



LOSS EVENT: WATER DAMAGE

University of the Arts, Anderson Hall

📍 Philadelphia, PA

In 2017, a pipe main burst in the basement of the University of the Arts basement. More than eight feet of water flooded the nine-story historic building. The water was considered a category 3 biohazard and was contaminated by the fluids from the elevator pit.

The fine art storage, three computer labs, large mechanical works, electrical mains, paper-making studios, nearly 100,000 books, antique books, archives, classrooms, several fine arts libraries, elevators, and the university art vault were impacted by the rising waters.

With high-value artwork, university archives, server drives, and rare books under water, the project was a very high-risk loss. As a result, it required incredible expertise and execution to handle damaged articles, their transportation, treatment, and storage. Our team fully restored the damaged space in the estimated time-frame for the university to safely use for their needs.

The Scope

- Dewatering and humidification control
- Environmental desiccant drying
- ACM testing and removal
- Photo-documenting and content inventory
- Heavy structure cleaning, fine art restoration
- Book restoration and freeze-drying, computer equipment restoration
- Non-salvable inventory and removal
- Valuation appraisals and demolition
- Mechanical room restoration
- Duct cleaning & large electrical panel repairs
- Elevator and flooring repairs
- Reconstruction of the entire basement facility



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