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## RED Awards 2015: Best Redevelopment Project

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On Feb. 26, AZRE hosted the 10th annual RED Awards reception at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa in Phoenix to recognize the most notable commercial real estate projects of 2014 and the construction teams involved. RED Award trophies were handed out in 10 project categories, to six brokerage teams and safety, subcontractor, architect, general contractor and developer of the year awards were also presented. AZRE also recognized Sunbelt Holdings President and CEO John Graham with a lifetime achievement award. [Click here to view all 2015 RED Awards Winners.](#)

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**Mesa Community College Performing Arts Center**

**Developer:** Maricopa Community Colleges  
**Contractor:** Layton Construction Co., Inc.  
**Architect:** Jones Studio  
**Size:** 48KSF  
**Location:** Mesa  
**Completed:** October 2014

An unused Harkins Theater set the stage for Mesa

Community College's new performing arts center, thanks to the innovative design and execution by Jones Studio and Layton Construction. The project reused about 75 percent of the movie theater to create a 48KSF multifunctional facility from a 26KSF structure. The MCC PAC features a 460-seat multipurpose theater, individual musical practice spaces, classrooms, band practice rooms. The architecture, which most notably uses masonry in refreshing ways, is inspired by the musical structure of songs. The north masonry wall is folded along an ascending diagonal line derived from the opening clarinet glissando of "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin. The exterior wall was used as a canvas for salvaged movie seat stanchions that will create engaging shadows throughout the day.

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