Yale Center for British Arts
New Haven, CT

Team

Owner:
Yale University

Architect:
Knight Architecture LLC (2000–present)

Structural Engineer:
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

Construction Manager
Turner Construction Company

Year Built: 1977
Center’s exterior Lower Court (2008–2011)
Prints & Drawings and Rare Books &
Manuscripts areas (refurbished 2013)

Total Project Cost:
$9.6 million

Total Project Size:
69,975 sq ft

Award:
2005 AIA (American Institute of Architects)
Twenty-Five Year Award.

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Designed by the famous U.S. architect, Louis Kahn, the Yale Center for British Arts was completed in 1974, consisting of an exhibition space and storage space for paintings, sculpture, drawings and prints; a rare book collection; a research library; a photograph archive; an auditorium; classrooms; workshops and offices; and conservation facilities.

Rectangular in plan, the four-story center has a concrete structure and is clad in steel and reflective glass. Galleries are organized around two interior courtyards, with numerous skylights enabling diffused, natural light to fill many rooms.

CONCRETE STAIR TOWER
One of the building’s most notable features is a cylindrical, concrete stair tower in the Library Court.

In 2016, the building was refurbished at a cost of $33 million. The Long Gallery was transformed into a teaching and study gallery as originally envisioned by Jules Prown, the Center’s founding director.