



DEE AMPHITHEATER

City of Peoria, Illinois | December 9th, 2025

Presented by the Hengst Foundation

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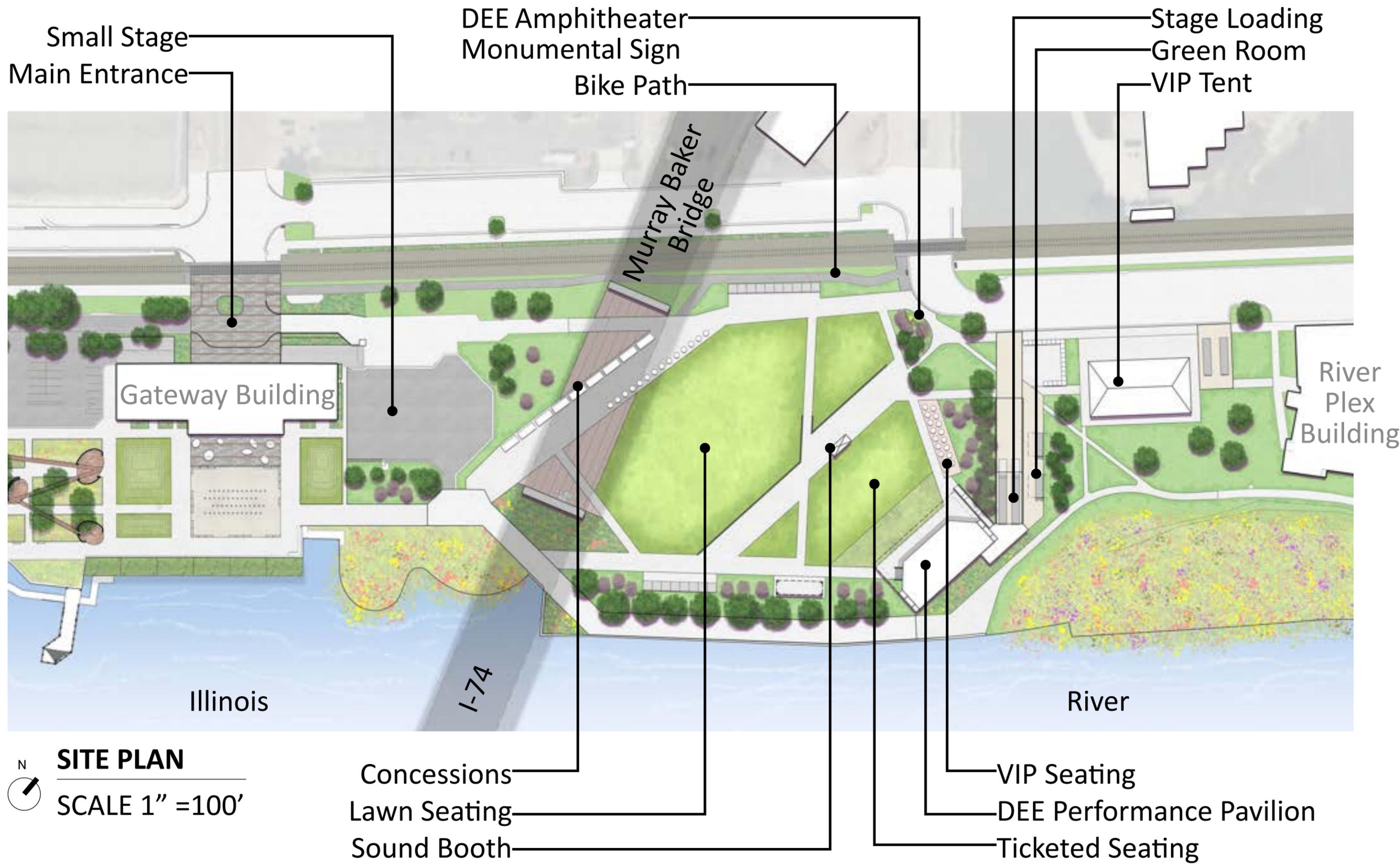
The vision for the outdoor amphitheater along the Illinois River in Peoria, **sponsored by the Hengst Foundation** and inspired by founder Jim Hengst's long-held dream of honoring his late wife through a meaningful gift to the community focuses on **creating a dynamic cultural venue** that elevates the riverfront and strengthens the neighborhoods surrounding it. The project aims to serve as **a welcoming, year-round amenity** that celebrates music, arts, and community gatherings, while also acting as **a catalyst for economic growth, job creation**, and renewed investment in the riverfront corridor. Designed with thoughtful site planning, durable materials, and responsible landscape strategies, the amphitheater will complement the natural beauty of the river without overburdening its environment. Beyond attracting high-quality music acts, festivals, and public events that appeal to both residents and visitors, the project also **seeks to stimulate nearby commercial activity** and support local artists and vendors. Ultimately, the Hengst Amphitheater aims to become a signature landmark for Peoria one that strengthens civic pride, enhances access to arts and recreation, **improves walkability and connectivity along the riverfront**, and fulfills the foundation's mission of creating lasting, community-centered impact.

