CANSTRUCTION 2010: IN THE CAN

Location: Philadelphia, PA
Completion: 2010
Distinction: First Place

“Oh were I lyrical as Yeats / I would not sing of toilet seats, / But rather serenade a star,—/ Yet I must take things as they are. / For even kings must coyly own / Them as essential as a throne”

Toilet Seats by Robert William Service

VSBA participated in the 2010 Philadelphia Canstruction, a charity event with the Associate AIA Philadelphia to benefit Philabundance, the region’s largest food bank and hunger relief organization. Design teams used canned goods to build fantastic sculptures at Philadelphia’s Liberty Place Rotunda. Cans were then donated to the needy.

VSBA’s design was called “In The Can” -- a cheeky 8’ sculpture intended as a shrine to the throne. It’s an indoor outhouse, an unportable potty, and a public privy. We took the water- out of the -closet and put the loo in aloominum.

Our design won First Place -- but more importantly, we raised over $6,000 to fight hunger!

“If it makes you laugh, it must be funny.” -- Steven Izenour