

## FRONT LAWN LIGHT ART

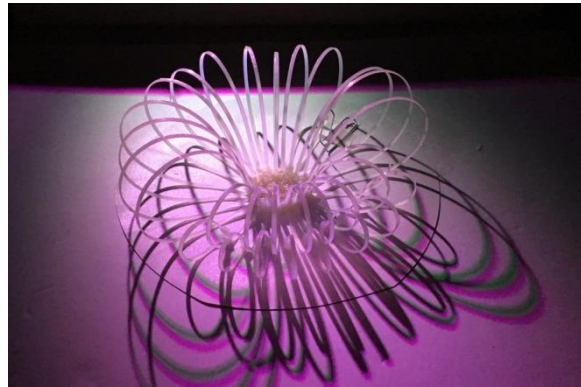
Through engagement in *Lumagination*, students in the UB Department of Theatre & Dance Design & Technology program gained hands-on experience in site specific design practices.

The front lawn features two light art projects based on concepts by undergraduate designers. To arrive at these designs, Theatre students in the fall 2016 semester Scene Design course lead by Associate Professor Lynne Koscielniak were asked to write a short dramatic narrative inspired by the history, architecture, and plant life of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. Each student created a set design for their play, followed by a bash model of a scenic unit/public sculpture inspired by their own set design. Two of the resultant bash models, created with the limited materials provided, were translated into the large pieces of light art you see installed here today.



Title: ***Palm***

Concept model by BFA Theatre Design & Technology major Alison Weinberger



Title: ***Orchid***

Concept model by BA Theatre major Emily Powrie

As a first step in realizing these concepts, students drafted working drawings and submitted budget proposals. The Theatre Crafts course, led by Clinical Assistant Professor of Scenography Dyan Burlingame, conducted research on materials and lighting components specific to extreme weather conditions.

To bring the designs to fruition, students worked under the technical supervision of Assistant Professor of Technology Jon Shimon. He led members of the UB United States Institute for Theatre Technology Students Chapter in fabricating the sculptures, installing the LED components, and loading-in the exhibition.

Key undergraduate student researchers and technologists include: Gina Boccolucci, Alex Farley, Ariel Kregal, Katherine Metzler, Emily Powrie, and Alison Weinberger, along with Hayden Harter and Bethany Kasperek.

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