

Award of Merit

Project: **The Spirit of Baseball**

Cincinnati, Ohio USA

MIA Member Company:

Mees Distributors, Inc.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Stone Supplier

Other Project Team Members:

Architect/Designer: Berberich Design

General Contractor: Hunt Construction Group

Project Engineer: Façade Forensics

Stone Installer: Siemering Tile

Visitors to American Ball Park, the new home of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team, are greeted by a massive 20' x 50' Indiana limestone bas-relief depicting baseball players, young and old. Mees Distributors used approximately 65 tons of limestone in 46 pieces to create the artwork, the larger panels measuring 4' to 6' x 6'. The relief had to be installed in a pre-existing brick opening which, along with uncooperative winter weather, presented challenges. Once assembled, Mees craftsmen went to work on the bas-relief with grinders, chisels, dremels, and hand rasp.

Judges' Comments:

"Very impressive workmanship and detailing" ...

"Finished product is truly an inspiration to all."

