

CSO ARCHITECTS

Contributing to our Clients' Success



Lurie Fine Arts Gallery
– Photo by CSO Architects

Much has changed at the architectural design company that was launched from the small residence on North College Avenue in Indianapolis in 1961. Inspired by the leadership and vision of Les Olds, CSO Architects principals Dan Moriarity, Jim Schellinger, Alan Tucker and John Rigsbee and a cadre

of talented design professionals have helped transform the City of Carmel into what it is today. CSO Architects is a full-service architectural and interior design firm of more than 70 professionals working in a collaborative environment where creative ideas are brought to live every day.

Today, CSO is one of Indiana's largest and most reputable firms for civic, corporate, educational, hospitality, and health and research facility design. Having long outgrown the small bungalow on College Avenue, the company moved this year to a new office at 8831 Keystone Crossing. Showcasing a creative reuse of an old Bally's Fitness Center, the firm's headquarters reflects 21st Century design and sustainability that would hardly have been imaginable 50 years ago.

What has not changed over the years is the founders' unwavering commitment to the core principles on which the business was established – that of partnering closely with its valued clients. The company focuses on providing service with integrity and honesty. CSO professionals have never lost sight of the firm's core purpose: "To provide World Class Quality and Service with Total Design to enhance and contribute to our clients' success."

CSO Architects offers a diverse range of programming, planning, architectural, and interior design services. CSO professionals can be relied on to work in a close partnership with their clients to ensure total satisfaction with a project from inception to completion. From the earliest feasibility studies and site planning to the punch list and ribbon-cuttings, CSO team members remain engaged with their clients listening and collaborating from start to

finish delivering the finest services with integrity and honesty.

Each of the professionals at CSO Architects is keenly aware that maintaining its leadership role in the industry requires a sharp focus on evolving trends in architectural design, including the increasingly important role that sustainability plays in project design. For that reason, CSO Architects today employs 37 LEED accredited professionals with a total of 15 buildings LEED certified and 15 pursuing certification. CSO Architects is dedicated to creating durable buildings that enhance the health, productivity, and spirit of the occupants of the structures they design.

CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE OF CARMEL

In true commitment to its core purpose, CSO Architects has fostered a 15-year relationship with the City of Carmel, Indiana. In 1996, CSO Architects was selected

South Entrance Lobby
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East Lobby Rotunda
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by the Carmel Redevelopment Commission to create a redevelopment plan for the City Center and Old Town areas. At the time, Carmel was a city brimming with opportunity. It was beginning to be recognized as an Edge City - a community that has quickly developed on the edge of a larger, urban city.

Such communities often become the hub for corporate pioneers in technology and services. Carmel, like many emerging communities, was called upon to provide the amenities and lifestyle opportunities to support and encourage the growth and development of its corporate and institutional sectors. Thus, the city administration committed to a working partnership with the private sector to develop a community that would meet and exceed the many requirements of fast growing enterprise.

To begin the effort, CSO was hired to work with the Redevelopment Commission to plan the new Carmel City Center as a reuse venture that would replace an under-utilized parcel of land in the center of the community with a development that would create a downtown for the city. CSO's work with civic leaders began the conceptualizing of a central geographical focus for the city, that includes the cultural and social amenities often missing in an Edge City. The resulting plan called for a central complex of retail and community facilities to meet the needs of Carmel's future.

The heart of the Redevelopment Plan became The Palladium, This new, multi-venue Center for the Performing Arts, for which CSO served as Architect of Record, provides the region with a cultural attraction of world-class quality and scale. The Palladium, the first facility to be completed in the central complex, is a 1,600-seat grand concert hall designed in association with David M. Schwarz Architects. Mayor James Brainard captured the importance of the Palladium to

Carmel: 'round about right



City Center Apartments
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Carmel's vision with the following quote. "This will be the most significant building to be constructed in Indiana in this century. The world-class architects and acoustical consultants we hired have presented us with a magnificent starting point from which to craft our final plan for the concert hall. Our community will be proud to offer this amenity to the region." The

Center for the Performing Arts, which also includes a 200-seat studio theater and a 500-seat proscenium theater, is the cornerstone of the new Carmel City Center. The complex provides the residents of Carmel with a visionary blend of urban density and suburban location, and CSO is proud of its role in bringing the first phase of the redevelopment plan to fruition.

Founder's Room where activities including intermission hospitality are held.
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This 1,600 seat concert hall is considered the only true concert hall in the region and features an extensive schedule of concerts and events, including performances by the Center's artistic director Michael Feinstein.

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