

Lampshades Cartier Avenue, Quebec City

SDC Montcalm

The “Lumière sur l’art” project on Cartier Avenue in Quebec City had Scène Éthique demonstrate all its creativity and the breadth of its versatility with the design and fabrication of unique urban furniture. This new touristic project consists of 34 giant backlit lampshades, suspended over Cartier Avenue.

After reflecting on the project for three years the Quebec City Council, the Tourism Office, the Commission de la Capitale Nationale, the National Museum of Fine Arts of Québec (NMFAQ) and the Société de développement commercial Montcalm all decided to kick off the “Lumière sur l’art” project in the fall of 2014. The lampshades are decorated with selected works from the permanent collection of the NMFAQ. The concept allows for the annual renewal of the exhibition by easily replacing the works on the shades. For the 2014-2015 seasonal exhibit, works by Alfred Pellán and Fernand Leduc decorated the shades.

Scène Éthique was mandated to build and install the 7 feet wide by 5 feet tall lampshades and a system to suspend the shades with cables designed by an external engineering firm. While performing tests for the installation of a prototype, Scène Éthique noticed that the suspension system was inadequate as there was

no way to anchor the system safely to the designated buildings.

Our designers sprang into action very quickly and designed a sidewalk anchored steel structure allowing the suspension of 2 lampshades each. These structures are 16 feet tall with more than 8 feet between the legs on ground level which allows for traffic to circulate normally both on the road and on the sidewalk. The structures are not interfering with normal activities of the very busy Cartier Avenue such as snow removal or the winter carnival parade. As the project is considered semi-permanent, we put forth our expertise of designing and building easily transportable structures, this time in the urban furniture area.



Illuminated lampshade



Assembling the lampshades



Illuminated lampshades in the SE Studio



Cartier Avenue



Installation

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