

# UMBC, Intermedia & Digital Arts

Graduate Studios, Lion Brothers Building, Baltimore, Maryland

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

UMBC's Intermedia + Digital Art [IMDA] MFA division selected Cross Street Partner as the general contractor to build out their graduate studio space within the historic Lion Brothers Building. The Lion Brothers building is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, and the redevelopment of the landmark building will help bring new life and investment to the Hollins Market neighborhood in West Baltimore. The three-story building, with its rich manufacturing history, will provide a new home to Baltimore's growing companies and institutions.

When designing the graduate studio space, Cross Street Partners took care to preserve the building's historic fabric and story and to meet the Secretary of the Interior's standards, while incorporating modern building systems and amenities.

The flexible classroom and critique space is retrofitted with track lighting, a flexible ceiling for mounting artwork and projectors, A/V, a lobby, two white walls, one brick wall and a wall with floor-to-ceiling arched brick windows. This space allows for ad-hoc exhibitions, performances and other events.

The 18 graduate studios have raw, polished concrete floors, 14' high ceilings and 8' high partitioned spaces, and are retrofitted to meet the needs of artists. Other amenities include, a modest kitchen, slop sink, energy efficient lighting with breakers for every pair of studios, and a comprehensive security system. Several studios have floor to ceiling windows.

Additional work for this \$411,000 renovation included

- install distribution fan power mixing box
- terminal units
- spiral duct work
- power and light are on occupancy sensors
- install sprinkler system
- exposed ceiling
- paint walls and
- graphic logo design wall in the lobby

The build out was completed on time and on budget. ■

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### CLIENT

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

### ARCHITECT

Cho Benn Holback, a Quinn Evans Company

### CSP ROLE

General Contractor

### PROJECT TYPE

Student Studio Space / Classroom

### PROJECT SIZE

5,516 square feet

### PROJECT COST

\$411,000

### COMPLETION

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