

SHOWCASE

Suzanne & Walter Scott Aquarium

Omaha, NE, USA



The Suzanne & Walter Scott Aquarium, located at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, was originally built in 1995 and is the largest aquarium inside of a zoo in the United States. The aquarium includes many animals from penguins and tropical fish to sea turtles and sharks, while also featuring several natural aquatic habitats such as coral reefs, temperate oceans, polar regions, and the Amazon. As of May 2020, several external renovations to the aquarium were officially completed, creating an impressive outer appearance to match all that can be found inside.

Featuring a redesigned façade, a new entrance, and an updated outdoor picnic area, the outside of the aquarium now gives visitors a preview of what they can expect to see upon entering. The entry canopy now includes stainless steel panels, polished blue with a ripple texture, to mimic the effect of being underwater. In addition, the front of the canopy is layered with metal panels resembling the appearance of coral reef, while the roof also boasts eight stainless steel wave structures. Morrissey Engineering used Traxon products to enhance these architectural features to mimic the effects of water on the stainless steel panels and create the colors and movement to mimic underwater effects behind the coral reef feature.

As a result of the renovation, the aquarium exhibit entry now immerses the visitor into an underwater world experience by an array of ocean-inspired colors and effects, that can be easily changed at any time.

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Project Details

Category:
Hospitality / Recreation

Location: Omaha, NE

Client:
Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

Engineer:
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Lighting Designer:
Morrissey Engineering

Electrical Contractor:
Miller Electric

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March 2020

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