

New England Aquarium IMAX Theater

Boston, Massachusetts

Role: Architect for new IMAX Theater

Status: Opened in 2001

Program: 400-seat 3D IMAX theater, lobby, concessions, and support areas.

Description: The IMAX Theater is a stand-alone structure designed to harmonize with the adjacent aquarium architecture. The forms convey a craggy architectural landscape, evoking the rocky intertidal zone where the ocean meets land. The surface metal is scale-like and was specified in both reflective and textured finishes, giving the theater an animated and effective shimmering quality.

One of the theater's most unique features is a hydraulically movable (up/down) stage that allows the theater to be used as a lecture hall for business and community needs, in addition to showing 2D and 3D films.

