

## Art Quarters Bethanien and Mariannenplatz, Berlin



### **Initial situation:**

The Mariannenplatz, named after Princess Marianne of Prussia, is located in the Kreuzberg district of Berlin's Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg district. It is a relatively large place with park-like character and extensive lawn. At its northern end is the St. Thomas Church, at the main entrance an original Berlin 9-burner gas light illuminates the forecourt. Mariannenplatz is home to the former Bethanien Hospital, now known as Künstlerhaus Bethanien, and the District Cultural Office.

### **Customer request and order:**

With the modernization of the exterior lighting, a new style-appropriate lighting situation was to be realized, which envelops the Kunstquartier Bethanien as well as the parks at the Mariannenplatz in a lovely and cozy lighting charm. For this purpose, the existing listed historical luminaires were renovated, modernized and converted to LED technology according to the specifications of the executing planners. It was important to the clients that the new lighting is based on the appearance and aesthetics of old gas lamps. It was also the client's wish that the „modern“ lighting, including the facade spotlights, also operated at the location, experienced a comprehensive upgrade around the Kunstquartier to the Freilichtkino Kreuzberg.

### **The solution from BRAUN:**

As part of the renovation, all historic lights were first professionally dismantled. In their own locksmith workshop they have been dismantled, as far as necessary. All material-tired components have been renewed, so that the new LED lighting unit together with a specially manufactured round reflector could be mounted ready for use. All luminaire heads were then mounted again on the also repaired historical Berlin bundle pillar masts and electrically connected. Likewise a multiplicity at historical bundle pillar masts was renewed within the framework of elaborate civil engineering measures. The „modern“ lighting on the site was also extensively cleaned, repaired and repainted. The conical steel masts also had to be partially renewed. Furthermore, all cable faults were localized and professionally eliminated. The refurbished façade spotlights now illuminate the imposing front façade of the

Kunstquartier Bethanien, so that for the first time after a decade the complete lighting of the Kunstquartier Bethanien and in the parks Mariannenplatz could be put into operation. A lively place in the „Kreuzberg Kiez“ shows again from its „bright“ side!

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Unattractive candelabra before conversion