

LEED COUNCIL FOCUSES ON A MEMBER: CHICAGO SCENIC STUDIOS

30 Years of Building Excitement from the Ground Up!

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Chicago Scenic Studios (CCS) grew out of Bob Doepel's (founder and President of CCS and the current Chairman of the LEED Council) concept of a company that would design and build theatrical scenery in Chicago's growing off-Loop theater community. They opened their doors in 1978 with six employees and 5,000 sq. ft. While their roots remain in theater, they've taken what they learned and developed into an organization that reaches far beyond the stage. Chicago Scenic Studios has proven that they can take on any type of project, from exhibits to special events to themed entertainment and more. Their unmatched ability to innovate has allowed them to expand their areas of expertise while remaining a solid presence in an ever-changing industry.

Business areas include:

- Corporate presentations
- Exhibits & museums
- Special events & promotions
- Theater & live events
- Television & film
- Themed entertainment & environments

Chicago Scenic Studio's staff is the key to their success. Their unique blend of creative designers, experienced craftsmen, and seasoned project managers ensures that every detail of their customer's project will exceed all expectations. But the heart of Chicago Scenic Studio's will always be their commitment to quality, service, and teamwork, which continues to make them an industry leader.



The company follows three important models. One is designing the future, two is building on the past and three is managing the present.

Designing...The Future

The future of their client's project is created in the minds of their design team. Their designers combine the talents of Renaissance artisans with the skills of contemporary architects and engineers to meet the requirements of their client's project, providing everything from creative concepts to full-color, three-dimensional computer renderings. Their staff of designers, engineers and detailers, who thrive in a collaborative environment, will work seamlessly with their client's creative team to bring their project to life.



Building...On The Past

The client's project is constructed by Chicago Scenic Studios with the exacting precision of Old World craftsmen with all the benefits of today's technology. As their client's project flows through each department in their state-of-the-art facility, their highly trained staff is a fully integrated team with just one goal: a finished product that everyone will be proud of. Innovation is the name of the game at Chicago Scenic Studios: if the client has a dream, they have their reality.

Managing... The Present

Chicago Scenic Studio's project managers are true Renaissance men and women. With their expertise in every aspect of the industry, they can guide the client's project through the design phase, into construction, and onto the job site for an on-time and on-budget completion. All of these efforts ensure that the client will receive the quality service they deserve. The staff at Chicago Scenic Studios manages for tomorrow so the client doesn't have to.



Facility Operations Manager Scot Hansen said, "I like several things about the location of Chicago Scenic Studios on Goose Island; the company is located in a great industrial area, easy access off the high-way and it is easy to get downtown" He continued by saying, "there isn't enough parking available on the island and looks forward to the expansion of the Division bridge that runs east and west across the Goose Island."

The LEED Council has assisted Chicago Scenic Studios:

- in their relocation from Fullerton to their current location on Goose Island in a 140,000-sq.-ft. facility,
- with their hiring needs by placing trainees from our ELIST (entry-level industrial skills training class), and
- helped them explore use of a SBIF (Small Business Investment Fund) to replace their windows.



When the client entrusts Chicago Scenic Studios with their corporate event, they're entrusting Chicago Scenic Studios with their business. Be it a sales presentation or a stockholders meeting, they'll team up with their client to give an event a look and feel that will not only get the client's message across but inspire their audience in the process. Chicago Scenic Studio's business is bringing any business to life.

As a lunch suggestion Scot suggests LEED Council member Finkel's Deli at Halsted & North Branch on the first floor of Kendall College.

Thank you Chicago Scenic Studios for being a *LEEDer* and congrats on 30 years of making dreams come true for your customers.