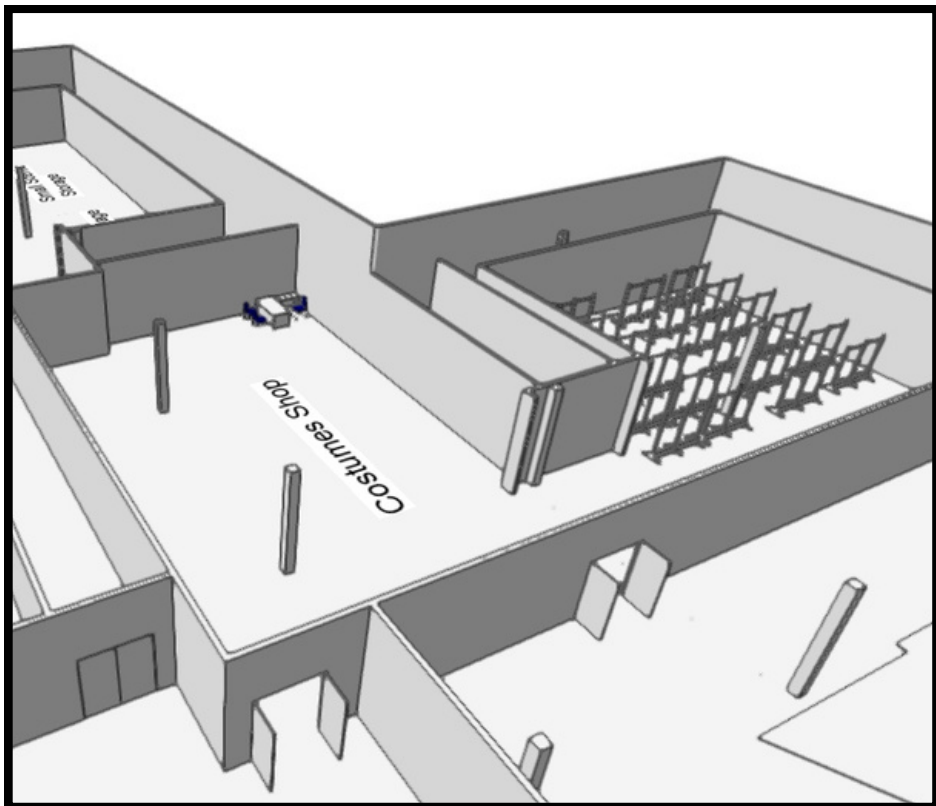
- **Equipment** - Audio, lighting, curtains, and other equipment will be transported from current location for use (cost savings)

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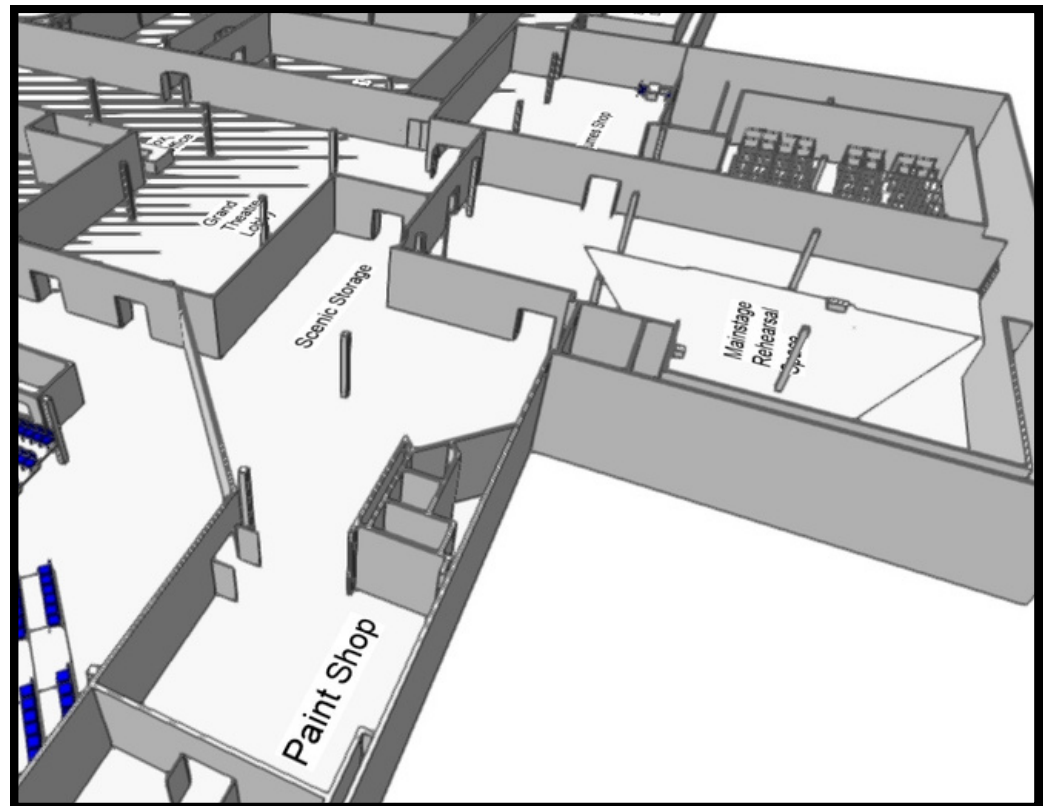
Costume Shop & Storage, Rehearsal Stage, Scenic Storage, Paint Shop



