### APPROACHING THE SITE: DANCE, MUSIC, AND LANDSCAPE SEQUENCE



FLORA YEH

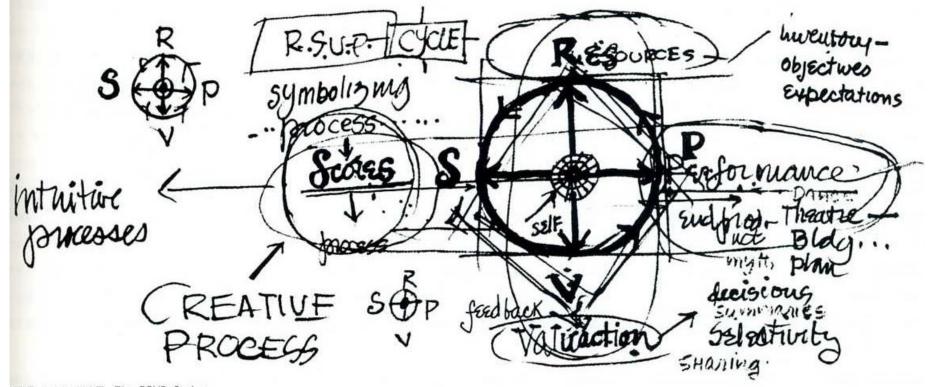
## APPROACH





City Dance takes the ideal of "art in the landscape" literally.

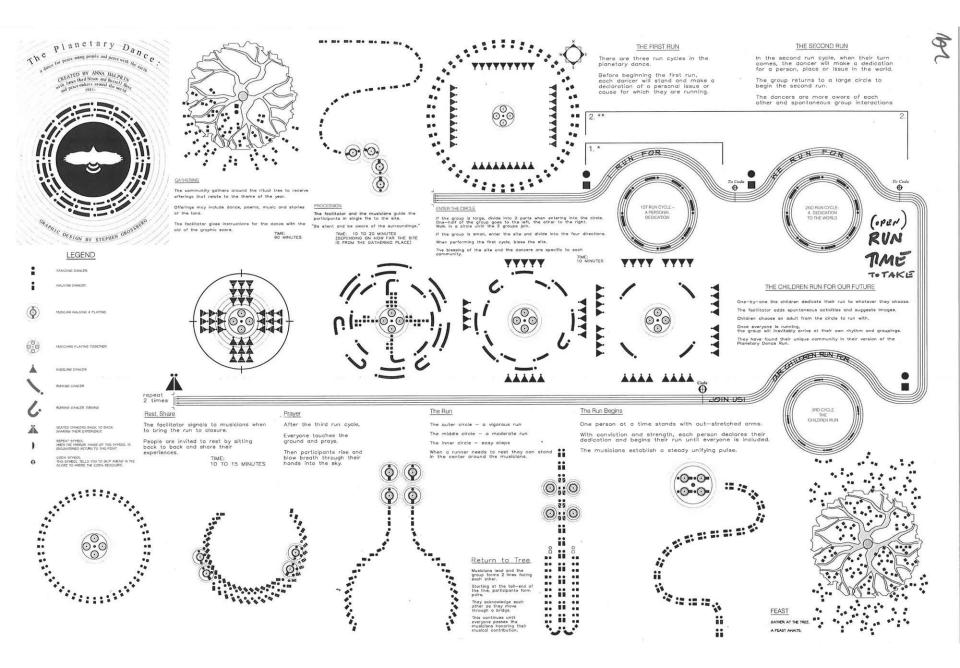
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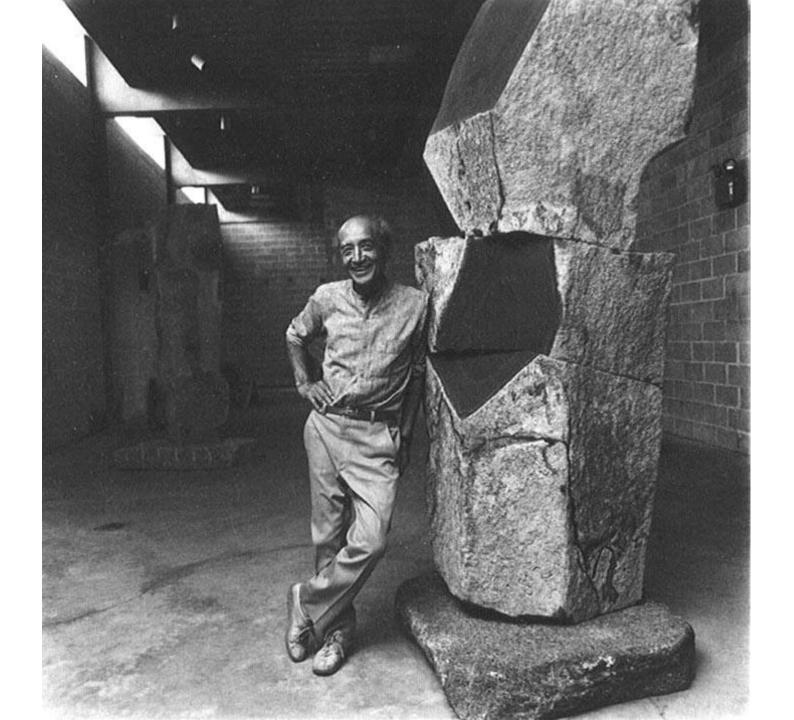


