

AC SATELLITE PROGRESS REPORT



WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED

In 2025 Alabama Contemporary completed Phase One of the renovation of AC SATELLITE, establishing a new ancillary arts education and culture hub in downtown Mobile. We started 2025 with a vacant warehouse, and are welcoming 2026 with a full, programmable interior, including updated bathrooms, electrical and plumbing, and the addition of a mezzanine office floor.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- Updated the existing bathrooms and renovated to meet ADA standards of accessibility
- Updated the entire electrical panel and added plugs for art studio and classroom experiences
- Added utility sinks both inside and outside for studio and classroom use
- Added a second mezzanine floor and framed in six offices for administrative staff
- Replaced industrial vents with windows and replaced the roll-up door with a glazed commercial door to add light
- Replaced and added exterior doors for egress
- Replaced and updated the lighting fixtures throughout
- Framed in walls to delineate programming, meeting and studio spaces



CURRENT STATUS

We have used our specific expertise to create an art classroom and studio space that is flexible enough to host a diverse roster of programming, but functional enough to facilitate the most complicated and specific of arts education activities. We are at the half-way point!

Phase Two of the construction project will cover the entire exterior of the AC SATELLITE, including an **education pavilion**, **community-use soda kiln**, and **sculpture garden**. Our focus is on building facilities and resources that will support outreach programming, internship and residency opportunities, and access to arts education.



THE BIG GOAL

Access to the arts is a major catalyst for positive growth in so many areas. Projects like this one have proven to make a quantifiable difference in community wellbeing outcomes, as well as drive tourism. We are working to make a permanent asset that will benefit our entire community.

GAME CHANGING PURCHASES:

WORKTABLES & CHAIRS

for arts education

LIGHTING & FIXTURES

for pop up exhibitions

UTILITY SINKS

with clay trap for ceramics

BATHROOM FIXTURES

to make them ADA compliant

CABINETS & FELT WALL PANELS

for arts education & Artist in Residence studio

FINISHING CONSTRUCTION

professional drywall, electrical, and HVAC work



With your support, we were able to finish AC Satellite's main programming flex space that in 2026 will host classes, pop up exhibitions, artist talks, performances and more. We look forward to finishing the exterior, and expanding our education offerings to the outdoors in 2026.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