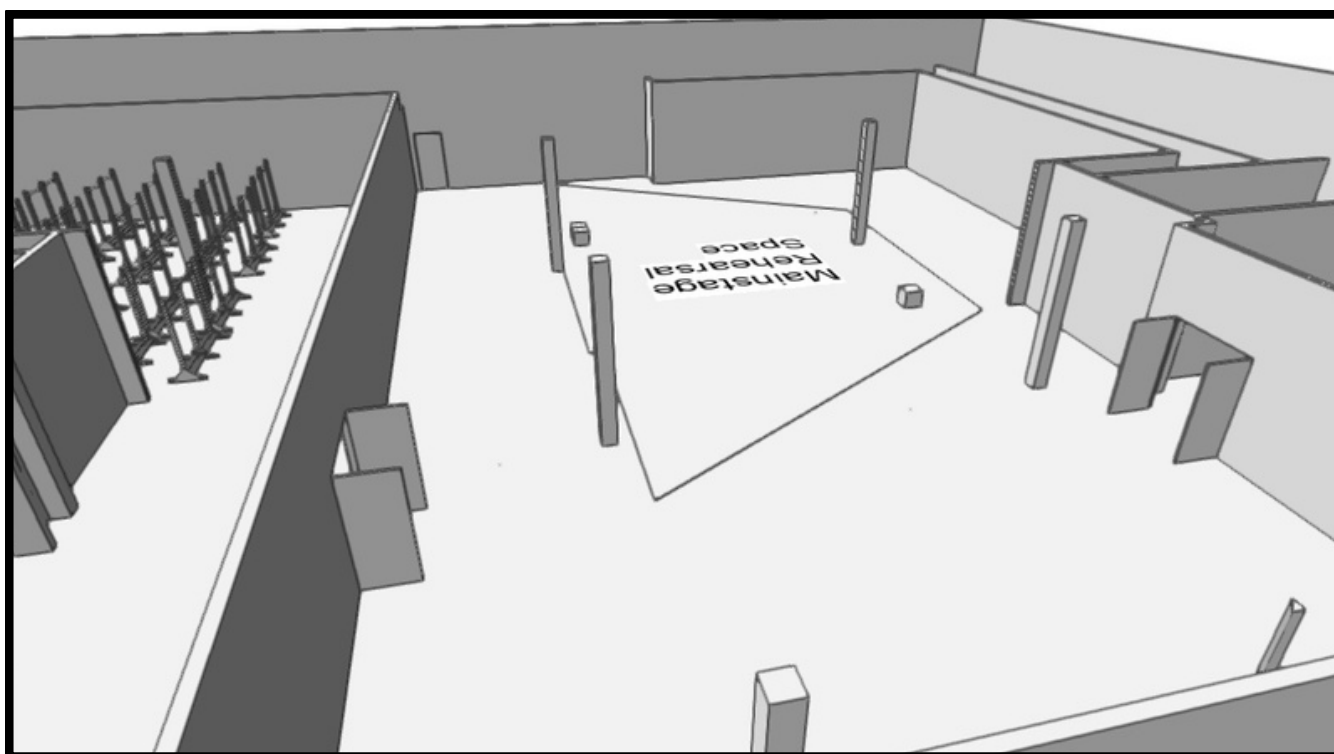
COSTUMES



SCENIC & PAINT



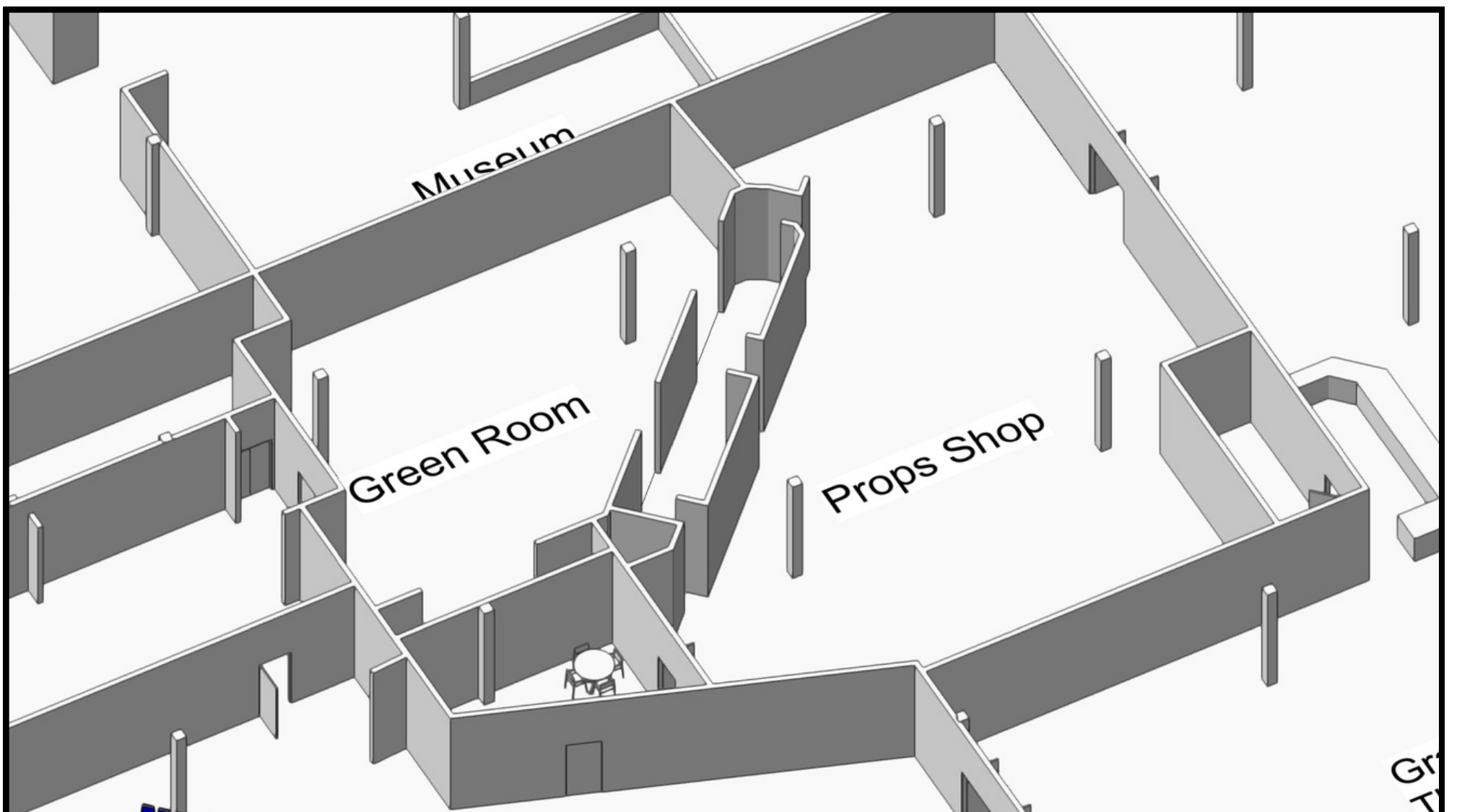
REHEARSAL STAGE



- **Costume Shop** - Expanded storage and added guest designer workspace & student design area
- **Rehearsal Stage (Mainstage Studio)** - Exact foot print of stage for mainstage rehearsals, also used for camp & workshop programs
- **Scenic Storage** - In addition to standard storage, high ceilings allow for large scenic storage
- **Paint Shop** - Near scenic storage and on same level

