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Meissen Theatre Saxony, Germany

As part of its latest renovation, luminaires from **ADO Lights** have been installed into one of Saxony's oldest theatres, accentuating its curved ceilings.

With a history spanning more than 170 years, Meissen Theatre is one of Saxony's oldest cultural landmarks. Originally housed in the city's former Gewandhaus, it has served since the 1960s as a guest venue for both national and international productions. Despite suffering extensive flood damage in 2003 and again in 2013, the theatre has always been carefully restored, preserving its historical integrity while embracing future-ready improvements.

The most recent renovation, initiated in 2022 due to fire protection requirements, presented an opportunity to completely reimagine the auditorium's lighting. Central to this transformation was the ceiling; specifically, the challenge of illuminating its flowing, curved elements in a way that felt both architectural and atmospheric. To meet these demands, LED Flow by ADO Lights was chosen for its ability to integrate seamlessly into complex geometries. With a three-sided light emission enabled by transparent sidewalls, LED Flow delivers exceptional homogeneity, turning the ceiling into an ambient canvas that supports a wide range of stage scenarios. Full RGB control allows for flexible mood-setting: from crisp neutral tones for classical performances to vivid colour gradients for special events and guest productions.

Beyond its performance, the system's design refinement also played a decisive role. A near-invisible mounting solution, featuring a delicate click-in mechanism, keeps the luminaire's form clearly defined while concealing the installation hardware. The encapsulation can be custom coloured to match the surroundings, ensuring the luminaires remain visually integrated, even when unlit.

In total, 94.5m of LED Flow 16.16 with side-bending capability were installed, following the contours of the ceiling architecture. The result is not only a technically sophisticated solution, but one that elevates the spatial experience for both audience and performer.

Fully compatible with building automation systems, the installation also ensures long-term energy efficiency and flexible control for future use cases, whether everyday programming or special productions.

Through this renovation, Meissen Theatre has adopted a lighting solution that balances architectural sensitivity with state-of-the-art functionality. The result is a space that honours its past while embracing a new era of performance and experience.

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