ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN VII | ITU - Fall Semester 15-16 Prof. Alper Ünlü (Ph.D) & Research Assistant Ahu Sökmenoğlu Sohtorik



The architectural design studio involves designing a Center for Performing Arts and Experimental Media. Sited on the outskirts of the Maçka Park, the 5500 sq m building extends the existing ITU campus. The center supports a wide range of artistic and cultural activities both for the community of ITU and other visitors, enabling people to see and take part in many art forms from music and drama to dance and all sort of performative activities. The center also acts as an environment for the development of innovative artistic and scientific work concerning sound, light and movement in space.

The Center provides different performance and working environments:

- -400-seat main concert hall: a resital hall designed for soloists and small ensembles up to chamber orchestra size
- -250-seat theatre: a conventional theatre space with fixed raked seating, and suitable for drama performances, dance, concerts, conferences or lectures
- -one adaptive performance studio: 'black box'- a neutral flat space allowing a range of different stage and seating configurations
- -a dance studio: from conventional forms of dance to all sort of of bodily performances
- -audio and video editing suites: working spaces for editing audio and video files
- -artist-in-residence studios: the center offers residency opportunities for emerging artists, non-living studio spaces for production and exhibitions.
- -library-researcher rooms-mediatheque-archive

The first three weeks of the semester will be dedicated to urban and landscape design: how the building connects with Macka Park, Taşkışla and Macka Campuses of the ITU and enriche its surroundings.