

Annenberg Theatre

London, NW8



Rooff have also completed an exciting theatre project involving substantial alteration and below ground extension for an international school in London.

The work comprised the alteration and conversion of an existing smaller theatre to include new seating, re-formed stage, reconfigured control room and three new levels of backstage dressing rooms and offices. A new suspended lighting bridge formed part of the sophisticated equipment provision together with extensive mechanical ventilation and cooling works.

Construction works involved extensive excavation and underpinning of the existing building to basement level.

The work was carried out within a fully operational school with existing services to be maintained and diverted. Deep underpinning together with extensive ground anchors and a steel transfer structure were designed to increase the volume of the original theatre auditorium.

As the school remained fully operational it required an enormous amount of logistical and health and safety management. We successfully completed the scheme through good management of the site environment with critical fresh air ventilation supplied to the confined workspaces.

The high quality scheme was designed by Tim Foster Architects and follows on from Rooff's previous work with the practice at The Broadway Theatre project in Barking.

Client: The American School

Architect: Tim Foster Architects

Employers Agent: Jackson Coles

Contract value: £4.2M

Form of Contract: JCT 98

