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## CLARO'S INNOVATIVE FIXTURE ACCESS SOLUTION

***Claro solves need for intricate access to hundreds of miniatures through fixture innovation in the newly built museum, The Mini-Time Machine Museum***

Tucson, Arizona - The Mini-Time Machine: A Museum of Miniatures, opened in October 2009 in large part due to the innovative solutions provided by **Claro Creative Studios** for maintenance and cleaning access to hundreds of delicate miniatures.

To view miniatures clearly the vitrines should have minimal seams or obstructions. Ideally, each miniature is also never moved for cleaning and maintenance, and all require special lighting. Even with an exhibit space large enough for traditional fixtures, swinging vitrine doors and seams would have diminished the impact of the exhibits. By not letting case design force exhibit design, **Claro** was able to achieve optimal exhibit placement for Guest experience, as well as owner required maintenance access.

"A lot of museums build exhibits, but not every day. We build stuff every day, but never the same thing twice." This from Jeff Thom, co-founder of **Claro**, and head of Production and Installation. While pallet jacks are a familiar sight on shipping docks and receiving areas, they are not traditional inside exhibit space – but their low profile, safety features, and ability to be used by one person makes them ideal for gently moving large objects in small spaces.

"The originality and practicality of their designs, and their attention to detail, were outstanding," said Patricia Arnell, Museum founder. "Working with Claro was an exceptionally rewarding experience."



Photos by Albert Jackman

*"Brilliant and simple, this is one of those things where you wonder how in the world it was not already conceived. The Pallet Jack Solution turns a seemingly impossible task into a relatively easy one." Jay Ferrell, facilities manager, the Mini Time Machine.*

**Claro Creative Studios** provides design, project management, construction and installation management for museums, cultural centers, and entertainment projects throughout the world.

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