

## Puzzle Pieces

This past week, as I worked on the designs for the Performance spaces and the dorm buildings, it seemed as though I was putting together pieces of a puzzle. I knew what features that I wanted to include, but I was not sure how I should arrange the rooms in relation to other rooms, the stage, hallways, bathrooms, and so on. I took care to make sure that no noisy spaces would be sharing a wall with either of the performance spaces. I would not want the performers to be distracted by a toilet flushing or a gaggle of people talking loudly, just as I would not want the visitors to be distracted from the show by any extra noises.

On the performing arts center, I took care to put hallway buffers between either of the stages and bathrooms, or dressing rooms, or other spaces that would be noisy. I also wanted to make sure that there would be room in many different situations for instruments, props, and sets to be moved around to where they need to go.

As I continued to work on the dorm building, I realised that a couple of the rooms did not have windows like I thought that they did. I solved this easily by making those rooms storage rooms for either janitorial equipment, or items that might be shared by the whole floor. In this fix, I realised that I will actually need more storage and janitorial type rooms in the other buildings. In the general education building, I have a room that would be perfect for the job, but I will have to find a space in the fine arts building to dedicate to storage.