

# THE ALDRICH CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT

*Providing service, building control upgrades and energy efficient equipment*

## *Trane Creates the Right Artistic Environment*

### **Challenge**

The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum successfully completed a renovation and expansion in 2004 bringing the total square footage to 25,000. The Museum required a service contractor who would ensure that the facility maintains a constant temperature and humidity level to protect numerous art exhibits and provide visitor and staff comfort.

### **Solution**

Trane provided a Select Maintenance Service Agreement managed by Trane factory-trained technicians. A Tracer Summit® building automation software upgrade ensures that Museum officials can properly monitor and maintain a constant environment and energy-efficient equipment.

### **Project Scope**

Trane select maintenance service agreement covers:

- Trane Series R® Air-Cooled Rotary Liquid Chiller
- Tracer Summit Building Control Unit (BCU)
- Tracer ZN.520 Unit Controllers
- Tracer MP580 Programmable Controllers
- Tracer MP503 Input/Output Modules
- Trane M-Series Climate Changer Air Handlers
- Trane Variable Air Volume units
- Trane Cabinet Heaters
- Bell & Gossett Pumps
- Hydrotherm Oil-Fired Boiler
- Armstrong Electronic Steam Humidifiers

### **Results**

The long-term Select Maintenance Service Agreement ensures that The Aldrich can protect their exhibits and provide a stable and comfortable environment for their visitors and administrative staff. The Tracer Summit system gives personnel precise control of the museum climate and maintains temperature and humidity at a set degree Fahrenheit, plus or minus two degrees, and a pre-determined humidity level, plus or minus five percent. This degree of control assures that exhibits are protected. "Trane service has been absolutely phenomenal," said Director of Facilities Rich Cooke. "Anytime we have a problem Trane is out here right away to fix it."



The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum is one of the few non-collecting contemporary art museums in the United States. Founded in 1964, the Museum enjoys the curatorial independence of an alternative space while maintaining the art-handling standards of a national institution. The Museum houses twelve galleries including: a screening room, a sound gallery, a 22-foot-high project space, a 100-seat performance area, an education center, museum store and a two-acre outdoor exhibition space.

Exhibitions feature work by emerging and mid-career artists, and education programs help adults and children to connect to today's world through contemporary art. The Museum is located at 258 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut just 50 miles from New York City.

## **The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum**

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