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**Tennessee State Museum Equipped with 40 Ellison Custom Balanced Doors**

*New Museum Serves as “Front Door for the State”*

**FALCONER, NY…** Ellison Bronze, manufacturer of premier custom balanced doors for commercial entrances around the world, recently provided 40 bronze stile and rail doors for the new Tennessee State Museum in Nashville, TN.

EOA Architects (Nashville, TN) teamed up with HGA Architects and Engineers (Minneapolis, MN) to create a new museum that “illuminates the rich and diverse history of the citizens of Tennessee and enlivens Nashville’s Bicentennial Mall, making it a destination for generations to come.”

The two-story, 141,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art cultural facility is equipped with 40 bronze stile and rail balanced doors by Ellison, each featuring a Satin #4 finish with a custom patina.

“Other door types were considered throughout the project, but each came with a compromise to function, aesthetics, or longevity,” says Sheila Dial-Barton, AIA, Principal at EOA Architects.

According to Dial-Barton, Ellison balanced doors were chosen for a number of reasons. First, for their height and ease of operability—the location of the pivot point as well as each door’s height allows large quantities of people to enter the museum on a daily basis with the ability to host large events. In addition, the construction quality, material choices, and longevity of Ellison doors made them an ideal choice.

“The museum is intended to truly serve as the ‘front door’ for the state of Tennessee,” adds Dial-Barton. “Built with durable, quality materials, it’s designed to be a ‘100-year building’ and last long into the next century.”

Ellison balanced doors and frames are formed and welded using durable sheet materials that give them a rigid, unitized structure that lasts much longer than standard commercial doors. Coupled with durable balanced hardware—specifically the inset pivot point located at two-thirds width—Ellison doors require less opening force and offer reduced sidewalk encroachment.

“Our design team has worked with Ellison on multiple cultural institution projects,” says Dial-Barton. “Our team noted that Ellison always provides a high-quality product that meets both functional and design intentions, and the doors’ grandeur and transparency are what we look for when designing a cultural or civic building.”

Ellison has created custom balanced doors for some of the most historic universities, museums, and other civic buildings since they began manufacturing them in 1932. The company’s commitment to quality and craftsmanship for nearly a century has positioned them as a leader in commercial doors and entrances, gaining the trust of such acclaimed organizations.

The Tennessee State Museum officially opened on October 4, 2018.

**About Ellison:** Ellison Bronze, Inc., located in Falconer, NY, invented the balanced door in 1927. Today, Ellison leads the industry by providing custom marquee doors to the world’s most famous addresses. Made with the highest quality materials and unparalleled craftsmanship, Ellison doors are the standard to which all other commercial entry doors are compared the world over. Ellison also provides superior customer service by maintaining every record and drawing it has produced and offers replacement balanced hardware for every door it has ever made. For more information, visit [www.ellisonbronze.com](http://www.ellisonbronze.com).

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