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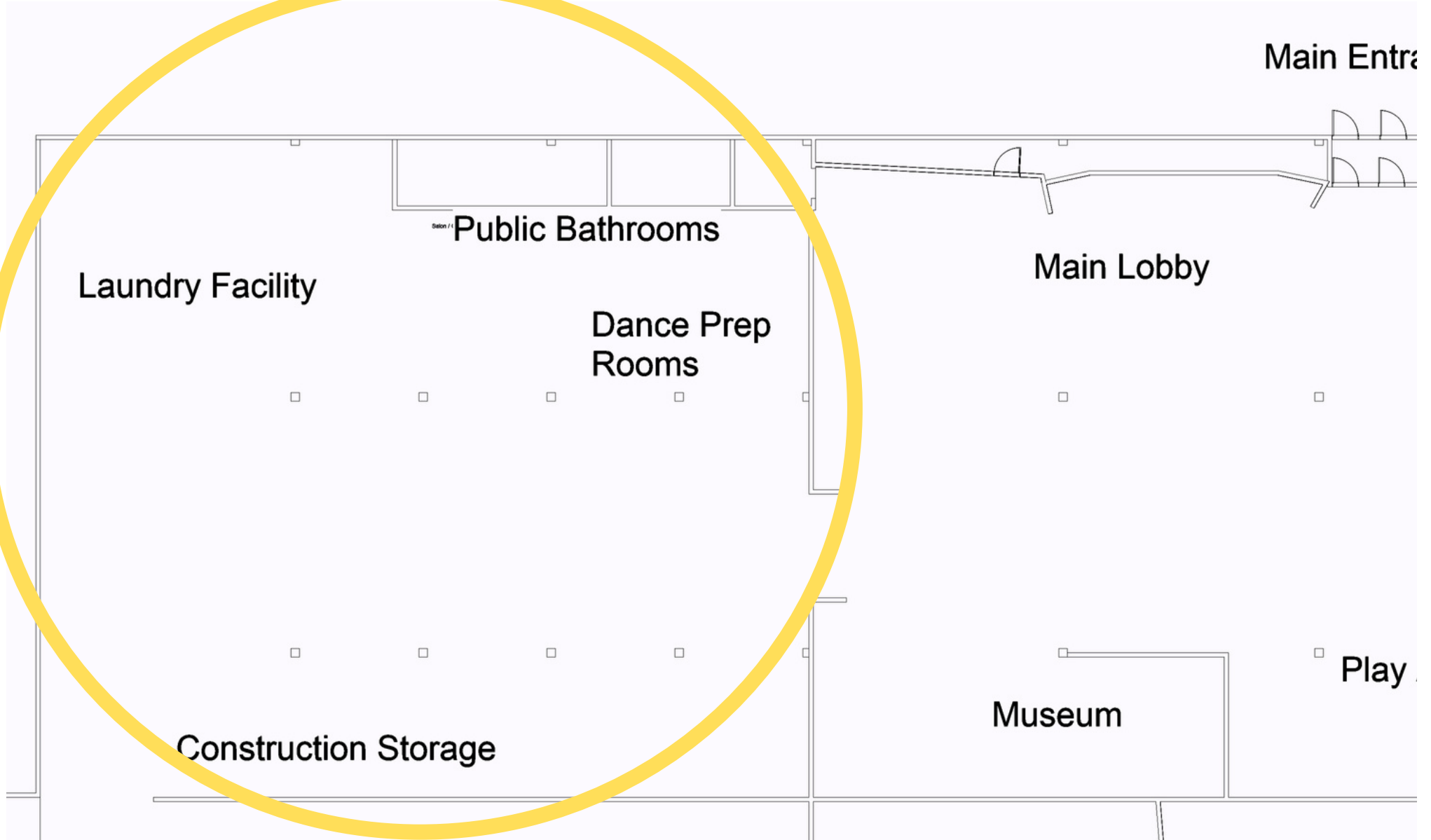
Green Room, Props Storage and Shop



- **Props Storage & Shop** - Ample space allows for storage and workshop in same area.
- **Greenroom** - Allows for staging of students to prepare for performances for camps, classes and other events, near the stage.
- **Office Space** - Facility & Technical Coordinator office allows quick access to theatre and shop spaces and responsiveness
- **Box Office Supply Storage** - Area adjoining Props Shop that will allow full storage and quick access to FOH supplies

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Area Under Development



In its current structure, this area is broken up into a variety of rooms and spaces. It has an upper and lower level of offices and storage like areas.

- **Definite Uses** - Carpenter / build Shop, Loading Bay, lumber storage, tool storage, janitorial storage laundry facilities, dancer prep changing rooms, JTI office and meeting space
- **Potential Uses** - Makeup studio, audio design lab, instructor prep room, kitchen event prep space, large staff break room for camps, virtual zoom studio, DJT library, quiet lobby waiting space, AmeriCorps office space, etc.