

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



Arthouse, Austin, TX

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Both a theater and department store in previous incarnations, Arthouse blurs any distinction between art and architecture. It's lighting both dazzles and embraces modernity through light and form. Despite a tight budget and strict energy allowances, the team focused on creating functionality and strong visual elements. The walls of the building 'speak', as palimpsest retains the building's history and is now artistically punctured by LED illuminated green glass blocks that have become a signature of the building both during the day and at night. Every detail of the building has been carefully designed and often hand-crafted to support the creative community it represents and serves.

"I never thought a project could require so many puzzle pieces. The hard work, dedication and both 'good and bad luck' played heavily in the ultimate success of this project."

— Nelson Jenkins
Principal, Lumen Architecture

