

Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum

Altoona PA



As Exhibit Lighting Designers, our task was twofold: first, we were charged with helping to visually unify a large and disparate collection of artifacts and memorabilia. Second, we were to help develop a theatrically rich “living history” presentation in the lobby of this new museum focusing on the life and times of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Our concept involved using theatrical lighting in a permanent setting. Contrasting beams of colored light were employed to accentuate form and dimension.

In collaboration with the exhibit, media and sound designers, we created a multi-media living history Sound & Light show, in the lobby of the museum. Four separate 6-minute modules—each exploring a chapter in the life of Altoona—play randomly throughout the day.



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