

El Teatro de la Universidad de Puerto Rico



PROJECT

El Teatro (Campus Theater)
University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

CLIENT

University of Puerto Rico
Consultant to: Coleman-Davis Pagán Arquitectos, San Juan

DATES

2003	Conditions Assessment
2005	Design and Documentation

DESCRIPTION

Located on the University of Puerto Rico's Rio Piedras Campus, the 1939 theater is a center for cultural productions not only within the University but for the entire country. The Rio Piedras Campus is the largest of the 1903 University of Puerto Rico system. The theater, "El Teatro" in Spanish, is clad with ornamental glazed terra cotta and features long arcades and Spanish terra cotta roof tiles.

CHALLENGE

The primary challenge of this project was restoring the clay tile roof sections with replacements that could resist lift-off during tropical storms and that would not foster vegetative growth.

SERVICES

Conditions Assessment and Roof Construction Documents

Inspected and assessed existing tile roof conditions and reported findings to the lead architect.

Prepared construction documents for the replacement of the terra cotta roofing tiles.

Researched and located quality terra cotta roof tiles for use on the building, including the most current technology in tie-down clips for safeguarding the roof during severe tropical storms and hurricanes.