



## **Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art Indianapolis, Indiana**

This 80,000 square foot museum houses a broad collection of native American and Western American art. An award-winning building, it reflects the mass and color common in adobe and pueblo architecture, yet with a more monolithic character and monumental sense of scale.

The museum includes permanent galleries to display the extensive collection of paintings, sculptures, weapons, ceremonial objects, costume masks and other historic artifacts, a gallery to accommodate traveling exhibits, collection storage, other support areas, and a 3,000 square foot gift shop.

The museum features two floors of gallery space and a full basement for collection storage and for mechanical equipment. The 20-foot floor-to-floor height was accomplished with a structural steel braced frame supporting the composite floor system. Careful attention to detail was required to coordinate the intricate geometry with the elaborate stone veneer.

Cast-in-place concrete was utilized to support the 500 psf loading requirements in the Sculpture Court and for the exterior bridge and stairway. The museum's footprint is circumvented by a circular plaza area located ten feet above street level. The plaza is bounded by concrete retaining walls that were curved to match the geometry. The outside face of the walls were battered and detailed with a stone ledge that varied in height along the circumference.