

Nevada Best of 2007

## Palms Concert Venue: The Pearl

Casino Project



**The Pearl concert hall** inside the 703-room Palms Casino Resort is about as cool as they come. M.J. Dean Construction completed the new \$80 million, 2,500-person capacity venue in March. It made its nationally televised debut during MTV's 2007 Music Awards.

The three-tier, crescent-shaped cast-in-

place concrete theater features a main stage 4 ft from the floor flanked by two 14-ft by 16-ft video screens. The farthest seats are less than 120 ft from center stage for an up-close and personal experience. Designed by Pfeiffer Partners with KGA Architects, The Pearl boasts 18 private and semi-private skyboxes with

bars, lounges and restrooms, along with state-of-the-art lighting. It also features nine public bars, two VIP lounges, dressing rooms and backstage areas.

The Pearl is wired with 60 powerful JBL Vertec loudspeakers that rock the house, and it's connected to an adjacent recording studio that allows artists to create live albums without additional set-up. The 58-ft-tall venue, located right off the Palms' main floor, was created by incorporating space from the casino's movie theaters.

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