

MUDFLAT STUDIO

Mudflat Studio offers classes, workshops, outreach programming and events focusing on the ceramic arts. Having been housed in a run-down department store for many years, they were in dire need of a new place to call home. Teaming up with Mudflat's owner and The Casali Group, Davis Square Architects transformed a former vaudeville theatre in the heart of East Somerville, into Mudflat's new state-of-the-art facility.

Dating back to 1915, The Broadway had fallen into disrepair, and one of the design goals was to preserve the beauty of the original building as much as possible. The exterior façade was restored to its original colors of black, red, and white, and details such as tin accents and decorative plaster paneling were retained. Now-exposed original trusses, beams and bricks contribute to the industrial-chic and spacious atmosphere, as well as a new skylight and clerestory allowing for greater natural light.

The new 30,000 sf space now accommodates 34 potters with 18 studios, larger throwing and handbuilding classrooms, and improved equipment. Also featured are an expanded kiln room, glazing areas, office space, a lounge kitchenette, and a multipurpose room. ■

LOCATION

Somerville, MA

DEVELOPER

Mudflat Studio, The Casali Group

SCOPE

Adaptive reuse
Historic renovation
30,000 sf



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