

Sharadin Art Building



THE EXPANDED SHARADIN ART BUILDING AT KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY WILL CONSOLIDATE ARTS PROGRAMS INTO A SINGLE STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY, AND ITS NEW PIAZZA WILL SERVE AS THE GATEWAY INTO THE CAMPUS.

LOCATION
KUTZTOWN, PA

CLIENT
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

CONSTRUCTION COST
\$23 MILLION

SIZE
142,300 SF

Following completion of a feasibility study that identified options for consolidating and accommodating future arts program needs at the Kutztown University campus, STV was awarded the design for a 40,000-sf addition to the Sharadin Art Building, as well as renovation of the existing 62,300-sf facility. Construction was phased to maintain use of the facility and allow full occupancy by the Fall 2008 semester.

The expanded facility consolidates the university's visual arts programs, which include the Fine Arts, Art Education and Crafts, and Communication Design departments. The expanded building includes spaces for specialized art teaching labs and studios, and an gallery was constructed as part of the addition, to visually

prominent from the academic quadrangle. The offices for the Communication Design and Art Education and Crafts departments, which were located in former houses on the campus, were relocated to the expanded facility.

The expanded Sharadin Art Building includes a new entrance at the south end of the building and faces a new "piazza," which also serves as a meeting place and the gateway into the campus.

Renovations and system upgrades to the existing building included HVAC and electrical upgrades, asbestos removal, ADA and life safety upgrades, Energy Management Systems controls, and general architectural finish upgrades.