Artist: Jennifer Rosoff & Susan Taylor Lennon
Title of Project: Shadow Plays
Project: Commissioned for Lights On Tampa 2011
Year Completed: 2011
Materials: Fast fold screens, light trees, gobos, gels, lighting controller
Commissioning Agencies: Friends of Tampa Public Art, AVI-SPL

Project Description

Lights On Tampa is a public/private partnership between the City’s Art Programs Division and Friends of Tampa Public Art, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The Program began in 2006 with the desire to bring something bold, of high quality and “on the moment” to Tampa and returned in 2009 when Tampa hosted the NFL’s Super Bowl XLIII. In 2010, the Program was recognized as one of the 50 most significant art programs in the U.S. in the last 50 years (Americans for the Arts).

Concept

Shadow Plays, was a site-specific family event featuring theater, dance, music, and visual art by individual artists and ensembles. In an academic sense, Shadow Plays brought the ancient tradition of storytelling and entertainment to life with dance movements creating a visual mirage at a new waterfront park in downtown Tampa. From a community and social perspective, it provided a fun, active, nonjudgmental environment for intergenerational engagement. Families and individuals from all walks of life danced in anonymity with each other, and in so doing created a tremendous synergy and general “feel good”. Thousands danced and played in the stage lights for hours.

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