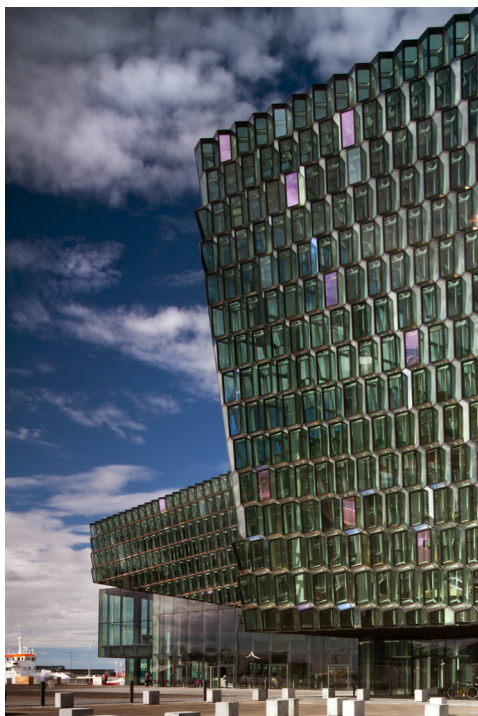


## Harpa, Reykjavik Concert Hall & Conference Centre



### Project description

Situated on the border between land and sea, the Harpa stands out as a large, radiant sculpture reflecting both sky and harbour space as well as the vibrant life of the city.

The building features an arrival and foyer area, with restaurants and commercial facilities in the front of the building, four halls in the middle, meetingrooms and a backstage area with offices, administration, rehearsal hall and changing room in the back of the building. The three large halls are placed next to each other with public access on the south side and backstage access from the north. The fourth floor is a multifunctional hall with room for more intimate shows, banquets and a restaurant with a view over the city.

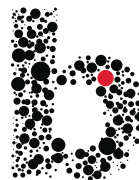
The design emphasized the use of natural lighting in the vestibule and other passages since that is not an option in the concert and conference halls. This results in large glass facades that utilize low u-value materials and recirculate energy from other parts of the building. Additionally, the use of black concrete behind the glass facades facilitates the conservation of energy from solar radiation through the facade. Heating is otherwise provided by geothermal energy similarly to other buildings or even street surfaces in the town of Reykjavik.

Light and transparency are key elements in the building. The crystalline structure, created by the geometric figures of the facade, captures and reflects the light - promoting the dialogue between the building, city and surrounding landscape.

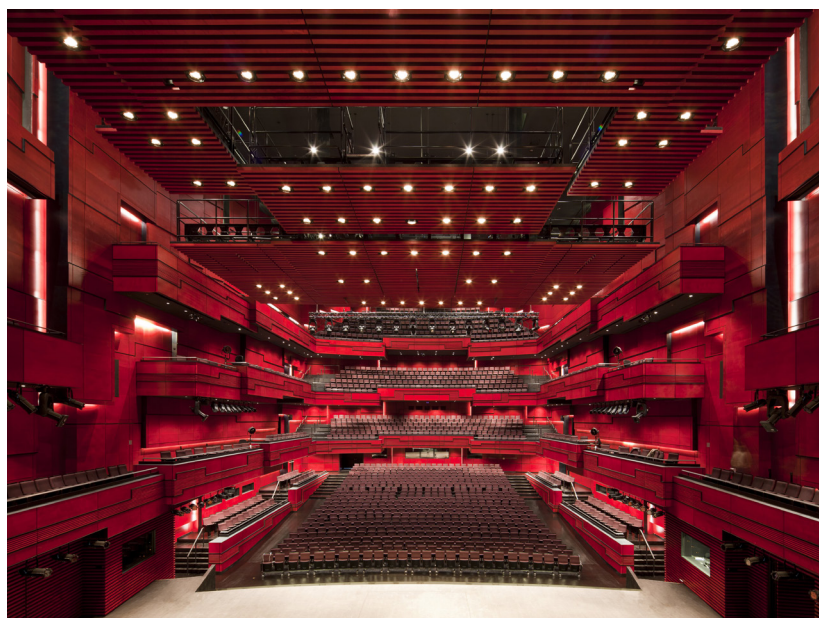
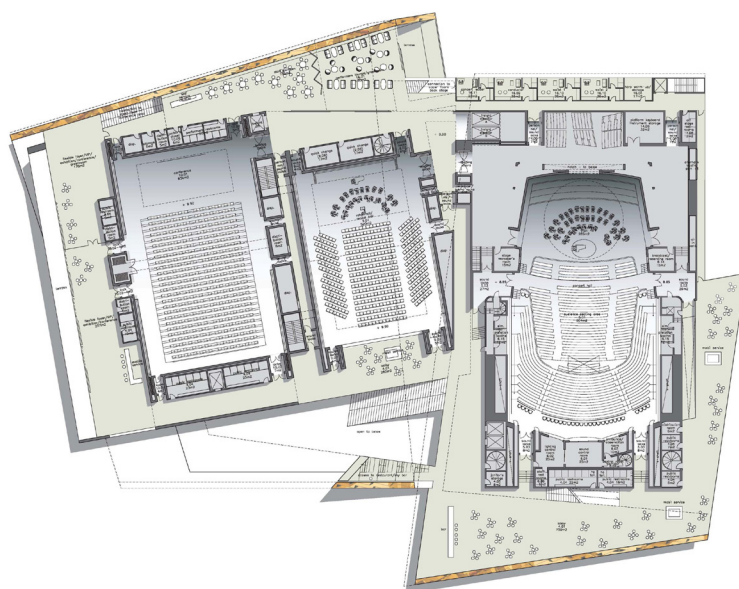
### Project information

Project name	Harpa, Reykjavik Concert Hall & Conference Centre
Address	Austurhofn, Reykjavik , Iceland
Client	Eignarhaldsfelagid Portus
Architect	Batterið Architects and Henning Larsen Architects
Landscape architects	Landslag ehf
Artist	Studio Olafur Eliasson
Consultants:	
Engineers	ArtEngineering GmbH, Mannvit, Hnit, Verkis and Rambøll
Acoustic engineer	Artec
Contractor	IAV ehf
Size m2	28.000 m2
Cost	28 billion ISK
Year of construction	2007 - 2011

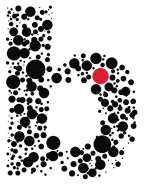




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