



## People and Places ... THIS WEEK

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Emerson College's Paramount Center, located in the Midtown Cultural District of Boston, Massachusetts, has reached substantial completion. Elkus Manfredi Architects of Boston designed the nine-story mixed-use project, which included renovation of the art deco-style Paramount Theatre (1932) and construction of a new building on the site of the former Arcade Building.

The 1,700-seat movie theater was reconfigured into a 590-seat venue for live performances. Related program elements include a 170-seat film-screening room, a black-box theater, rehearsal studios, practice rooms, classrooms, and faculty offices. The upper four floors of the complex will provide 60,000 square feet (5,600 square meters) of new dormitory space for housing 260 students. The complex also includes new space for a ground-level tenant restaurant and a lower-level student cafeteria.

The Cambridge, Massachusetts, office of Acentech Inc. consulted on the acoustic design, and Bond of Everett, Massachusetts, served as construction manager. Other project team members included Auerbach Pollock Friedlander, theater consulting and sound, video, and communications systems; R. G. Vanderweil Engineers, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection engineering; Ammann & Whitney Consulting Engineers, structural engineering; Cline Bettridge Bernstein, lighting design; Nitsch Engineering, civil engineering; and Haley & Aldrich, geotechnical engineering.