



STRUCTURA, Inc.

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General Contractor Structura, Inc. in the last stages of construction on the renovation of Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin's premier contemporary visual arts center.

A hardhat tour on July 22 at 3:30 p.m. will allow construction and business media an insider's view of this extraordinary work in progress, slated to be finished at the end of August. Please see your invitation for details.

Austin, Texas, July 2010 ----- The renovation and expansion of Arthouse at the Jones Center at 700 Congress Avenue will add over 13,000 sq. feet of functional space over four levels, including a mezzanine, an impressive roof deck (with cooling towers) constructed with Brazilian walnut planks known as 'ipe', and a 42 foot-high ipe stairway visually connecting the first floor to the rooftop level. The renovation and expansion project is headed by Austin general construction firm, Structura, Inc. and New York-based architectural design firm LTL Architects.

The once 7,000 square foot visual arts center will boast a total of almost 21,000 square feet of working space.

The exterior walls, newly clad in stucco, are punctuated by 177 laminated glass blocks which are integrated with LED lighting, further enhancing the visual richness of the space both inside and out.

A plaster, steel and glass canopied entrance will welcome visitors to the redesigned and expanded contemporary art center.

A massive stairway, made of the 'ipe' wood, with planks jetting upwards to an impressive skylight, help take full advantage of Austin's abundant daylight, and is a central architectural feature of the building's interior.

The new elevator utilizes roped hydraulics to accommodate small space limitations and strict budget adherence.

The previously unutilized second floor features an 80-seat community/screening room and a motorized moveable wall in the main gallery. Mezzanine level studios will enjoy natural light provided by solar tubes.

The current renovation and expansion of the building which has received multiple renovations since the original brick building was constructed in 1877, triples the museum's exhibition and program space. The current renovation includes the unique 5,500 square-foot roof top venue designed for film screenings as well as special events and will boast stunning views of downtown and the state Capitol.

Bruce Lowe, Project Manager for Structura, calls the project a 'complete renovation' and the 'biggest small project' he's ever worked. "This project has been one of extraordinary detail work. Structura's team of 15 has taken intricate care, along with several subcontractors we've had on site, to ensure that this transformation is a buzz-worthy success. As donors to Arthouse, Structura is proud to have been involved in the renovation and expansion of what will certainly become one of Texas' most esteemed cultural landmarks of the 21st century."

Lowe continues, noting that "lots of specially designed systems and components are going into an extremely small space where tolerances are tight; so coordination of all systems and trades has been critical. All systems and components have been looked at as a part of the complete Arthouse new design."

Construction Team Background

Structura, Inc. is an Austin-based commercial general contracting firm owned and managed by Rusty Morgan, a third generation Austin native and Texas A&M Construction Science graduate, and by Kevin Jones, also a graduate of A&M and a Texas native.

According to the Arthouse Board of Directors, Structura was selected based on the firm's experience with similar renovation projects in downtown Austin.

Structura has recently completed notable downtown projects including the revitalization of the historic Perry-Brooks building, Lance Armstrong's Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop and multiple projects in AMLI's 2nd Street District. Structura also counts Zach Scott Theater, Dell Children's Medical Center, Freescale and the Hotel Galvez among its prestigious clientele.

"The Arthouse project is one the team at Structura has been particularly focused on over the past 9 months. We are thrilled to be involved in yet more downtown revitalization of my hometown," says Rusty Morgan, President of the \$50 million Texas construction firm, noted as one of the top 125 construction firms in the state.

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