



Nakilat Shipyard



This inauguration ceremony, attended by The Emir of the State of Qatar, celebrated the completion of the 43 hectare Nakilat Shipyard. Built on reclaimed land, the shipyard is part of the massive expansion of the port of Ras Laffan and hugely significant for the state of Qatar. The inauguration event took place inside the vast interior of a repair yard facility where, under the direction of WRG's Tim Elliot and executive producer Jilly Dungay, we provided a scenic and automation package that included seating, staging, truss with flying points as well as various key props.

A De Boers structure within the building provided both dining and exhibition space for the 650 specially invited guests. We divided the internal space within this area, also providing interface elements between the De Boers tent structure and the auditorium, along with fire exit interfaces.



The Martin Sutherland designed set fully exploited the vast industrial interior with the show space being revealed to a depth of 75 metres. In front of this, we constructed a 45m by 13m seating block, while staging from our large Qatari based stock was used to construct the 50m wide, 10m deep stage, finished with high quality laminate and carpet. Four manually controlled tracking dollies were used to manoeuvre LED screens whilst 30m above the stage, we provided a flying mothergrid which, together with drapes, was used to reveal the vast depth of the performance space.

We constructed a number of key props including an 11m high trucking Dutch-style windmill, a huge 15m by 12m canvas dhow sail and a fully lined 21m by 8m pool used for a water ballet display. We provided four Qmotion controlled flying performer points, along with the associated truss, that tracked, lifted and traversed performers, enabling them to interact with the tracking props.

We worked with WRG simultaneously on this and another Qatari based project, the huge 77Mta Celebration Event, requiring us to deploy a huge amount of resources in the area over a period of four weeks. The fact that we were able to do this owes much to the fact that we have a wealth of in-house facilities to draw upon, as well as a great deal of experience working in the region, during which, we have developed a highly valued working relationship with WRG.