

Long Center Set to Open this March

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Austin is a city that truly welcomes and appreciates the arts, but up until now could not offer a world class venue to accommodate national and international performances, local artists and community events.

The Long Center for the Performing Arts will fill this void and thus position itself as the cultural centerpiece in the emerging Austin arts district. The Long Center will provide a state-of-the-art venue for a vast assortment of local and national performances; it will also be the permanent home to the Austin Symphony Orchestra, Austin Lyric Opera and Ballet Austin.

The new ultra-modern structure will include four new performance halls with a total seating capacity of four thousand. The four separate concert halls will provide accommodations for a variety of performances ranging from small string quartet concerts to opera. The acoustics have been called perfect. The center will include rooms for community arts education programs, workshops and meetings. An upscale lounge and restaurant will delight the visitors while enjoying an unforgettable view of the Austin skyline.

The Long Center is located immediately across Lady Bird Lake from downtown Austin, accessible within minutes even on foot. It's open air terrace and stunning luminescent glass-walled grand lobby provides a spectacular view of the lake and the ever growing downtown skyline.

The same view, unobstructed in perpetuity, will also be enjoyed by 1155 Barton Springs, located within one block from the Long Center, Lady Bird Lake and 500 acres of parkland. The design, size and quality of these elegant condominium residences will undoubtedly be appealing to sophisticated arts patrons.