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Klorman Construction Chosen as Concrete Contractor for San Fernando Valley's Performing Arts Center

Technically challenging project characterized by bold architectural features

NORTHRIDGE, CA. – July 17, 2008 --- **Klorman Construction** has been chosen as the Building Concrete Contractor for the 163,000-square-foot Valley Performing Arts Center in Northridge.

The \$125 million facility, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2009, includes a 1,600-seat multi-purpose concert hall, a black box theater, classrooms, a 150-seat lecture room, rehearsal space and a broadcast facility for public radio. C.W. Driver is the construction manager on the project.

Klorman Construction, which has developed a reputation for excellence in concrete work, utilized their in-house computer 3-D modeling and constructability program to assist in the difficult complex construction coordination.

"We're honored to be the concrete contractor on such a noteworthy project," said Klorman Construction President Bill Klorman. "This project is the most touted and anticipated architecturally significant structure in the San Fernando Valley in the last 30 years. As such, the challenges associated with this project, especially given the complex and bold architectural features, are many."

Among those features are a curved floating grand stairway, a radial raised floor for stadium seating, sub-floor cast-in-place vaults and ducting for the heating and air-conditioning systems.

Minneapolis-based HGA Architecture designed the structure.

Located on the south edge of the Cal State University, Northridge campus, the Valley Performing Arts Center will host a range of performances -- from orchestra to opera, theater and Broadway shows, dance, film, lectures, and student productions.

The design features a dramatic glass lobby wall that visually opens the interior to the campus. Stone, tile and glass embrace the lobby as a sweeping staircase stretches upward three levels to the upper balcony and a rooftop terrace.

Further inside, the technically superior performance hall incorporates flexible acoustics, audio and lighting to accommodate various performances. Sinuous wood ribbons radiate from the stage, wrapping the balconies and walls in warm hues. Lighting and speakers discreetly slip behind the ribbons as stainless steel mesh panels along the back shimmer in the pre-show light while patrons take their seats.

About Klorman Construction

Klorman Construction is a Los Angeles-based design/build general contractor and structural concrete contracting company. Founded in 1980, Klorman has earned a reputation for building complex parking structures, multi-level towers and high-end architectural concrete projects. Construction services include design/build, construction management, structural concrete, consulting, value engineering, renovation and project management.

Klorman Construction Corp. has more than 150 projects to its credit, including numerous developments and renovation projects in diverse building types and geographic regions. Its projects include mixed-use retail centers, hotels, office, institutional and medical buildings. The company maintains offices in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco.