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Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College
East Academic Complex
Bronx, New York



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This multi-purpose building for a community college in a Spanish-speaking area of the Bronx represents a composite program located in a dense urban context. The building program provides for classrooms, faculty and student offices, a swimming pool, gymnasium and ancillary athletic spaces, a 1000-seat proscenium theater, a 350-seat repertory theater, faculty and students dining facilities, a campus store, an art gallery and studios, and a pedestrian bridge linking existing campus buildings to the new structure.

The Grand Concourse facade reinforces the built edge, establishes a gateway to the college, and together with the original

campus structure defines an outdoor courtyard. The new tower and bridge serve as visual icons, establishing a sense of place and a new image for the campus and the community.

The building contains many departments with diverse and varied functions. As a unifying design strategy it is organized around a five-story skylit atrium. Articulated horizontally with balconies and vertically with stairs, the atrium is the major public space on the campus. It is the primary internal circulation volume of the new building as well as, providing lobby space for both repertory and proscenium theaters and access to the bridge.

1 *Aerial view of model*

2 *East Academic Complex and pedestrian bridge*

3 *Pedestrian bridge*



Five-story atrium

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Art gallery overlooking the Grand Concourse and entry ramp



1,000 seat main theater

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Key Project Information

- 1,000 seat Main Theater
 - 350 seat Repertory Theater
 - entry lobby
 - student dining room and cafeteria
 - pool and gymnasium
 - art gallery
 - book store
 - classrooms
 - art studios
 - labs
 - offices
 - 5 story atrium
 - pedestrian bridge linking existing campus buildings to the new structure
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- completion 1994
 - gsf 240,000

1988 Excellence in Design Award

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Tower from pedestrian bridge



Swimming pool