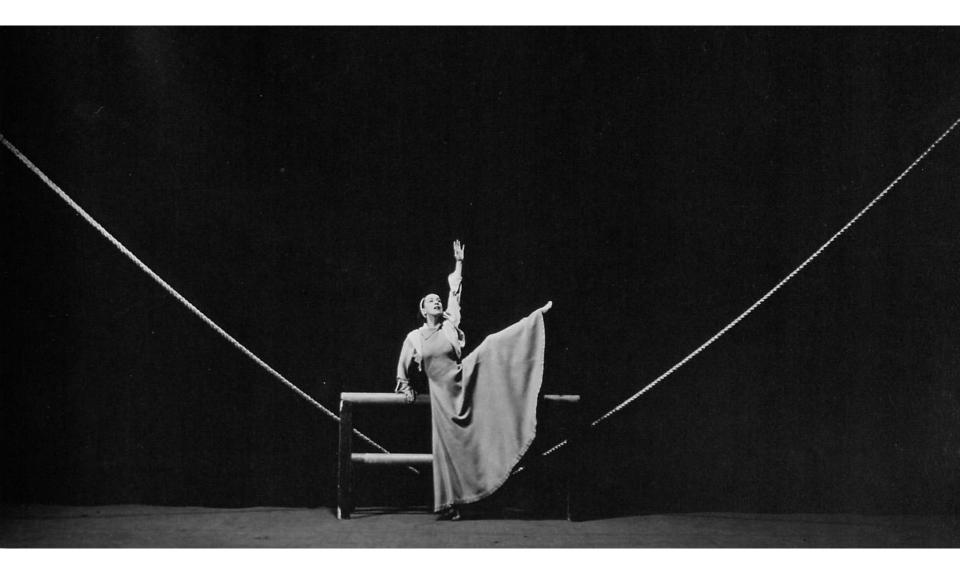


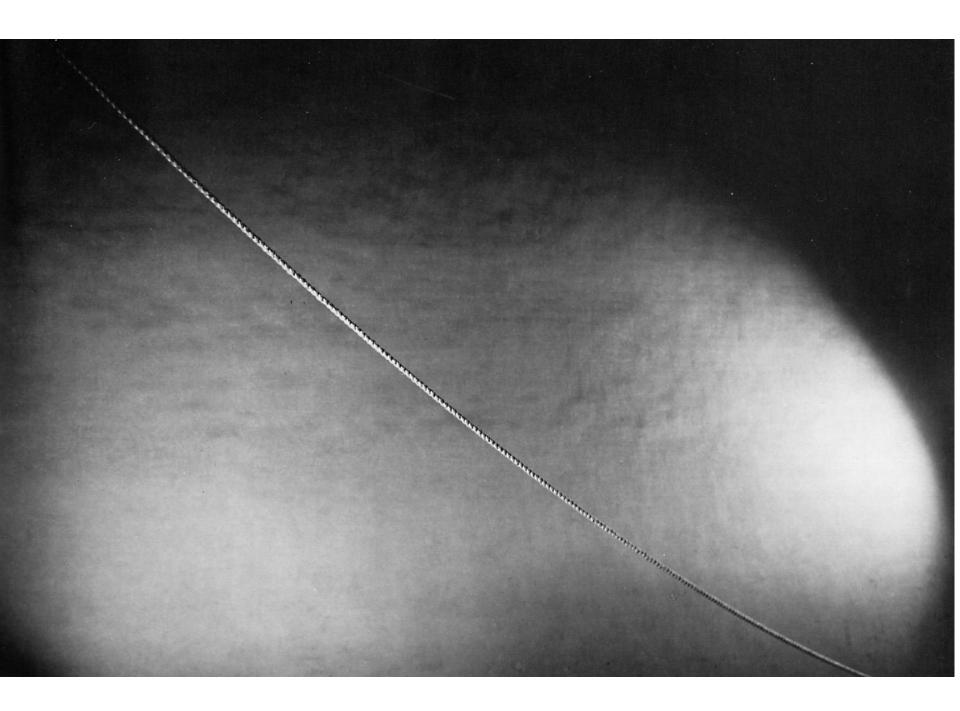
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