

Classical Chinese Garden

PORTLAND, OREGON

Services

MEP Engineering
Lighting

FAST FACTS

Architect

Robertson, Merryman,
Barnes Architects

General Contractor

A.C. Schommer & Sons

Completion

September 2000

Garden Size

40,000 sf / 1 city block

Project Cost

\$12.8 million

Awards

Governor's Livability Award:
Oregon State Governor's
Office, 2001

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Interface provided electrical, mechanical, plumbing and lighting design for both the interior and exterior of the Classical Chinese Garden, a historically accurate Ming Dynasty garden occupying an entire city block in Portland's Chinatown district. The garden celebrates Portland's sister city relationship with Suzhou, a city of six million along China's central coast known for its beautiful garden.

The garden received a 2001 Governor's Livability Award, the fourth project Interface has worked on to receive this honor. Awarded projects are selected because of their contribution to the way of life in Oregon. Such recognition highlights Interface's design concerns for a project's environmental and cultural impact.



Opened in September 2000, the garden features waterfalls, rockeries, courtyards, ponds, covered bridges, a teahouse and other buildings.



The 500 tons of rock used to recreate ancient designs were imported from China. The Classical Chinese Garden is the largest and most complete Suzhou garden in North America.