

## Belmont University R. Milton and Denice Johnson Center Nashville, TN

Experiential studies are a hallmark of Belmont University that give students an edge in professional areas. The multifunctional R. Milton and Denice Johnson Center allows hands-on experiences for the university's largest college—The Curb College of Music Business & Entertainment. Students can immerse themselves in a comprehensive lights-action-camera world within facilities equipped with \$3.6 million in technology resources and specialized equipment. This is the first and only university-based film program capable of developing, producing and showing theater-ready films in the Atmos format.

Designed for interdisciplinary collaborations among programs, Curb College provides degree programs in Music Business, Audio Engineering Technology, Entertainment Industry Studies, Songwriting and a new Motion Pictures program. The latter is equipped with highly specialized and sound-sensitive spaces. Supporting Curb College programs are a 250-seat screening theater; sound stage; editing

### New Construction/Addition Multi-use/joint-use building/space

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#### DESIGN TEAM

R. C. Mathews, General Contractor  
L. C. Thomasson Associates, MPE Engineer  
Ross Bryan Associates, Structural Engineer  
Hodgson Douglas, Landscape Architect  
SSRCx, LEED Consultant  
Russ Berger Design Group, Acoustician

#### OWNER/CLIENT

Belmont University  
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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary  
Capacity: 7,244  
Size of Site: 3.17 acres  
Building Area: 135,034 sq. ft. (building) 398,234 sq. ft. (garage)  
Space per Student: 45 sq. ft. (for majors)  
Cost per Student: \$10,465 (for entire student body)  
Square Foot Cost: \$407 (excluding parking garage)  
Construction Cost: \$75,808,072  
Project Cost: \$87,000,000  
Completion Date: June 2015  
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level:  
Pursuing LEED Gold

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labs and small group edit bays; motion capture space; and a Foley/ADR Suite to capture sound effects, video and film productions. A Harvey Room, furnished with whiteboards, allows free thought and creativity for creating storyboard ideas.

The four-story complex, with a 400,000-square-foot underground parking garage, also houses spaces for Media Studies that include a TV production studio, control room and dedicated office and production space for student media. Uniquely, the second floor is devoted to a 950-seat cafeteria-style dining venue that serves the student population of over 7,000. Dining options are segmented into three themed areas—formal, BBQ/casual and urban contemporary.

As part of Belmont's Conservation Covenant, the university is seeking LEED Gold certification. The building has a geothermal heating and cooling system installed beneath the lawn, four areas of extensive green roof



and five dehydrators in the service area. The system can reduce 450 lbs. of food and cardboard waste to approximately 35 lbs. of enriched soil additives in 24 hours, reducing overall food operations waste by 45 percent.