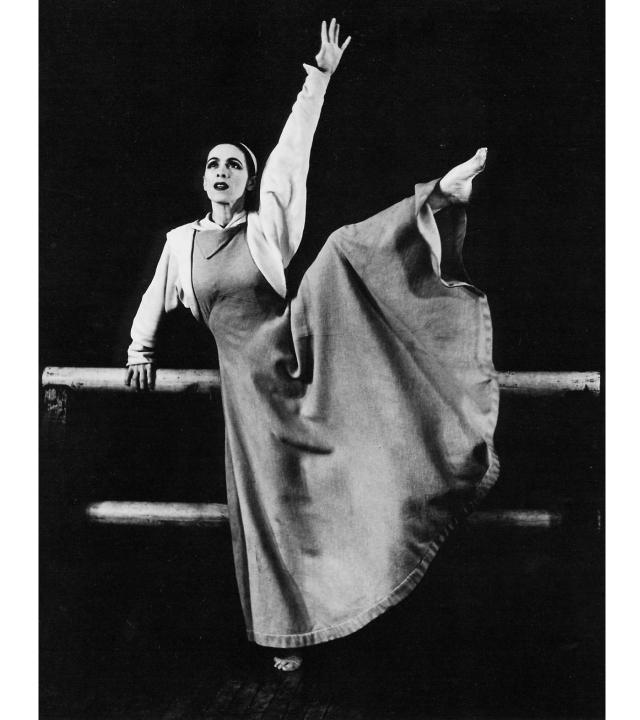
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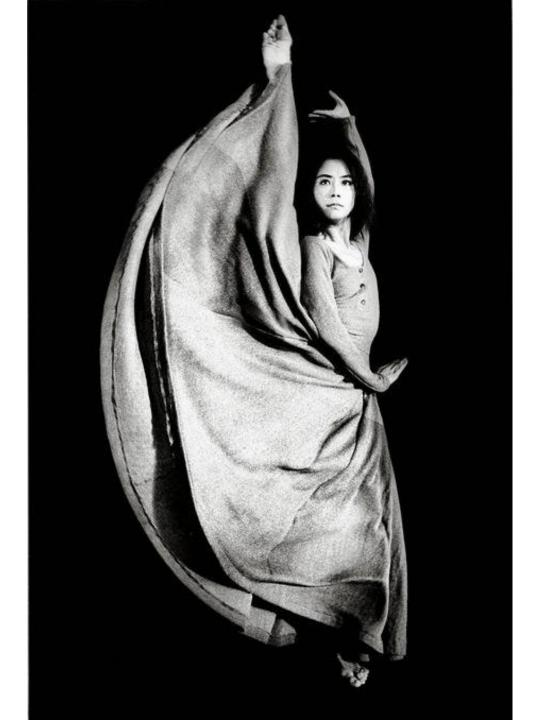












