Centroplex is city’s entertainment showplace

The city-parish’s Riverside Centroplex is one of the largest entertainment facilities in the parish, and brings a variety of concerts, conventions and sporting events to the parish each year.

Located at the corner of River Road and Government Street, the Centroplex was constructed between April, 1975 and September, 1977 at a cost of $17,302,434.

It consists of an arena and an exhibition hall overlooking the Mississippi River and a Theatre of Performing Arts.

Recently, there were some new additions to enhance the downtown riverfront area surrounding the Centroplex, including the Riverfront Plaza with its “Red Stick” sculpture and the nearby “festival marketplace” known as Catfish Town.

The Centroplex arena has seating for more than 12,000.

It consists of 72,000 square feet of unobstructed exhibit space, with partitioning for smaller audiences.

The arena seats 12,813 for festival style seating and 11,277 in floor arranged seating. The arena seats 10,995 with reserved seating.

The facility has nine meeting rooms, a portable basketball court, 14 dressing rooms, three star dressing rooms, a sound system and banquet facilities.

The Theatre of Performing Arts, located next to the Centroplex, has an 80' by 60' proscenium stage with seating for 2,100 persons.

It contains six dressing rooms, a modern lighting and sound system and an orchestra pit that can be raised and lowered. The Theatre is capable of hosting performances of Broadway shows, ballet, symphony orchestras and virtuoso artists.

The Centroplex and Theatre of Performing Arts is part of the East Baton Rouge Parish Civic Center—Governmental Complex that also includes the Governmental Building, Louisiana Arts and Science Center, Civic Center Library, the North Boulevard Park and the Plaza Mall Park and Bicentennial Fountain.

The Centroplex’s administrative offices number is 389-3090.

For box office information, phone 389-4940 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The box office is also open during all Centroplex events.