# Kimmel Center Public Space Project

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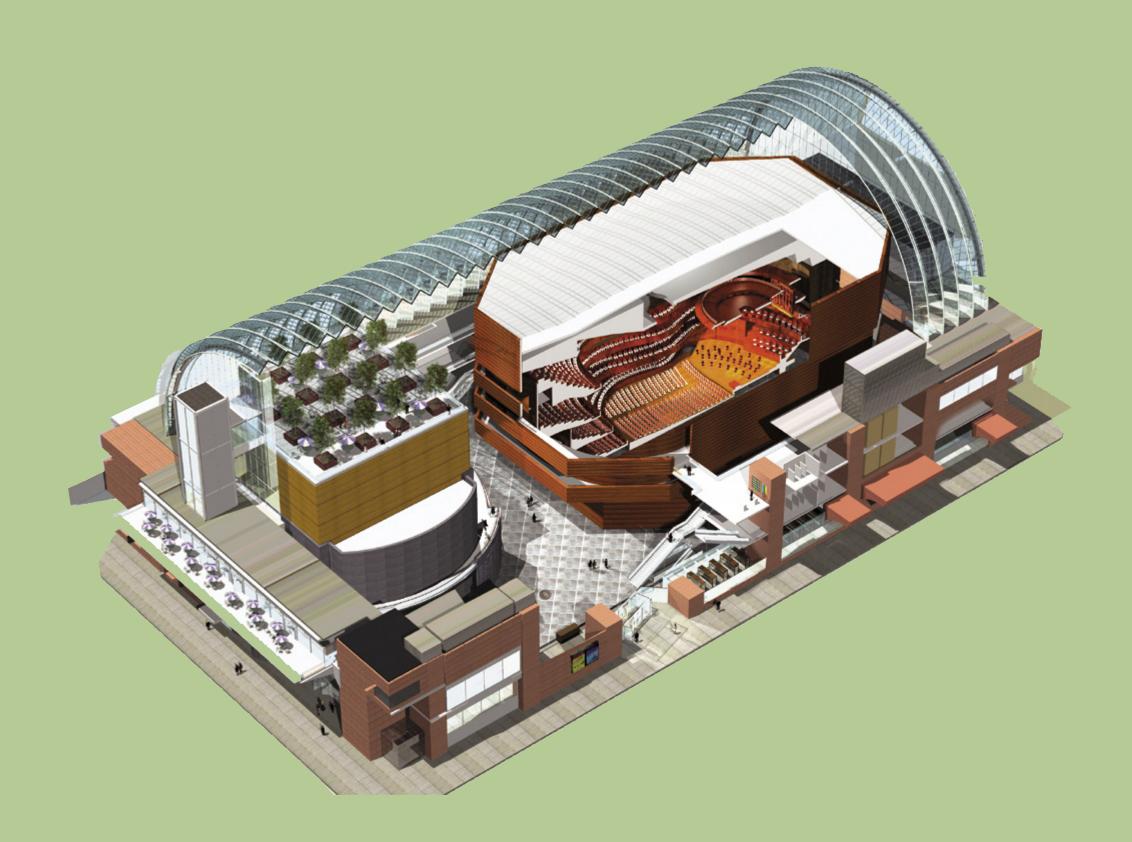
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**Penn Project for Civic Engagement** 

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## so what's not to love?



exterior and interior challenges







### the civic design principles

- 1 Inside/Out and Outside/In
- 2 Treat Commonwealth Plaza as the third arts venue—an inclusive public venue
- **3** Create magnets to lure mixed uses and mixed users
- 4 Offer a warmer welcome—and a map to navigate
- 5 WOW! What now?
- **6** Balance aesthetic values and commercial appeal

#### common ideas

Invite people in with a new entrance at 15th and Spruce

**Enliven the Spruce Street side in diverse ways, in and out** 

Offer food, wifi, and places to linger at the Plaza level

**Create a rooftop garden oasis** 

#### starting a conversation

28 students
4 professors
2 schools
200+ passionate citizens
the Kimmel Center staff
and
many generous professionals



## ...led to 3 "big ideas"

**Humanizing Space** 

**Connect to the Arts** 

**Sensory Experience** 

Small-Group Discussion
Which ideas—big or small—
would draw you to come to the Kimmel?

### tonight's work

How do you rate each Design Principle in terms of how important you think it is to improving the Kimmel?

Civic Feedback Form

Distributed by moderators, and completed at the final plenary session

#### ground rules

The moderator is there to guide your discussion, while remaining neutral and impartial.

Your role is to:

Listen to each other **Respond to each other** Ask clarifying questions; help to develop each other's ideas Allow everyone a chance to speak **Encourage each other to participate,** inviting others to speak and making room for their voices **Explore** areas of disagreement, search for new ideas and possibilities

#### next steps

PlanPhilly: www.planphilly.com/kimmel
Feedback Results
Design Drawings
Online Survey
Project Updates

**Additional Comments?** 

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**Design Work** 

Penn and UArts students continue through Spring 2008 semester.

May-June 2008: Present final work to Kimmel Board and senior staff