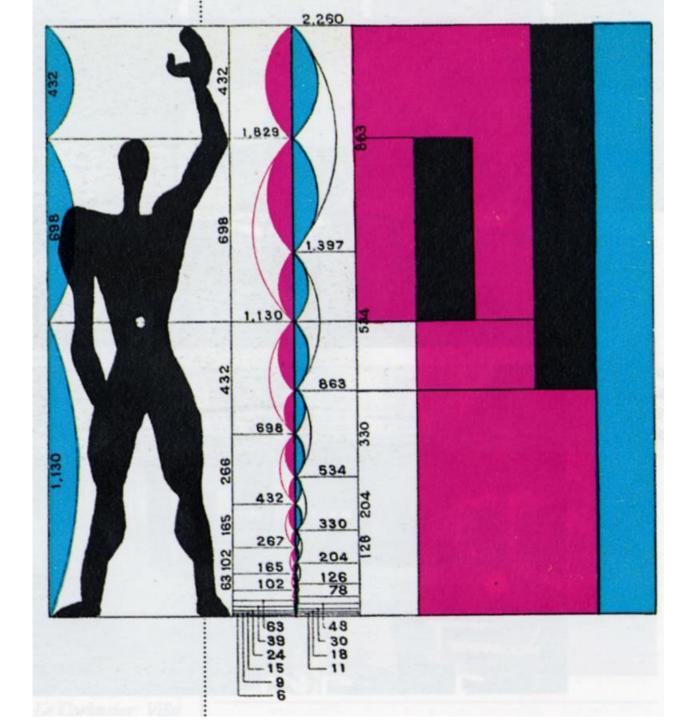


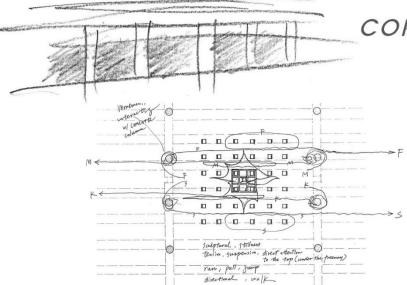


Music and poetry exist in time,

Painting and architecture in space,

But dance lives at once in time and space.





### CORRUPTION OF THE TEMPLE OF REASON

A derelict landscape among the columns at a highway underpass, an urban 'temple' of our time.

A compressed void sandwiched between vibrating sound of speed and ground of dust.

'Corruption of the Temple of Reason' was a site-specific performance involving an architectural installation, dance movements and music improvisation, set among the concrete columns under Highway 59 near Montrose Avenue in Houston, before the elevated highway structure was deconstructed. Flora Yeh choreographed the dance sequence and set the action framework for four dancers.









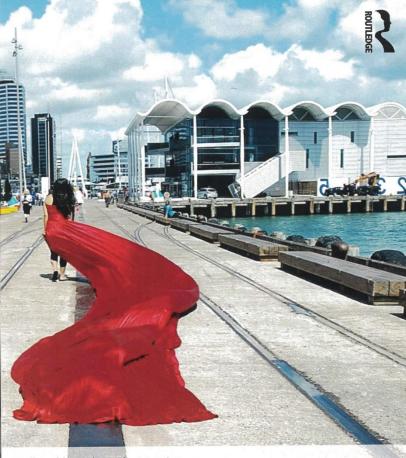
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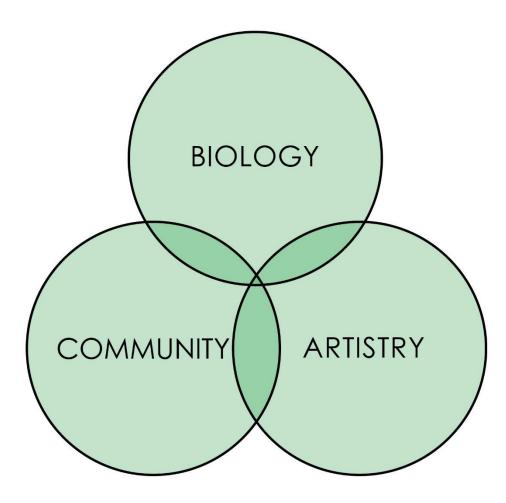
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### Concept, Space and Time

