

The Barns at Wolf Trap

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The Barns at Wolf Trap reopened for patrons November 4th, 2018, following updates and upgrades to the event and performance venue. This Design-Build project in partnership with Gensler required extensive diligence and collaboration during design and construction with preservation of both the physical historic structures as well as the unique essence of the location as the highest priority.

As the first major changes to The Barns since their arrival at Wolf Trap nearly 40 years ago, the design and construction teams were very careful that selected materials and redesigned amenities complemented and reflected the historic nature of the Barns while providing modern amenities for patrons.

Updates to The Barns facilities focus on improving the feel and flow of the connecting spaces, modernizing the amenities of the venue in a manner that reflects and highlights the inherent ambiance of the historic structures while leaving the actual barns and performance spaces untouched. Relocation of the main entrance and ticket office provide visitors with an improved entry experience which carries through to the reorganized interior and the newly enclosed courtyard. Massive barn doors and innovative contemporary wood slat feature wall open and/or segment the space as needed.

The existing 900 SF courtyard enclosed by a new, exposed rafter roof that echoes traditional barn construction, half of which is a dynamic American patchwork inspired skylight. Enclosing the courtyard creates a year-round useable space where visitors can experience the balanced juxtaposition of historic and contemporary elements of the enhanced venue.