

DESIGN AWARDS 2015



PUBLIK COFFEE ROASTERS

Award: Honor

Architect: Lloyd Architects

Project Address: 975 S West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Publik Coffee Roasters is an adaptive re-use project of an existing warehouse building located at 975 S West Temple in Salt Lake City. The design program reconfigures existing spaces, reclaims onsite materials, reuses salvaged finishes, and creates community spaces for gathering in the Central Ninth District.

Client Missy Greis had a vision to reinvent a new life for an existing building with a coffee roaster and a genuine community gathering place called Publik.

The building has two sides and several lives: The West wing was a 1920's masonry warehouse for a mining company, and the East wing was a 1959 precast concrete printing press building for Wheelwright Printing and then Jensen Reprographics. The process of discovering the existing building and determining how to best reveal key elements for the operational coffee roasting needs while creating community gathering was the central concept as the design team made decisions for Publik.

The design intent guided the team toward a list of priorities: first, highlighting elements that had existed in the building, then secondly, repurposing elements or objects that had existed in another place or locale, and then finally developing elements that could be constructed to connect those components and ideas into a greater whole. We would make design decisions with the same guiding principals of sustainability, local-first, and community.

The main space of Publik centers on one large communal volume created by the removal of the concrete precast plank upper floor, passively cooled with the aid of a 14' blade fan and day-lit through the north facing restored steel windows. Coffee roasting and production are facilitated by a Dietrich Roaster, a locally manufactured, energy efficient infra-red roaster and after burner. The roastery bay and the conference rooms are demarcated from the communal space by a racing stripe of Hugger Orange, from the famed 69' Camaro, which extends to the exterior of the building.

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