



Fact Sheet

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MARINE MAMMAL AMPHITHEATER

The new marine mammal amphitheater features the latest visual and acoustic technology rivaled only by Broadway. The new amphitheater has additional seating and sightlines are improved, ensuring guests will not miss a moment of the new show, which debuts in late summer 2009. Below are some highlights of the newly renovated amphitheater.

- At 450 feet long, Shedd's new marine mammal amphitheater has the largest operating curtain the U.S. and perhaps, the world.
- Held in place by 16,000 feet of pipe, the massive curtain can rise and fall in 18 seconds.
- A newly installed projection system, with state-of-the-art high definition picture quality, displays images between 110 feet wide and 20 feet high on the white amphitheater curtain.
- New speakers featuring the latest technology can pinpoint sounds throughout the vast Oceanarium. From loud rock music to a soft, single voice, any range of sound carries seamlessly. However, thanks to specialized acoustical padding, sounds never leave the amphitheater.
- Sixteen lights with intelligence technology, which can be controlled manually or programmed in advance, follow animals and people throughout the multi-species marine mammal shows. Low-energy, LED lighting appears to change the color of the water to green. Follow spots, also known as man-lights, help reduce shadow during the show.
- Two technician-operated, high-definition cameras affixed to the amphitheater ceiling broadcast the tiniest details.
- A total of 150 new seats have been added to the theater, including a VIP section, bringing the total number of seats to over 1,100.
- A trainer's ledge (for humans) and rock/stage (for sea lions and penguins) was added at the center of the pool's walkway to allow guests to get even closer to the stars of the show.

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