



ÅSANE KULTURHUS, BERGEN, NORWAY

PROJECT SUMMARY. The city of Bergen, the second largest city on Norway's west coast with a population of almost 300,000, is one of the busiest seaports in Europe. In its district of Åsane, a new cultural center has been erected, the "Åsane Kulturhus". With a gross floor area of about 4,500 m², it offers space and facilities for a wide range of usage concepts. The building ensemble houses a hall for cultural events, conference rooms and rehearsal rooms, a library, various activity rooms, an exhibition hall as well as a ballroom.

FOCUS OF CONSULTING SERVICES. "Kultursal" and "Blackbox" are designed for multi-functional types of usage. The two venues seat audiences of 485 and 128, respectively, and provide standing room for about 1,000 and 250 when the seating grandstands are retracted. With the sound absorption areas being effective over the entire frequency range, and combined with a targeted sound control, both halls are suitable for a broad range of events: from amplified pop and rock music shows and lectures to rehearsals and concerts with brass bands or choirs. As for reverberation, both venues provide sufficient attenuation in the bass range while at the same time brilliant sound. For increasing the acoustic size of the halls and, thus, the range of usage, the electroacoustic enhancement system VIVACE was installed which now ensures optimum listening experiences in both venues.



CLIENT

City of Bergen

ARCHITECT

b+b arkitekter, Bergen

PROJECT DATA

Opening	2022
Gross floor area	4,500 m ²
Seating capacity	485
Cost of construction	approx. 200.0 million NOK

SERVICES RENDERED

Room acoustics, electro-acoustic enhancement system
Consulting, planning, simulations

- 1 Exterior view
 - 2 Lateral wall cladding in the large hall (Kultursal)
 - 3 Small hall (Blackbox)
 - 4 Large hall (Kultursal)
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