

PIŁSUDSKI BRIDGE HONORED WITH IALD AWARD OF MERIT

Qlab Highlights Historic Bridge as Permanent Feature of City's Nighttime Panorama

CHICAGO, IL USA, 9 JUNE 2022 | The global lighting community gathered online for the third time to honor the winners of the **39th Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards**, presented by Acuity Brands, the longest running and one of the most prestigious lighting design awards programs in existence. Twenty-two projects were on display from eleven countries—including exteriors, interiors, memorials, hospitality, museums, tourism, and places of worship.

The design of the **Piłsudski Bridge** in Kraków, Poland with lighting design by *Qlab Sp. z o.o.* took home an IALD Award of Merit.

The Piłsudski Bridge is Kraków's oldest existing and still functioning road bridge, originally built at the beginning of the 20th century. The primary task for the team at Qlab in illuminating the bridge was to highlight its historical value, its sophisticated proportions, and its original riveted steel structure.

Instead of high-powered projectors, the designers used small and medium-sized, precisely directed luminaires, optimally positioned not to be visible from the average height level.

The impressive structural arches connected by a series of transverse trusses and ties are the most interesting elements of the bridge and are a distinct form. Subdued and precisely directed lighting allowed the natural beauty of the bridge structure to be emphasized with light, while the light's cool color perfectly complements the bridge's blue color.

The flooring and pavement edge connect the two banks with a single line of light while the masonry pillars have been illuminated in a warmer light color with optional RGB spotlights to occasionally create colorful scenes.

The bridge's unique silhouette as a vital element of Kraków's space has been attractively exposed the new illumination has become a permanent fixture in the city's nighttime panorama.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/OkI8aibfyUo>

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**39TH ANNUAL IALD INTERNATIONAL LIGHTING DESIGN AWARDS
PROJECT CREDITS**

AWARD OF MERIT

Piłsudski Bridge

Kraków, Poland

LIGHTING DESIGN

Tomasz Klimek

Aleksander Nowacki

Adam Przybyła

Maciej Nowak

Patryk Walentyński

Qlab Sp. z o.o.

ADDITIONAL CREDITS

General Revitalization Designer

Pracownia Planowania i Projektowania Systemów Transportu Altrans

Electrical Design

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Investor

City of Kraków

General Contractor

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