

THE MUSIC BOX

The final building on the White City site will be the BBC's new music centre, The Music Box, planned to open in 2006 and designed by Foreign Office Architects.

The Music Box will be home to the BBC's London-based music ensembles – the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Symphony Chorus, the BBC Concert Orchestra and the BBC Singers – bringing them all together under one roof for the first time. The building will provide the latest facilities, including rehearsal and practice rooms, and two studios with an audience capacity of up to 600 for rehearsal, recording and live performance.

The Music Box will be a focal point for contact with the local community, who will be able to attend recordings and performances as well as participate in music projects as part of an outreach programme.

Foreign Office Architects, one of the UK's leading practices, was appointed in November 2003 to design The Music Box. It was one of five architectural practices short-listed to compete for the project.