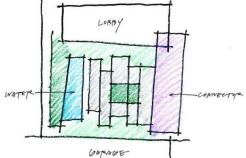
## Meaning, Place and Event



works by Flora Yeh





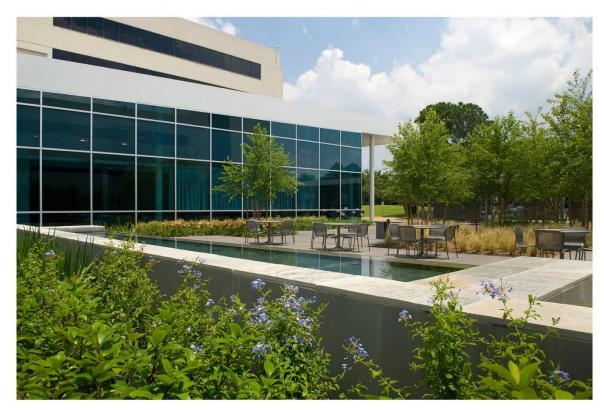




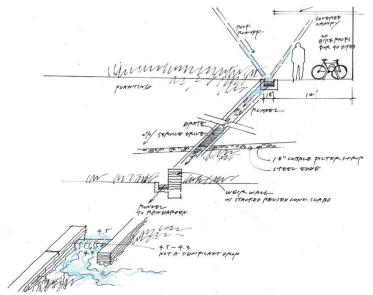
#### WESTERN GECO COURTYARD SYNCOPATED PHRASE

Designed to enhance the lobby addition, the courtyard provides a place to pause and breathe during the hustle of a fast-paced day. Flora Yeh was the project landscape architect for Clark Condon Associates working closely with the client and the architects at Gensler. Just like an off-beat syncopated phrase in music, the courtyard form fused with plants, stone and water is designed to create a relaxing break from a regular work flow.

The simple rhythmic pattern of pavement woven with shimmering foliage of riverbirch and soft feathery grass leads people to the long pool of water. Perennial colors provide seasonal interest. A reflecting sheet of water rolls over the fountain edge. Movable tables and chairs near the refreshing sound of water encourage people to pause and sit.



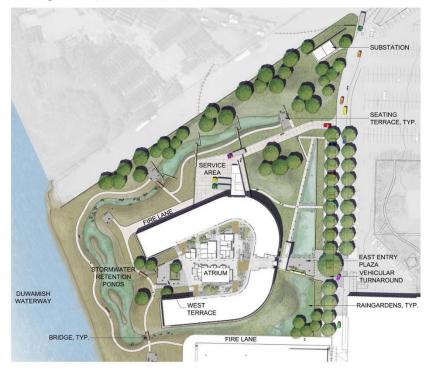
#### FEDERAL CENTER SOUTH RECOVER AND REGENERATE



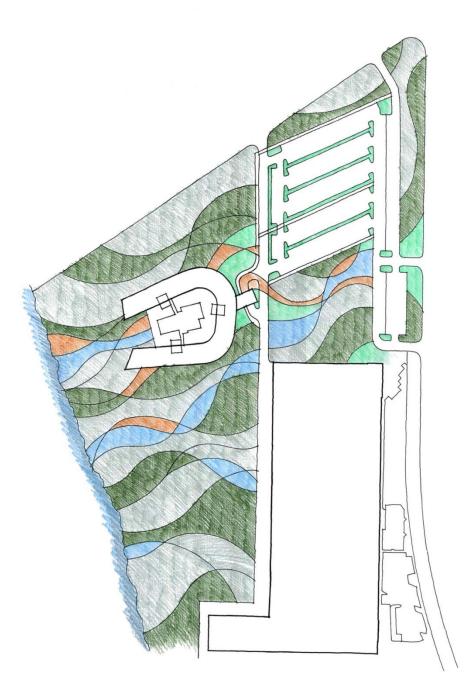
Federal Center South redevelopment transformed a superfund site by Seattle's Duwamish Waterway into a 21st century workplace for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District Headquarter. The highly collaborated design team was led by ZGF Architects. Flora Yeh was the design landscape architect and project manager for Site Workshop on this project.

Rain gardens and swales with native emergents are created as part of the site stormwater strategy. A trail system connecting various plazas and terraces provide spaces for repose and gathering. The 45-meter security zone around the building required by the Federal Government was integrated in the design through low retaining walls, boulder placement and other measures.

The Federal Center South received a LEED Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Buildings Council for its high-performance building and sustainable site development.

