



NORTHLIGHT THEATRE

NEW THEATRE DEVELOPMENT IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN EVANSTON

CLIENT Northlight Theatre | **LOCATION** Evanston, Illinois | **SIZE** 24,200 sf

PROJECT SCOPE

Eckenhoff Saunders is excited to partner with Northlight Theatre to bring the organization back to its roots in Evanston, which began 50 years ago. Currently located in Skokie, Northlight is one of the largest nonprofit professional theatres in the Chicago area. The project involves acquiring and demolishing two vacant buildings on Church Street near downtown Evanston and constructing a new 280-seat, thrust proscenium mainstage theatre, rehearsal hall, and backstage support spaces in Phase 1. Phase 2 will introduce a 125-seat “black box” studio theatre. The design also preserves the Barn Steakhouse on-site in a charming historic masonry structure. Additionally, the theatre will feature a café, establishing it as a vibrant new destination in downtown Evanston.