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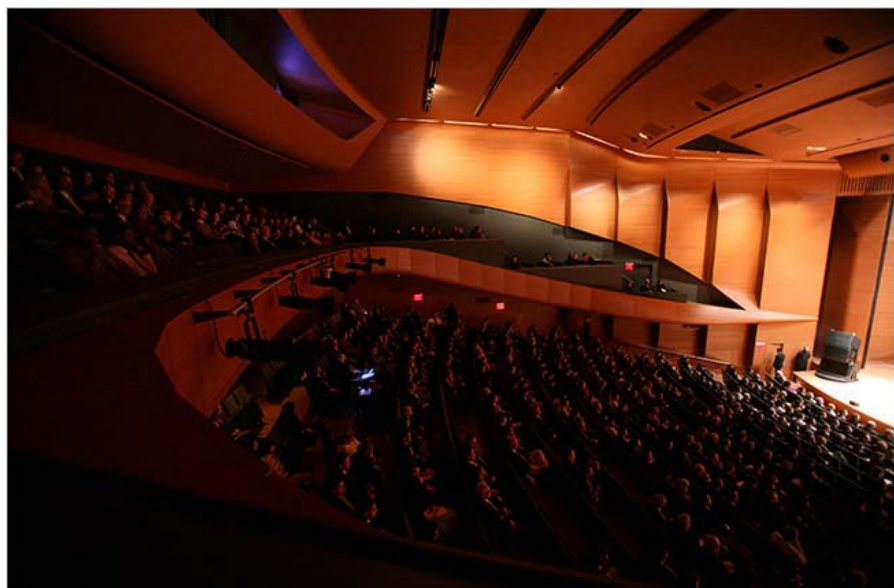
A friend and very talented designer, Ben Mickus has been designing furniture in his *free* time. His cleverly named, Relief Chair will be featured in an exhibition at the [Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum](#) in New York. The exhibition is called “Fashioning Felt” and will be on display from March 6th through September 7th of this year.

I put an emphasis on *free* time as Ben is a full time architectural designer for [Diller, Scofidio & Renfro](#). It is a busy month for my friend Ben, as a project he has invested a few years of his time in is coming to fruition. He has been a part of the design team working on the renovations to Lincoln Center. Alice Tully Hall opened mid February to rave reviews. The interior features stellar acoustics and sensuous interiors. The original proportions have not changed, but its smooth surfaces have been clad in a translucent veneer of moabi, a rich African hardwood with LED lights embedded behind the wood that can be subtly adjusted so patches of the wood’s surface begin to glow, shifting from pale orange to magma red.



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