Plan Render



Master Plan Feature Areas

1. Large Dog and Agility Park
2. Dog Park
3. Kayak Launch
4. Skate Park
5. Basketball Courts
6. Barge Park
7. 'Big Equipment' Playground with Splash Pad
8. Path (Bike + Walk)
9. 'Front Porch' Terrace
10. Expanded Marina
11. Farmer's Market Area
12. Great Lawn
13. Restored Clock Tower Gathering Area
14. Art Garden
15. Observation Deck + Protection Wall
16. Restored Plaza Space
17. Terrace Seat Edge
18. Hammock Grove
19. Festival Grounds
20. Band Shell
21. Connection to Existing Bike Trail
22. Multipurpose Lot For Events and Parking
23. Additional Stage Set Up Area



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SITE PLAN
 SCALE 1" = 100'



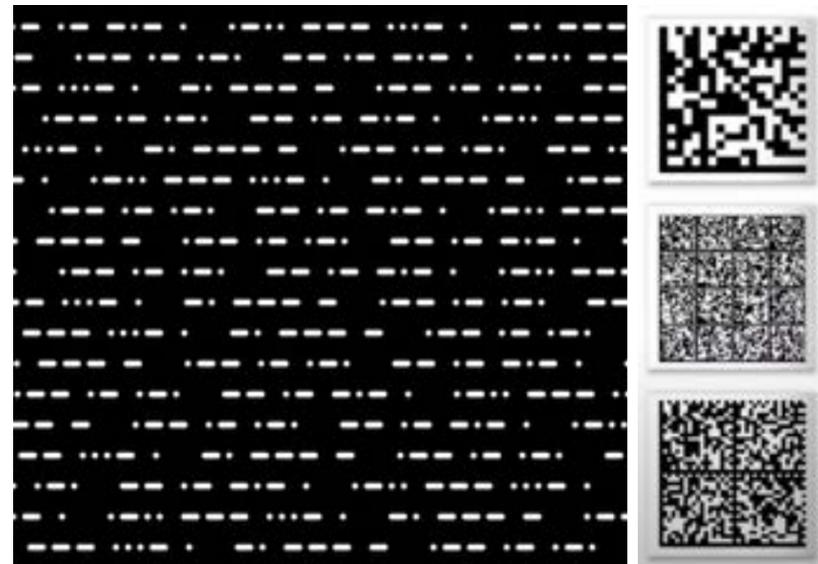




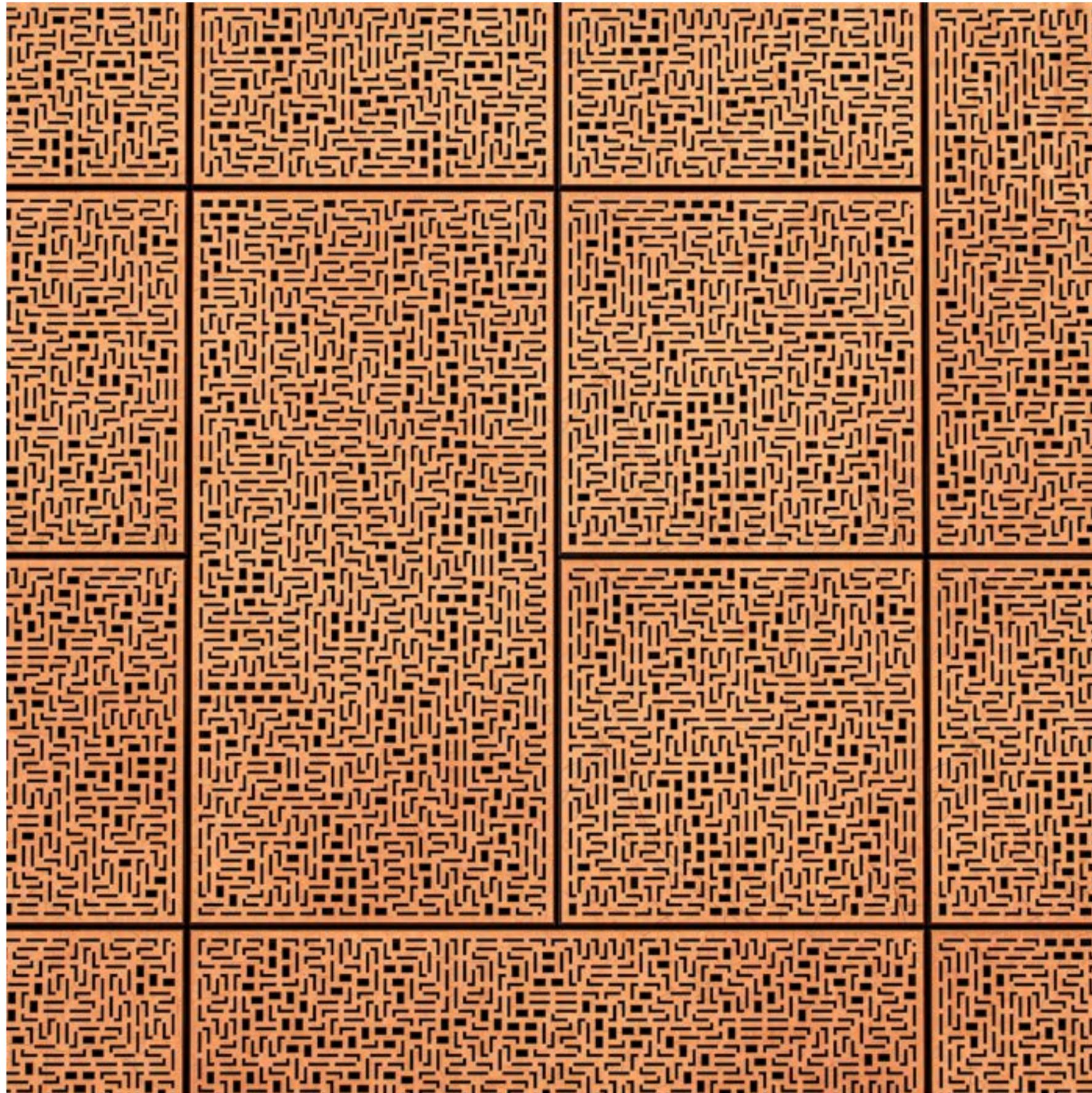


Amphitheater Façade as Doorway to Information

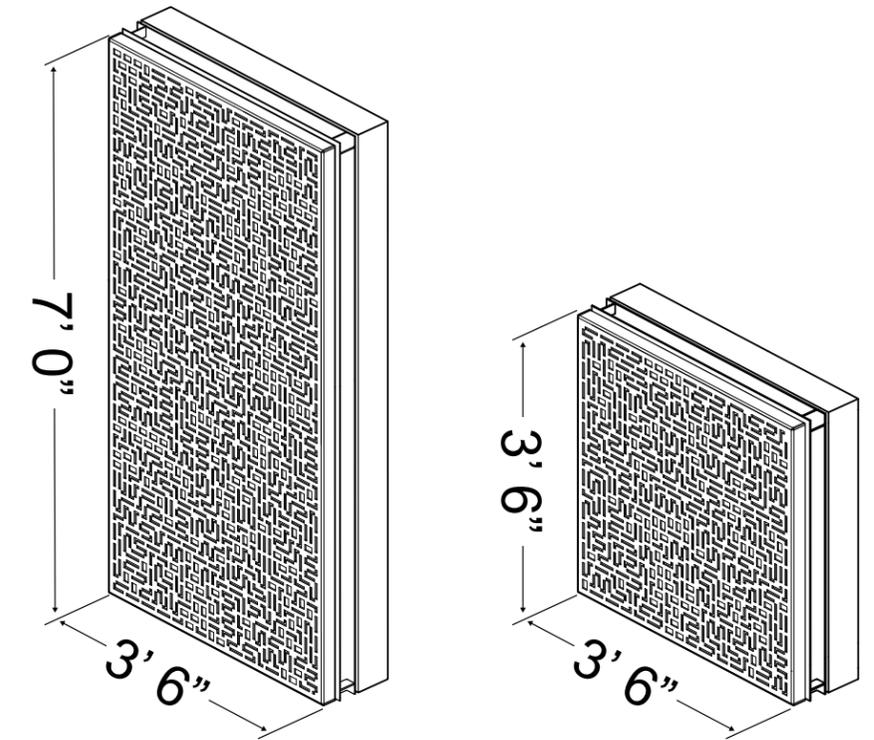
The amphitheater's façade draws direct inspiration from the concept of instant access to stored information. Just as a QR code compresses complex data into a striking geometric pattern, the façade's design uses geometric textures as a metaphor for collective memory. The structure becomes more than an architectural skin, it becomes an interface.



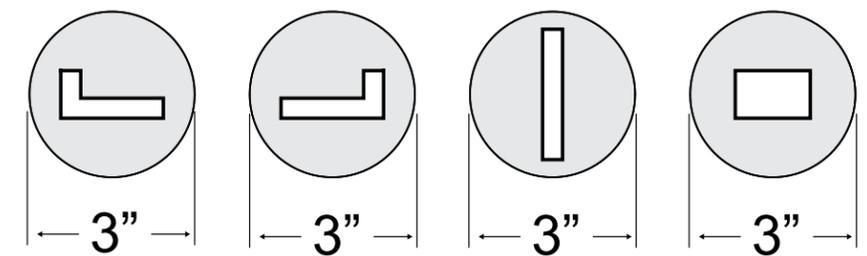
Visitors can scan portions of the façade to access archived stories, community messages, historical moments, and shared memories. The result is a stage that doesn't just host performances, but also stores them, making every event, concert, and message part of a living digital archive. In this way, the amphitheater celebrates the evolution of information, from manual logging to machine-readable codes, by transforming the building itself into a vessel of community history.



