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**LAKESWOOD, CO - MARTIN/MARTIN, INC. WINS NEWEST NCSEA NATIONAL AWARD-  
FOR THE ELLIE CAULKINS OPERA HOUSE**



Martin/Martin, Inc. was recognized for its structural engineering of the Quigg Newton Auditorium and Ellie Caulkins Opera House. Denver's 'Ellie' was named the "Outstanding Structural Design Project" in the Special Structural category by the National Council of Structural Engineering Associations (NCSEA) during their recent 2007 National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. From over 150 entries, the judges selected projects in each of five categories of projects from the USA, Mexico, and China. NCSEA past-president Vicki Arbitrio said "the Ellie was among my most favorite projects in my years of judging - it is a tremendous accomplishment!"

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Judging criteria for this nationally acclaimed award included creativity of structural design (20%), complexity of criteria or unique problems (20%), innovative application of new or existing materials or techniques (20%), ingenuity of design for efficient use of materials and labor (20%), exceeding client / owner's needs or expectations (15%), and suitability of the structure for its environment (5%).

Martin/Martin and The Quigg Newton Auditorium & Ellie Caulkins Opera House Project were in great semi-finalist company with truly outstanding US and international companies and projects represented in this awards competition. The Quigg Newton Auditorium & Ellie Caulkins Opera House is the eleventh performing arts stage and the crown jewel of Denver's Performing Arts Complex, the second largest in the country. The "Ellie" was built completely within the massive volume of the original Auditorium Theater which was constructed in 1908 and opened to great national fanfare by hosting the 1908 Democratic Convention. The Auditorium building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the exterior shell was restored to much of its original splendor as part of the remodel. Martin/Martin worked closely with the Architect and researchers from the Denver Public Library to restore many other original details, giving patrons a glimpse of its structural history.

Martin/Martin professionals have been providing engineering design services for local, national and international projects in both the public and private sectors from Colorado for over 50 years. For more information, we invite you to visit the Martin/Martin, Inc. Consulting Engineers website at [www.martinmartin.com](http://www.martinmartin.com).

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