

Smithsonian Institution  
Yinka Shonibare Wind Sculpture  
Washington, DC



### PROJECT TYPE

- Construction
- Installation of Wind Sculpture created by Yinka Shonibare

### PROJECT SPECS

- Removal of existing turf and ground excavation
- Fabrication and installation of 14' x 14' galvanized steel base structure
- Installation of a custom-built wind sculpture created by artist Yinka Shonibare
- Installation of new low voltage LED spotlight

RIFE International was selected to provide all supervision, labor, materials and equipment needed for the improvement of the Yinka Shonibare Wind Sculpture Exhibit located outside of the National Museum of African Art in Washington, DC.

## CHALLENGES

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- 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

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- RIFE had to manually excavate the designated area without disrupting the museum building structure. This allowed RIFE to prevent potential damage and carefully position the galvanized steel base structure in the designated space.
- Sculpture was installed successfully and a private unveiling ceremony was held by the Smithsonian to honor and commemorate the artist's work.