Metal Panel Assembly:
two panel variation

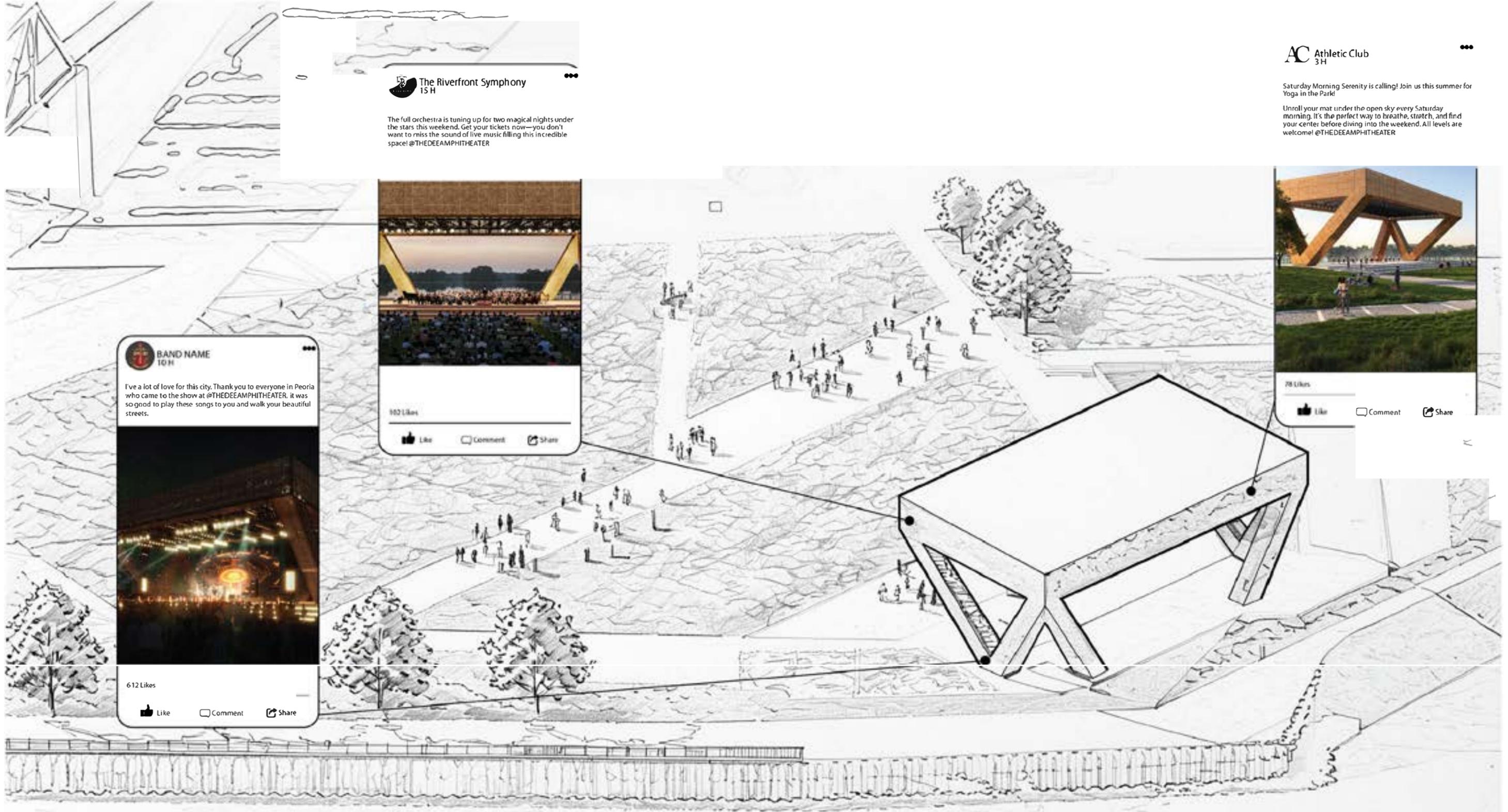


Metal Punch Geometry:
3" maximum diameter





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The Riverfront Symphony
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The full orchestra is tuning up for two magical nights under the stars this weekend. Get your tickets now—you don't want to miss the sound of live music filling this incredible space! @THEDEEAMPHITHEATER

BAND NAME
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I've a lot of love for this city. Thank you to everyone in Peoria who came to the show at @THEDEEAMPHITHEATER, it was so good to play these songs to you and walk your beautiful streets.

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902 Likes

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AC Athletic Club
3 H

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