



## The "Independent Man" Statue

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RI

When lightning struck the dome, the massive Georgia marble blocks that support the "Independent Man" statue on top of the Rhode Island State House were damaged. Independent Man is a 1,200-pound, gold-plated bronze sculpture and a proud symbol of the state. It was determined that the sculpture had to be removed to allow for emergency repairs to the stonework. The Rhode Island State House was designed by McKim, Mead & White and completed in 1899. Independent Man had only been removed once before, in 1975.



EverGreene was engaged to direct and oversee the safe removal of the sculpture. After careful study of the work, a plan was developed and implemented...

MORE INFORMATION:

<https://evergreene.com/projects/independent-man-statue/>

### (1) AWARDS

#### SERVICES PERFORMED

Art Handling & Salvage  
Conservation Treatments  
Gilding  
Laser Conservation  
Preservation Consulting

#### PROJECT DETAILS

##### Owner

The Rhode Island Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance

##### Architects

DBVW

##### Historic Masonry Consultant

East Coast Masonry & Restoration (ECMRI)