

Case Study

Bouboulina - North Bethesda, MD



The Challenge

Bouboulina's interior concept relied on a carefully orchestrated balance of light and shadow to reinforce its intimate, speakeasy-inspired atmosphere. The space transitions from a bright, high-contrast bar parlor to a moody dining environment where architectural materials, dramatic hearth lighting, and private booth seating define the guest experience. The lighting control system needed to support multiple layers of illumination, allowing precise adjustment of decorative fixtures and focused accent lighting while preserving the restaurant's intentionally theatrical ambiance. Smooth dimming performance and intuitive scene control were essential to accommodate changing operational needs throughout the day and evening.

The Solution

A BubblyNet lighting control system was implemented to unify phase-dimmed and 0–10V lighting within a single platform. Customized scenes provide seamless transitions between daytime service, evening dining, and late-night hospitality settings, while precise dimming control allows the lighting to complement the venue's rich material palette and intimate architectural moments. The result is a flexible lighting environment that enhances the restaurant's cinematic atmosphere, highlighting key design features while delivering a consistently refined guest experience.

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