

Illumination of the Coney Island Parachute Jump

Brooklyn, NY

LUMEN CITATION | The nightscape glowed in oranges, pinks, purples and reds when the landmark 277-foot rehabilitated 20th century tower was illuminated. The dynamic lighting scheme was designed to evoke the thrills of the famous amusement ride. The designers "choreographed" six different computer-programmed sequences that allude to special times of the year. Custom-designed luminaries (composed of three one-watt red LEDs) are mounted to the tower and canopy, and calibrated to address different viewing vantage points. Color-changing floodlights and a computer controller complete the system. Illuminated 365 days/year, the tower is a beacon for the redevelopment of Coney Island.

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Project Owner: New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
Photographer: Eduard Hueber, Arch Photo Inc.

All of my exterior projects include dusk-to-dawn work in wind and weather. For Coney Island Parachute Jump, the design team spent long, thrilling nights by the ocean-side programming luminous sequences against a black sky. I am honored to have contributed to the Coney Island after-dark experience, and to Brooklyn's overall identity.

—Leni Schwendinger, Lighting Designer



Wow! Which really is what Coney Island was all about.
—Shawn Sullivan

