

Smithsonian Institution
Kusama Infinity Mirror Rooms
Washington, DC

PROJECT TYPE

- Construction
- Interior Build-Out of Hirshhorn Museum Exhibit Space

PROJECT SPECS

- Demolition of approximately 3,000 square feet (295 square meters) of GWB partitions to demolish
- Demolition of plywood exhibit boxes in Gallery 203C
- New construction of approximately 2,250 square feet (685 square meters) of new GWB and metal stud construction
- Furnish and installed approximately 1,200 square feet (111 square meters) of suspended GWB ceiling with recessed lighting
- Fire safety systems installation and relocation of smoke detectors and self-powered emergency exit signs
- Installed all new electrical work in room 207B

RIFE International won the contract to perform interior space renovations for the world-renown Yayoi Kusama Infinity Mirrors exhibit at Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum of Contemporary Art. This project was significant due to the anticipation of this artist's interactive exhibit.



CHALLENGES

- Total interior build-out had to be completed within a tight, 2-week timeframe
- The exhibit space was occupied
- Construction was underway at the same time of the 2017 Presidential Inauguration, which involved road closures and limited access to the Hirshhorn Museum building for a 3-day span

RESULTS

- RIFE was able to build and prepare the new space as specified and according to the artist's vision for the overall exhibit experience
- Kusama's Infinity Mirrors exhibit was one of the most visited museum exhibit spaces in the U.S. in 2017, attracting over 200,000 visitors