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**SHADOW HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, INDIO CALIFORNIA  
AWARDED SILVER CITATION IN EDUCATIONAL INTERIORS SHOWCASE HONORING THE  
NATION'S MOST OUTSTANDING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

**Indio California, September 23, 2010:** Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke Architects announces that Shadow Hills High School, Performing Arts Center, Indio, California has been awarded a Silver Citation for outstanding design in Penton Media's American School and University 2010 Educational Interiors Showcase. It is featured in the August 2010 edition of the magazine and also on the Web at [www.SchoolDesigns.com](http://www.SchoolDesigns.com). An annual competition honoring educational interior design excellence, the Educational Interiors Showcase spotlights projects representing some of the most effective learning environments in America.

Desert Sands Unified School District's Shadow Hills High School is the product of 2 years of education specification development with district leaders, school faculty and the community at large. The expectation for the new facility was to create a space that is flexible and adaptable to future needs, available for use both day-long and year-long, available for use during non-school hours, a complimentary architectural addition to the community. The state of the art Performing Arts Center at Shadow Hills High School features theater seating space to accommodate 450 persons using a flexible seating arrangement of non-permanent tiered flat floor seating and fixed "stadium seating" at the rear of the space. Included as part of the Performing Arts Center is a control room, costume/prop shop, set construction shop; Black Box drama classroom; dressing rooms; instrumental music classroom; vocal music classroom, offices, storage and a music library.

A jury of American Institute of Architects (AIA) members and education administrators evaluated submissions from architectural firms, schools and universities across the country. Ninety-five projects were chosen for publication in AS&U, a monthly educational facility, purchasing and business administration magazine reaching 70,000 facility planners, school and university administrators and architects with this issue. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year the competition has been held.

Featured projects include inviting, engaging interiors that showcase innovations in 17 entry categories. Each project was judged based on the following considerations: high performance/value, safety/security, innovation, atmosphere, functionality/quality and contextual relationship.

More information about the Educational Interiors Showcase, including a complete list of the 2010 projects selected for publication, is available on American School & University's [www.SchoolDesigns.com](http://www.SchoolDesigns.com) Web site or by contacting Molly Roudebush, Senior Marketing Manager, at 1-(913) 967-1959 or [mroudebush@ASUmag.com](mailto:mroudebush@ASUmag.com).

Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke was founded in 1950 by Herman Ruhnau. Over its 60 year history, the firm has served educational clients throughout California. They have worked with Desert Sands Unified School District for over 10 years, providing quality educational facilities to meet community goals for higher learning.