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NBC Universal "The Commons" – New York

Architect: Gensler Client: NBC Completion: 2015

NBC Universal renovated space in its iconic 30 Rockefeller Plaza to create a social and meeting hub. Program spaces included TelePresence rooms, videoconference rooms, a smart bar, a pitch room, talent lab, meeting rooms, and multipurpose rooms. The project incorporated state-of-the-art technology and audiovisual systems throughout the space, including in the elevator lobbies.

Our work included acoustic separation and privacy for the renovated spaces as well as creating an appropriate interior acoustic environment to enhance the listener's experience. The audio systems are used for a multitude of events, so ensuring this was not intrusive to other buildings occupants was a key objective.

We worked with the design team to provide NBC Universal with suitable privacy between spaces, while maintaining a visual connection through use of glass front wall assemblies. Another important objective of the project was to install HVAC equipment that provided the required level of cooling to fit in the somewhat constrained areas available for this equipment. We worked with the project engineers on equipment selections and sizing to achieve these goals.