

Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts

Holland, MI | Institutional

THE CHALLENGE

The Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, located on Hope College's campus in Holland, Michigan, includes two performance venues, classrooms, practice rooms, faculty studios and office space for the Department of Music. The 64,000 square foot complex was completed in fall 2015. Soundproofing the building was one of the most important parts of the project as the building was designed to facilitate a unique fine pipe organ.

THE SOLUTION

Precast concrete proved to be a great solution as it allowed sound barriers to be attached to the walls blocking out unwanted noise. Kerkstra provided rectangular beams, wall panels and hollowcore for this project, totaling 54,812 sf of precast concrete. The walls consisted of 8" and 15" thick solid wall panels, reaching a height of 65' in the performance hall. The completion of precast installation was a critical milestone that we pushed to meet in order to allow other finishing trades efficient time to focus on the quality of finishes in this high profile performance hall.

THE RESULT

The custom-built organ constructed at the hall made Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts the only purely musical hall in West Michigan with an embedded concert organ.



Kerkstra's precast panels were the perfect option to meet both our schedule and our stringent acoustical requirements for our new concert hall.

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