



QUEEN ELIZABETH THEATRE

From Broadway shows to gala awards ceremonies, Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theatre is the city's most high-profile multi-purpose arts event venue.

Since its construction in 1959, the building had experienced wear and tear, and the lighting system needed an upgrade—one that would retain its elegant, iconic feel. In 2008, the venue began a comprehensive revitalization and all public spaces—including the exterior plaza, lobbies, and auditorium—were updated to create brighter, more inviting spaces better suited to the needs and expectations of contemporary audiences.

The design team replaced old, tinted windows with clear ones that allowed passers-by a clear view into the festivities in the lobby. Although the original lobby chandeliers had been removed during previous renovations, a modern crushed-seashell version was installed to enhance the elegant feel of the space. Programmable lighting controls allow staff to configure the public area lighting for performances and for special events.

The spaces are now brighter and more energy efficient. The lobbies glow on the public plaza and the excitement of a night at the theatre spills out for all to see.

DETAILS

Location: Vancouver, BC
Size: 50,000 square feet
Completion: November, 2009

CREDITS

Client: Proscenium Architecture & Interiors
Lighting Design: Eos Lightmedia