

“Light is a powerful, subliminal, invisible medium that affects our performance, feelings and sense of well-being. A professional lighting designer has a passion for light and has devoted their career to helping others create luminous environments, that help improve visual performance over the life of the project. The return on investment of great lighting solutions cannot be matched.” – Stefan Graf

STEFAN GRAF, FIALD

Stefan Graf began his career as a lighting designer in an era that revolutionized lighting in the concert touring industry. In the early 70s, Stefan founded Fantasee Lighting providing services for a variety of international concert and theatrical productions. Today, Stefan continues to design lighting for broadcast video, stage show, special events and corporate theater. Stefan is a recognized leader in exhibit lighting, and the first lighting designer to bring many new and creative lighting solutions to the North American International Auto Show.

Stefan is the design director of Illuminart established in 1983 to provide independent, professional electric and daylighting design for commercial, retail, residential, hospitality, outdoor, house of worship and institutional projects. Sustainable lighting solutions reduce energy and maintenance but also improve user satisfaction. Clients benefit from Illuminart’s cost management services that address initial and long term cost considerations. Examples of his range of experience:

- Chrysler Technology Center | Warren, MI
- Penske Automotive Group Design Center | Bloomfield Hills, MI
- World of Disney Retail Stores Roll-outs | National
- Ford Regent Court Office Building | Dearborn, MI
- Volvo McKeivitt Dealership | San Leandro, CA
- Ford Design Center Rotunda | Dearborn, MI
- Bay Harbor Yacht Club and Hotel | Bay Harbor, MI
- Motor City Electric Offices | Detroit, MI
- Haworth Furniture Showrooms | Manhattan (USA) and Toronto (Canada)
- General Motors & Ford: Dealership Prototypes | National
- The Fresh Market Retail Lighting Standards | National
- Greater Grace Temple | Detroit, MI
- Sky Garden Mall | Sydney, Australia
- Monteheidra Town Center | San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Sheraton Hotels Lighting Standards | Global

Among Stefan’s many awards are two Edwin F. Guth Awards of Excellence for his innovative contribution to the Chrysler Technology Center Sky Simulation Lighting System, and Motorized Product Lighting (Styling Dome). Stefan continues to be an active member of the design community involved in global lighting education and research programs. He is now a Fellow in the International Association of Lighting Designers. He is also professionally affiliated with the Illuminating Engineering Society. As part of his involvement with the international group the “Professional Lighting Designer’s Association” he was chosen as a designer for the “Lights in Alingsas” project in Alingsas, Sweden in 2011.