

**South Coast Repertory Theatre**  
Costa Mesa, California



MVE served as the Executive Architect and Architect of Record, in close association with Cesar Pelli & Associates of New Haven, Connecticut as Design Architect, on the \$19 million expansion and renovation of the South Coast Repertory Theatre. SCR's expansion is part of an effort to transform the area near South Coast Plaza into a cultural complex of national stature. Plans included the major addition of a third theatre and an expanded lobby, as well as the revitalization of the existing two theaters, production facilities, dressing rooms, theater shops, offices and classrooms.

The main components of SCR's expansion is a new 336-seat theater featuring a traditional proscenium stage with box seats, balcony and mezzanine. In addition, the 507-seat Main Stage was renovated and renamed the Segerstrom Theatre. The existing 161-seat Second Stage was reconfigured as a 99-seat facility called the Nicholas Studio Theatre, doubling the overall facility to 78,000 sq.ft. The South Coast Repertory Theatre offers a 10-month season of 13 plays, as well as a variety of community outreach and educational programs.

**Client** South Coast Repertory  
**Size** 78,000 sq.ft.  
**Stories** Two  
**Contractor** Snyder Langston  
**Completed** November 2002

**Awards**  
2003 Gold Nugget Merit Award