



Columbia University Roone Arledge Auditorium

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Associated Architect
Installation: ALTEL Systems, Inc.



Major Equipment

Crestron
Dolby
JVC
JBL
Yamaha
Sennheiser
Clearcom
Extron

OVERVIEW

Since its opening, the Arledge Auditorium and Cinema located in the Alfred Lerner Hall has become the principal venue for major events on campus. The 11,700-square-foot auditorium is named in recognition of University Trustee Roone Arledge '52C, the chairman of ABC News who is widely hailed as a broadcasting pioneer. During its first seven months of operation, the Arledge Auditorium has clearly surpassed all expectations, in the process reflecting the diversity and dynamism of life at Columbia. The campus was in great need of a central, large space that was flexible enough to accommodate the extraordinary array of events produced in this very active community.

INSTALLATION NOTES

ALTEL Systems was pleased to have been given the opportunity to furnish and install the equipment for the Auditorium and Cinema. The systems included both 16 and 35 millimeter film projectors and a Dolby Surround Sound system utilizing the Dolby 650 processor. The video projection system encompasses VHS, DVD and LCD projectors as well as an overhead lecture sound reinforcement system and lighting. The hallmark of the space is its versatility. Flexible seating and a moveable wall allows for different events at the same time and/or accommodations to attendance. The Roone Arledge Cinema further increases the flexibility of the space. The cinema is a large balcony featuring raked seating for approximately 400. The balcony can be closed off for use as a movie theater or opened to increase seating to the full 1,500 capacity. At project's end, this very flexible space proved to be an intensely impressive sight. All parties, including the client, were very excited to see the auditorium reach its full design potential.