

Königsplatz Kassel

Kassel
Completion 2004

Client: City of Kassel
Cost: 1.300.000 Euro
Area: appr. 13.250 sqm
Service Phases: Lph 1 - 8
Duration: 2000 - 2004
In collaboration with:

HHS, Kassel (Haltestellen),
Atelier Louafi, Berlin (Brunnen),
Licht Raum Stadt, Wuppertal (Lichtplanung)

The plaza in the center of Kassel is one of the few entirely circular plazas in the world and is a heritage of urban development dating back to the 18th century. Refurbished several times in the post-war era with meager results, it was redesigned by GTL in 2004 as a result of an invited competition.

The design process was a highly public affair which set the parameters for design principles: the enhancement of the historic circular geometry, a focus on the ring of the shady trimmed sycamores and an open space suitable for a variety of outdoor events from Christmas Markets to beach volleyball tournaments. New tram stop shelters with an integrated kiosk, atmospheric lighting and a ring of water fountains are orchestrated with a delicate balance between impressive openness and the citizens' demand for lively urban space.

