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**LITTLE RED HEN THEATRE Wakefield, NE**

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In 1992 the Little Red Hen Theatre opened its doors to the community of Wakefield Nebraska as a space for community theatre productions as well as a meeting space for other community groups. In 2003 Berggren Architects were called on to look at a sagging floor in the building, and after investigation the floor was deemed unsalvageable, in fact the whole building was condemned because of excessive mold, and asbestos. This opened the door to the construction of a new “black box” theatre, complete with a small shop space, green room, audience services and an office for the executive director.

Berggren Architects’ goal in the design of this building was to minimize the visual impact on the main street of downtown, while designing a 50’ by 50’ by 24’ high space for theatrical productions, as well as meetings, and other needs of the community.

We accomplished these goals by treating the building as five separate buildings, one to house the lobby, one for audience services, one as a corridor to access the back of the theatre, one as the shop/green room and then the center of the space housed the theatre itself. We used different exterior materials and colors to further separate the buildings, creating a similar look to the downtown streetscape, by making the building seem like separate businesses beside each other.

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