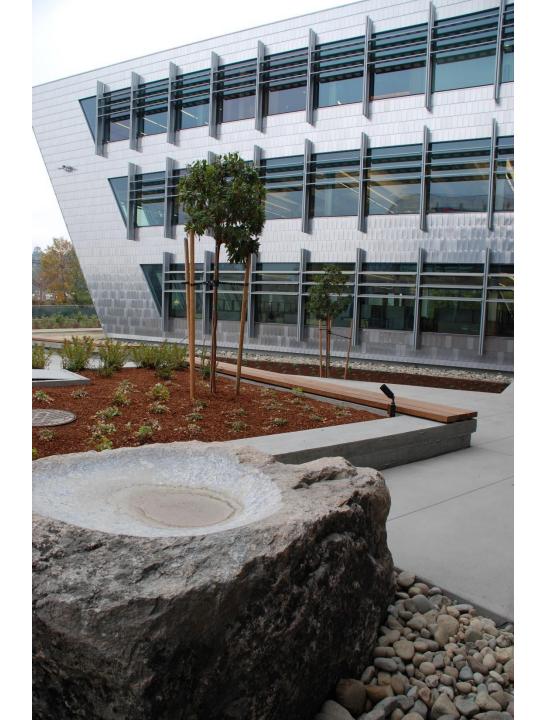






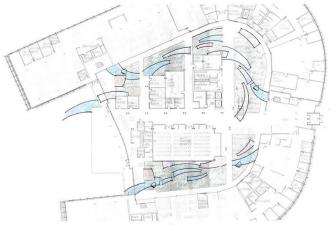






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## FEDERAL CENTER SOUTH - ATRIUM RIVER DANCE

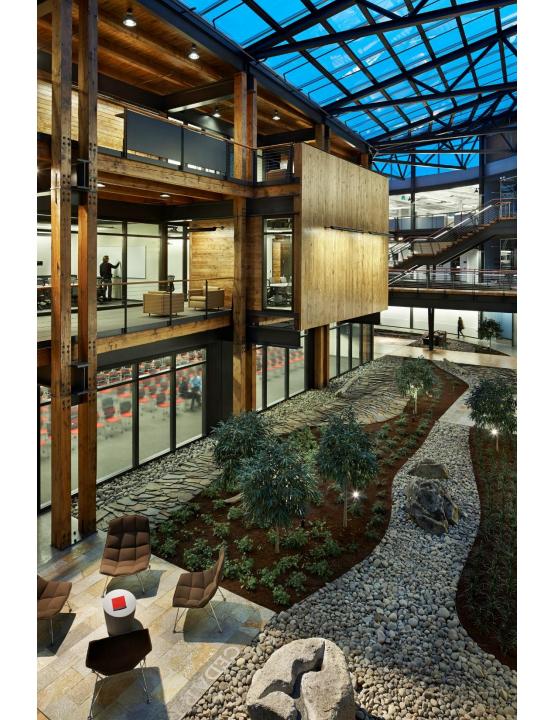
The Federal Center South building is divided into four quadrants, which are named after the four rivers that historically came together to form the Duwamish River. Offices take shape on the outside of the oxbow and surround the atrium. The atrium itself is a central gathering space fostering collaboration and creating a sense of community with extensive daylighting and views.

Flora Yeh with Site Workshop was the design landscape architect for the atrium landscape.

The concept of 'River Dance' is an interface between work of Army Corps and flow of waterway. Hardscape materials such as driftwood, river cobble and slate create surface texture variation and symbolize flow of rivers. Small trees and plants that can tolerate indoor environmental conditions while enhancing the architectural spaces are placed at the atrium. Meeting spaces with stone paving and furnishing are placed among the atrium landscape. Decking of reclaimed wood and stone paths connect the offices and the central commons.

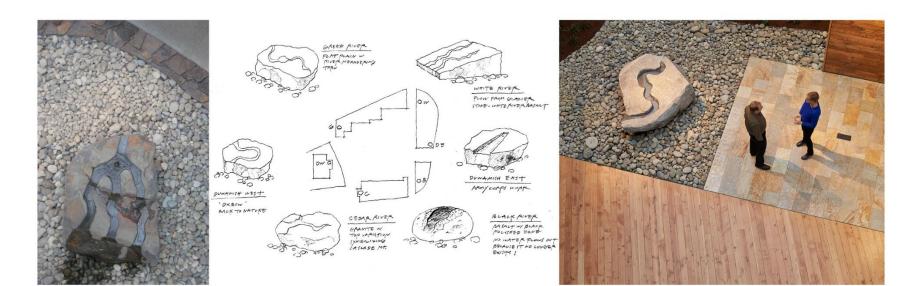






## FEDERAL CENTER SOUTH - ATRIUM EXPRESSING RAIN

Flora Yeh conceptualized the "source stones" representing the rivers in the region and Army Corps' works. The rain that falls on the Federal Center South building is collected and stored in a cistern, then reused for irrigiation, toilets and cooling tower. The rainwater is also sent to the 'source stones' in the atrium and recirculate. Flora worked with the stone sculptor, Daniel Haney, and coordinated with the architects and MEP engineers to create these spiritually-rewarding focal features in the atrium landscape.





