Lighting Project: Ferens Art Gallery







We needed a lighting solution that would not only complement the surroundings of this purpose-built theatre, but that would also provide a safe and secure environment for visitors. The LED stair edgings offered the perfect balance between aesthetics and safety

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Product Specified:

 RNT1218L illuminated stair edgings with blue Continuity The Turner Prize, one of the world's most renowned art prizes, is awarded by Tate to a British artist who has exhibited outstanding work in the previous year. Since 2011 the Turner Prize has been staged outside of London every other year, and for 2017 it was presented at Ferens Art Gallery in Hull as part of the UK City of Culture 2017 programme.

As part of the exhibit, Gradus was chosen to provide LED stair edgings for a custom-built theatre to showcase two films from Rosalind Nashashibi, one of the shortlisted artists.

Installed by Gradus, RNT1218L illuminated stair edgings, with Continuity LED lighting system in blue were installed in order to create a contemporary linear lighting effect highlighting each step edge, ensuring that the stairs are clearly visible to visitors in darkened conditions. The lighting creates a safer environment for those ascending and descending the stairs in the theatre, therefore reducing the risk of trips and falls, whilst also providing a non-intrusive lighting effect.

The step lighting has been designed specifically to suit interior environments, where light is required for safety but should not detract from the primary function of the installation. In order to meet the latest guidelines on creating safe stairs, the stair edging inserts were chosen in a colour that provides a tonal contrast with the carpet so that the step edge is defined in normal light conditions; whilst the lighting helps visitors to safely navigate the theatre in reduced light conditions.







