

Shunde Performing Arts Centre

Company: City Construction and Development Centre of Shunde District, Foshan, PRC

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P&T Architects has made Shunde and Foshan a cultural hub in China and proved that outstanding design and a tight budget are compatible. The economic use of functional elements as features and the creative use of local materials are P&T's essential cost-control measures.

Shunde Performing Arts Centre is 25,000 square-metre big with a 1500-seat theatre, 500-seat concert hall, and an ancillary music school. The RMB 270 million budget translates into a modest RMB 0.14 million per unit seat, which is a bargain compared to the Beijing National Theatre (RMB 0.48 million) or the Hangzhou Theatre (RMB 0.56 million).

City-wise, the 36,000 square-metre Arts Centre site balances the Foshan central library at the other side of the city axis by sharing similar geometry and form.

