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PROJECT OF THE WEEK • ARCHITECTURE



Rowland+Broughton completes design of The Launchpad, Space for the Arts

Rowland+Broughton Architecture/Urban Design/Interior Design has completed the architectural design of The Launchpad, a new 3,400-square-foot center for movement-based artists and musicians in Carbondale.

Set in the former Gordon Cooper Library, The Launchpad features two professional-grade performing arts studios. The Open Studio is a 1,150-sf, light-filled space featuring multistory ceilings punctuated by monitor windows designed to hold silks for aerial performers. Studio C is a 680-sf, soundproofed space outfitted with mirrors and barres. Both spaces also feature spring-loaded Harlequin dance floors, the same type of floor used by New York's Martha Graham dance company.

R+B's Dana Ganssle Ellis, LEED AP/Associate AIA, led the project in collaboration with two nonprofits, Carbondale Council on Arts and Humanities and Dance Initiative. A dancer as well as a Dance Initiative board member and volunteer with CCAH, Ellis said, "The Launchpad represents a labor of love for me, combining three passions: architecture, dance and community."

PROJECT OF THE WEEK • CONSTRUCTION



MAX Construction completes WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff renovations

Denver-based tenant finish construction firm MAX Construction Inc. worked with LBA Realty to complete a renovation in downtown Denver for international engineering firm WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff. MAX worked with a project manager in New York and an architect in St. Louis. With an aggressive nine-week timeline, MAX was on or ahead of schedule for the entire project. The 15,257-square-foot build-out features a wood-covered wall in the reception area to create a warm feel, a bathroom remodel, a full-height glass tile backsplash in the break room, banquette seating, and high-end finishes throughout. The color palette and wall features were chosen specifically to inspire creativity. The team selected 10 different paint colors, and Wink walls were installed in every office, giving tenants the freedom to write freely directly on the walls.

PROJECT OF THE WEEK • ARCHITECTURE



LAI Design Group: Coleman Global Center for Innovative Housing Excellence

Located in Houston, the Coleman Global Center will be the leading nonprofit development and think-tank for affordable housing design in the United States. As a research, learning, business and nonprofit link for policy makers in the region, CGC will work with regional, national and international leaders to 1) preserve existing housing resources; 2) develop coordinated strategies for regional affordable housing development; 3) provide independent housing policy to stakeholders and the community at-large; and 4) serve as an international model for housing solutions for communities of need. The building is 35,000 square feet housed in five stories.

PROJECT OF THE WEEK • OFFICE FURNITURE



Teammates outfits FCI Constructors: Incorporates modern, masculine style

Teammates recently completed furniture design and installation for FCI Constructors' 12,700-square-foot Building in Frederick. The design challenge was to create solutions for job-specific spaces, both for private offices and workstations in a masculine, modern style.

The Teammates solution included Teknion Expansion Desking workstations with shared storage and tackable screens with glass accent. For the private offices, height adjustability was a must, so Teammates proposed electric, L-shaped, height-adjustable tables with modular and mobile storage, as well as several custom wood offices with high contrast finishes.