



GALLERY ALLEY

The City of Lincoln commissioned The Clark Enersen Partners and PBQA to create a promenade linkage from a new parking garage to the “Haymarket” Entertainment District. The design solution turned a 125-year-old service alley into an entry point to the City’s primary nighttime entertainment district. The City determined that if pedestrians could not be stopped from using the alley as a shortcut, they must at least make the Alley safe and more welcoming. We were intent on achieving this and much more.

The alley is draped with a cacophony of live and abandoned electrical wiring, meters and conduits, and unused loading portals. The alley is situated between the Burkholder Art Gallery, and a mixed-use facility consisting of an ice cream parlor, a live performing arts theater, and a variety of quaint shops. Using these facilities as design cues, we activated the alley with art pieces mounted to the exterior walls of the buildings, with a “Wire Symphony” consisting of linear LED light wires that mimic the existing electrical system in the Alley. Suspended mounting techniques required untried, original detailing. It utilizes traditional electrical hardware including insulator spools anchoring suspension cables and conduit topped “weather heads” to terminate electrical connections. By day, “the symphony” is an artistic exaggeration of the electrical system overhead.

Additional Photography

LOCATION: Lincoln, Nebraska

PROJECT TYPE:

Civic

Site Design/Landscape Architecture

SERVICES:

Electrical Engineering

Landscape Architecture/Site

Planning

