

Nidarosdomen honoured with the Nordic Lighting Design Award 2022



Tuesday 6 September will be a day of joy for Norwegian lighting. As if the winner of the Norwegian Light Prize 2021 in the category "Best indoor project" and the lighting design Award of Excellence were not enough, Nidaros Cathedral just as easily took a big hit by running away with the victory in the Nordic Lighting Design Award 2022.

The projects that are eligible for the prize are national winners from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden from the last two years. In other words, a comprehensive competition with projects that represent the best of Nordic lighting design. The well-reputed lighting designer behind the new lighting in Nidaros Cathedral, Erik Selmer, was of course on hand to receive the prestigious award.

- There were many good projects that were nominated for the Nordic Light Prize. I think that Nidaros Cathedral won because we have managed to emphasize the church's architecture and details, and at the same time convey the sacred atmosphere in the room, says Selmer to Lyskultur.



There is little doubt that the lighting represents finesse down to the smallest detail and that nothing is left to chance. The lighting design shows respect for the church's historical, cultural and sacral significance, and will delight employees and visitors for many years into the future. That the project has now won the Nordic Lighting Design Award is further proof of this.

Congratulations!

The jury's reasoning:

The jury has chosen this project because of its enormous expression, sensibility and its ambitious technical applications. This is a convincing execution which in a building like this could very easily, with simple mistakes become very obvious. The project shows a detailed consideration of the architectural realities not only in terms of space, material and function but also in terms of culture and spiritual value. The combination of cold and warm light accentuates the feeling of the room. The blue hue in the background adds depth and a sense of mystery to the room. An impressive attention to detail has been given throughout the building. The specially designed suspension structure is natural in the character of the church. The particularly complex programming is not only focused on liturgical ceremony, but it also focuses on the sacred elements and symbols that give guests a sense of calm and space for reflection. The jury of The Nordic Design Award thinks that the new exceptional light expression in Nidaros Cathedral has taken the cathedral to an international icon level.