

# audio**spotlight**<sup>®</sup>

directional sound system

## Museums and Galleries



**... Provide sound, and preserve the quiet.  
... Introduce sound to new environments.**

A serene, quiet gallery lends an air of sophistication and comfort, allowing your guests to more fully experience and enjoy their visit. Chatter from loudspeakers can distract and disturb your guests, threatening the peaceful environment you strive to provide.

Audio Spotlight systems are used by the world's top museums to provide localized sound for those who wish to hear it, and quiet for everyone else. Schirn Kunsthalle (top left), built a new gallery to present selections from Matisse and Picasso. They wanted sound, but couldn't tolerate noise, so Audio Spotlight discs were mounted overhead, aimed directly at the guests in front of each display. Those who want the sound receive it, while the overall environment remained very quiet.

The Perkins School for the Blind, where the remarkable Helen Keller was educated, built a museum in the very center of the school. Because it is located near classrooms – and because of their students' sensitivity to audible distractions – they wanted to ensure that exhibit sound stayed at the exhibit. Audio Spotlight systems were installed at each display to provide high quality sound for those viewing the exhibits – and no one else.

The Chicago Cultural Center installed a popular multimedia exhibit (bottom), but adjacent gallery spaces couldn't tolerate the noise from its many loudspeakers. Eight Audio Spotlight discs replaced those loudspeakers to provide eight local, discrete zones of sound, each corresponding to a nearby projected video. Those standing under a disc hear the sound, while elsewhere in the very same room, background noise is but a whisper.

### **Selected locations:**

Chicago Cultural Center	Schirn Kunsthalle, Germany
Smithsonian Institution	Boston Museum of Science
Tate Modern, London	San Francisco Exploratorium
Museum of South Australia	San Diego Zoo

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