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Montbello's Odyssey: Crafting a Comfortable, Accessible Space for Every Performer and Guest

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Just a stone's throw away from the gorgeous Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Denver, Colorado, you can find Montbello High School. Home of the Warriors, Montbello High School is committed to creating leaders by preparing their students to enact positive change in the world. This includes leaders of all kinds, like those who change the world through art.

In order to give their students the best environment possible to achieve their goals, Montbello High School needs top-notch facilities, to allow the students to shine. This was the goal when the building of the brand new Montbello High School Auditorium took place, which needed to include stunning and comfortable seating to go along with the spacious, unique theater.

The high school wasn't just looking for standard auditorium chairs. Montbello needed auditorium seating that was dynamic, being both remarkably comfortable and complementary to the design of the facility itself. Most importantly, it also needed to be accessible for all guests. So, when it came time to install the new seating, Montbello partnered

with Kotobuki Seating International to create a unique and stunning facility that would fulfill all their needs.

Comfort was one of the top priorities Montbello cited when designing the new auditorium. Without this vital consideration, guests can be distracted during the performance by the lackluster chair and not focus on what's important. A comfortable seat is a surefire way to please guests, as well as keep them coming back to performances. There's no better way to ensure that visitors to your facility are welcomed properly than with comfort awaiting them.

Another consideration Montbello had to make was the need for accessibility. Every

visitor should feel welcome in your auditorium, a factor that any facility takes seriously. To achieve this, not only should seating specifically for accessibility be installed, but other considerations such as appropriate lighting need to be taken into account. Comfort can make an impact on accessibility as well; yet another reason why it should be on your list of priorities.

So, when all these concerns were brought up during the building of Montbello's auditorium, the Odyssey was chosen as the perfect chair to suit all the high school's requirements. A plush, stylish chair that is top of the line when it comes to quality, the Odyssey is specifically designed for auditoriums that want both luxury for their audience and peace of mind for their staff.

The 756 chairs in the Montbello High School auditorium that fill the floor and balcony are both functional and aesthetically pleasing. There's no need to choose form over function, as the Odyssey is built to satisfy audience members with its superior comfort,

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and staff with its incredible durability and high-quality materials. Montbello specifically chose a natural tan color to match the interior architecture of their auditorium, making the chairs stand out without taking too much attention away from the stage.

Included in the installation are several ADA accessible seats, for everyone to feel comfortable and welcome in the auditorium. Many of the aisle seats are also accessible, with arm rests that rise and lower to make getting in and out of the seat a breeze. These aforementioned considerations are vital to

the auditorium to ensure that no guest feels unwelcome in the space. Not only will those with accommodation needs enjoy coming to the auditorium, but so will their friends and family. By having a great time at the Montbello High School auditorium thanks to its extensive accessibility accommodations, not only are people more likely to come back, but they'll also spread the word.

Another feature Montbello chose to include was aisle lights. Although it's not a noticeable upgrade when the house lights are up, when they go down these lights make a huge difference. Navigation down the aisles is much easier with the lights allowing better vision and helps prevent hazards such as tripping or crowding. Aisle lights may be small, but they make a big impact in aesthetics and safety, as Montbello High School can attest to.

Now, with a stunning facility that's suited for everyone, the Montbello High School performing arts are enjoying a space that's better than ever. Audience members can take their seats in a chair that allows them to focus on what's really important: the performance. The best chair is the one that guests don't think about, and that's just what Montbello High School has created in their auditorium with help from Kotobuki Seating International.

A good seat for your guests is more than just a chair. It allows them to kick back, relax, and enjoy what they come for, whether that's watching their favorite team or being captivated by a performance. Kotobuki is your partner for everything seating, to help you create a bold and bright future for your facility.

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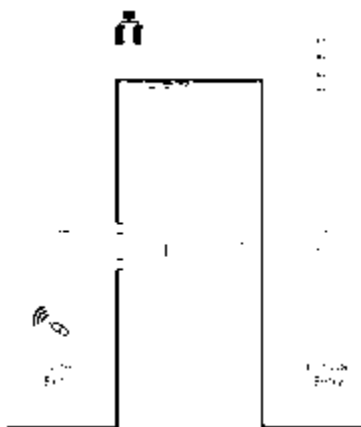


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