In preparation for its 125th Anniversary Season, Carnegie Hall partnered with the City of New York to illuminate the landmark façade, and engaged Kugler Ning to design the architectural lighting. Extensive study of the building’s decorative detail was necessary to ensure all penetrations were placed in reparable locations, minimizing any adverse impact on the historic fabric, as required by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Onsite mock-ups were conducted to determine LED distribution, mounting details, lighting throw, color quality, and lighting control zones. Energy efficient 2700K white LEDs were ultimately selected, and preset dimming controls were used to balance the lighting levels.

“We all loved this one. You can’t see the fixtures and it’s really well integrated.”
—Lumen Awards Jury

“Carnegie Hall is a City, State and National Historic Landmark, deserving pride of place within the nightscape of New York. As the sun sets, the lighting comes on gradually, creating a seamless transition from twilight to nighttime, a visual nocturne appropriate to this worldwide symbol of artistic excellence. The design and execution has received a standing ovation, with bravos to the performance stars Kugler Ning Lighting Design, Iu+Bibliowicz Architects, and Tishman Construction Corporation.”
—Richard Malenka