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**Cambridge Creates Dramatic New Wall and Ceiling Design for
Cultural Arts Center at Montgomery College**

Cambridge, MD... Modern stainless steel metal fabric panels from Cambridge Architectural fashionably divide space and provide a one-of-a-kind ceiling system inside the brand new Cultural Arts Center on Montgomery College's Takoma Park, MD campus.

The new Cultural Arts Center is the most recent addition to the Silver Spring Arts and Entertainment District. It has become the area's premier venue for the performing arts, hosting professional public performances and events sponsored by community organizations. Inside the facility's main 500-seat theatre, Cambridge metal fabric provides a state-of-the-art building element - a flat tensioned ceiling system extending over 50 feet in length, but capable of extending hundreds of feet in length. Additional polished vertical mesh panels create an intimate space by isolating house seating from exterior aisles.

A Cambridge LandscapeInteriors™ architectural mesh system was specified for the Cultural Arts Center because the versatility and style of the material allowed it to uniquely envelop the house in elegant, clean lines and to create a revolutionary tensioned ceiling system using metal fabric that can be specified for any requested length while remaining completely flat.

"I was amazed by Cambridge's ability to install the metal fabric ceiling in tension," says Adrian Vaughn, Senior Project Manager for Bovis Lend Lease, Inc., the contractor/installer of the project. "I have been in the industry for 20 years, and I've never seen anything like it."

The new LandscapeInteriors wall and ceiling system inside the Cultural Arts Center, like all Cambridge systems of its kind, maintains acoustic transparency, improves ventilation and engagingly reflects architectural lighting. The function of the system in combination with its distinctive look makes it a perfect solution for a theatre setting.

"This is an unprecedented project for Cambridge, and for the metal industry as a whole," says Heather Collins, Director of Marketing for Cambridge Architectural. "Our new tensioned mesh ceiling application creates innumerable interior design possibilities with very few limitations, and further proves the benefits of our design-build approach."

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It was Cambridge's design-build approach that made the tensioned ceiling system concept and implementation so successful. The method helped the team to better understand the product, and allowed Cambridge to develop an effective solution by being involved in the entire process, from initial design to final installation.

Overall, the Cambridge metal fabric system built for the Cultural Arts Center matches the tone and purpose of the space itself, adding a carefully conceived artistic flair that boasts supreme "behind the scenes" functionality.

"Cambridge's material is a perfect example of fine craftsmanship," says Adrian Vaughn. "Its placement, in combination with how it is highlighted by architectural lighting, creates a beautiful, innovative interior design element."

The LandscapeInteriors system was fabricated with mesh in Cambridge's Scale pattern, which features large-scale, flexible open weaves that shade and screen structures including facades, parking garages and pavilions.

Construction on the Cultural Arts Center was completed in June 2009. The project team consists of architect SmithGroup, Washington, DC, contractor/installer Bovis Lend Lease, Bethesda, MD and facility owner, Montgomery College, Takoma Park, MD.

One of the primary functions of LandscapeInteriors metal fabric applications is to dramatically define and separate space, while additionally providing visibility, light and air flow. In addition to LandscapeInteriors, Cambridge offers a variety of additional architectural metal fabric systems, and is available for assistance throughout the design-build process.

Cambridge Architectural is the world's most experienced – and only – full-service provider of sustainable architectural mesh systems for both interior and exterior building applications. Cambridge offers full system design, engineering and collaboration from concept through installation – including highly challenging building projects, environments and budgets. Cambridge metal fabric systems are categorized by the primary application the system serves. These include: Parkade™, Solucent™, LandscapeInteriors™, MeshFX™, MeshDefense™ and Meshellaneous™. For more information about Cambridge Architectural call 1-866-806-2385 or visit www.CambridgeArchitectural.com.

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