



PROJECT	Brown University Providence, RI
DETAILS	SonaKrete - Arctic White 10,000 Sq Ft @ 1/2"
ARCHITECT	Lerner Ladds Bartell Providence, RI
ACOUSTICAL CONSULTANT	Acentech Cambridge, MA

Brown University, one of the oldest universities in the USA, originated as the College of Rhode Island in 1764 and ultimately becoming known as Brown University in 1804. The Sharp Refectory, affectionately known as the "Ratty" is arguably the social center of the campus, serving over 1,500 students per meal. The Ratty recently underwent major remodeling. At the time, acoustics were considered low

on the priority list to enable completion of the renovations in the time frame allowed. As soon as 900+ students occupied the facility for a meal, it was very clear that something drastic had to be done to control the horrific noise problem.

After considerable research, Architect Aimee Lombardo chose to specify LEED Certified, Arctic White SonaKrete because of its attractive appearance, high GE 81 light reflectivity and high NRC performance. LLB commissioned the acoustic consulting firm of Acentech to determine the specified thickness of 1/2" to achieve a NRC of .65.

Upon completion, Aimee Lombardo said, "It was even smoother than I expected. What a difference it made. We are all impressed with SonaKrete and the ATI crew for their fine workmanship. We are definitely going to specify SonaKrete on future projects".

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LESLEY UNIVERSITY

PROVIDENCE, RI

Lunder Arts Center is the home of Lesley University's College of Art and Design. The center consists of a new, modern facility, which connects to a historic church, that now serves as the library. In order to address the need for acoustics, without compromising the design, or sustainability objectives, SonaKrete white and SonaKrete custom color were utilized for the center. SonaKrete absorbs echo, reverberation and excessive noise to make speech and music more intelligible. In addition to acoustic performance, SonaKrete white provides high light reflectance, to enhance natural day lighting, while the application of SonaKrete in a custom gray color, enhances the sleek design.



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