



## Absorption Plus® Acoustical Panel Case History

### Millersville University Lancaster - Ware Center

Formerly, The Pennsylvania Academy of Music  
42 North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA  
Architect: USA Architects, Planners & Interior Design  
General Contractor: Benchmark Construction  
Installing Contractor: Smucker Company



**Project Detail:** The three story 63,000 square foot facility contains office, meeting and performance space. It has an impressive 361 seat, acoustical state of art auditorium, two meeting areas that each seat 175 people and an atrium space on the top floor that can seat 350 for dinner.

Millersville University decided to make substantial improvements to the 4 year old music academy building. One key improvement was installing over 300 acoustical panels on ceilings and walls throughout teaching studios, meeting areas, recital halls and the top floor atrium area.

Smucker Company provided metal framing, drywall, acoustical ceilings and sound panels on the original construction. Stacey Brandt, Smucker Sr. Project Manager reports the architect liked the composite panel "Class A" fire performance and excellent acoustic performance of Absorption Plus. Also, a very tight schedule locked in the decision with SPI's typical 2 week lead time. Stacey also stated "the GC, architect and owner have all commented the panels not only help the sound quality but enhance the appearance of the building."

Smucker was pleased with the quick panel turnaround and overall quality of the Absorption Plus panels and were especially impressed with the level of technical support they received from the local sales team regarding design considerations and installation detail support. Also, a late scope change required additional panels. These panels were produced within 7 days allowing the project to be completed on schedule. Stacey reports "Smucker will use SPI's panel service again because of the quality products and service we received."

*Panels in ceiling coffers*



*Atrium Wall and Ceiling Panels*



*Absorption Plus Clouds*



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