

## Calders on the Parkway



### PROJECT

Calders on the Parkway  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### CLIENT

Philadelphia Museum of Art

### DATES

2004 - 2009      Sculpture Installation

### DESCRIPTION

The sculpture garden was located between 21st and 22nd Streets on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and held a rotating exhibit of Calder's works.

### CHALLENGE

From 2004 to 2009, the Philadelphia Museum of Art requested assistance in coordinating the installation of more than ten sculptures by Alexander Calder. The overall approach to the sculpture installation was to provide the public with an exciting and intimate setting to experience some of Alexander Calder's works.

### SERVICES

Sculpture Installation

Designed temporary footings for each of the pieces and provided the specifications for the restoration of an historic park guard station to house the 24-hour security personnel.

During each installation, relocation, or removal of the pieces, the sculptures were thoroughly assessed and documented for the Philadelphia Museum of Art's records.

The landscape was kept simple through the use of graceful ornamental grasses and a meandering pathway.

Lighting and garden style benches were also added to provide a welcoming environment.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

In 2009, the long term loan of the artworks expired and the one piece owned by the City of Philadelphia was relocated to a permanent installation site for the future enjoyment of citizens and visitors alike. S. Harris Ltd. designed a permanent foundation for the sculpture and coordinated all aspects of the siting and handling of the piece.