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Baldwin Auditorium Renovation at Duke University
Durham, NC

LIGHTING DESIGN
Cline Bettridge Bernstein Lighting Design
Francesca Bettridge, Michael Hennes, Nira Wattanachote, and Glenn Fujimura

The re-lighting of the historic Baldwin Auditorium brightens and enlivens the space without touching its fragile structure. Previously, the room had few windows, the oculus was covered, and the decorative fixtures were inadequate. Since the ceiling and dome could not be altered, the designers had to find creative ways to light the space on a very low budget. The oculus and dome now glow, pendants provide visual interest as well as balcony lighting, side-vault ceilings are illuminated, and decorative accents embellish the balcony fronts. Thoughtful, deceptively simple solutions deliver maximum impact while remaining 45% below the energy allowance, transforming the theater into a welcoming arts destination.

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Pfeiffer Partners Architects

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Duke University

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"It’s as if scores of music inspired the renovation of this historic building. The design doesn’t try to replicate what was there and the lighting honors the architecture.”
— Lumen Awards Jury