

Gund Arena

Location: Cleveland, OH
Budget: \$180,000,000
Completion: September 1994



Client: Cleveland Cavaliers

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Gund Arena is located adjacent to Jacobs Field in the Gateway district of Cleveland. The arena and stadium were constructed at the same time as part of a new sports district in downtown Cleveland.

Gund Arena was designed to create a more intimate setting with 60% of its 20,500 seats located in the lower bowl. This intimate feel was extended to the suites by locating 28 of the suites only 15 rows from the arena floor. The remaining 60 suites are located 30 rows from the floor.

Gund Arena is designed for concert quality acoustical sound and concert rigging capacity. Gund Arena also includes a full-service production facility which includes an on-line production suite, master control facility, TV and radio studios to provide video, matrix, lighting and audio services as well as broadcast coordination. Gund Arena also includes a club restaurant, a sports bar, and a 7,000 car parking garage. Gund Arena also contains a regulation sized practice basketball court that is a replica floor of the original Cavaliers main court.

John Hilkene was responsible for all aspects of design and construction of Gund Arena.