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Case study: Talent House by Citizens

Design Bureau

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The £4.1 million creative hub in Stratford, east London, contains dance studios, recording suites, and teaching and events spaces. Photography by *Taran Wilkhu*, *Philip Vile*

The Talent House is a new £4.1 million state-of-the-art creative hub located in Stratford, east London, as the home of East London Dance and national youth music organisation UD Music. It was opened by London mayor Sadiq Khan in July 2022.

The new hub will equip young, diverse talent in east London to become the next generation of music and dance professionals by providing free and affordable access to world-class facilities as a launchpad to reach new audiences and foster collaboration between young artists and early-career creatives and producers.

Designed by Citizens Design Bureau Architects, the building is part of the Sugar House Island masterplan led by Vastint, with Waugh Thistleton Architects designing the external shell and stair cores.



The building comprises dance studios, music recording suites, flexible teaching and events spaces, a co-working space for artists and members, as well as a central atrium functioning as a multi-use space for dance jams and informal gigs.

The design focuses on cultivating creative potential, with teaching, rehearsal and production spaces fitted out to professional specifications. There are also generous areas for socialising and sharing work.

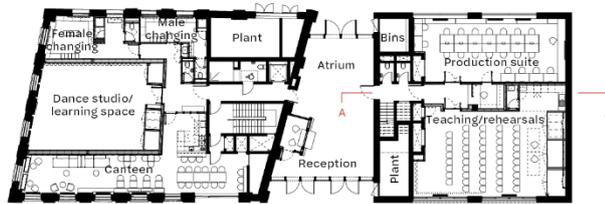
A pared-down but warm palette of materials selected with a strong sustainability ethos reflects the quality, aspiration and ambition of the work produced and the future-facing values of both organisations.

Katy Marks, director, Citizens Design Bureau

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Plans

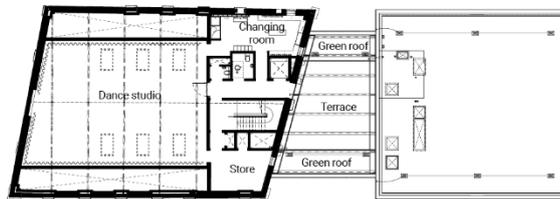
GROUND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



Section A-A



Project data

Start on site December 2020

Completion April 2022

Gross internal floor area 1,038m²

Construction cost £2.3 million

Construction cost per m² £2,213

Architect Citizens Design Bureau (external shell and stair cores by Waugh Thistleton)

Client UDMusic and East London Dance

Structural engineer Simple Works

M&E consultant Skelly & Couch

Quantity surveyors Bristow, Pulse

Project manager Pulse

Principal designer Citizens Design Bureau with PFB Construction Services

Approved building inspector Butler & Young

Main contractor ITC

Acoustic consultant Gillieron Scott Acoustic Design

CAD software used MicroStation

Annual CO₂ emissions Part of the M&E system was designed and installed by the developer, so we will be conducting a post-occupancy evaluation to determine in-use figures. The shell and core was designed by Waugh Thistleton to meet BREEAM Very Good

Embodied/whole-life carbon Data unavailable