## KIRKE PARK MAGIC AND MYSTERY



Located in Seattle's Ballard neighborhood, The development of Kirke Park transformed a defunct site into a vibrant neighborhood park. The 100' x 400' site is situated mid-block and surrounded by single family residences.

Comprehensive community outreach was an important process for this project. Flora Yeh was the lead designer for Site Workshop. Working closely with the community groups, the design team was eager to preserve the "magic and mystery" within the park. Among the guiding principles emerging from the community workshops are:

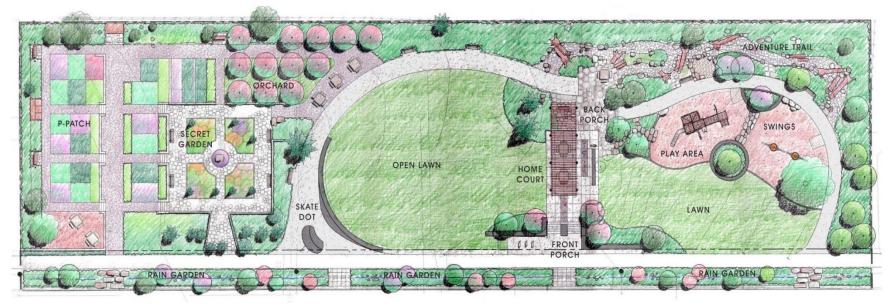
- Maintain and enhance the "spirit of the place".
- Create playful spaces for all ages.
- Integrate sustainability and stewardship into the design.

Kirke Park honors the Norwegian heritage of the neighborhood. Kirke,

"church" in Norwegian, also references the church that once stood at the site. The new park includes several "rooms" that reflect the site's past and the neighborhood's future.

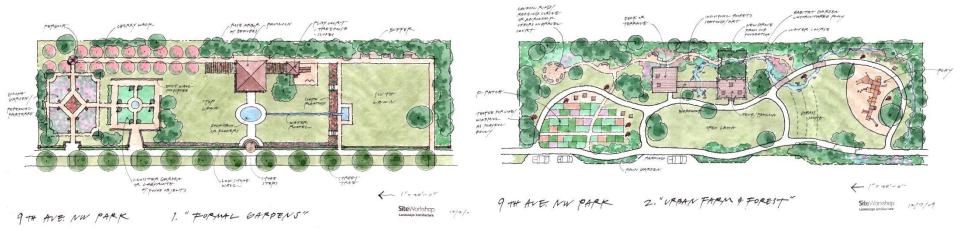
A community garden continues the site's history of producing food while the "secret garden" inside the preserved concrete walls of a chapel provides a contemplative space. A gathering plaza with an arbor structure connected to the open lawn, provides a space for community events and informal play. The active area includes play structures and an "adventure trail" that uses logs and boulders to promote a "nature play" environment.

Kirke Park was awarded with two-star certification by Sustainable Sites Initiative. It also received an Award of Design Excellence from the Seattle Design Commission.



















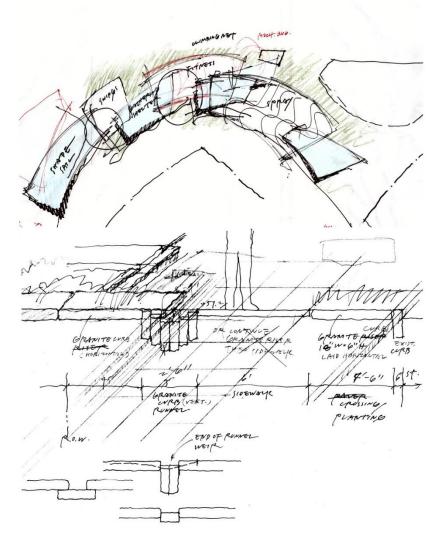


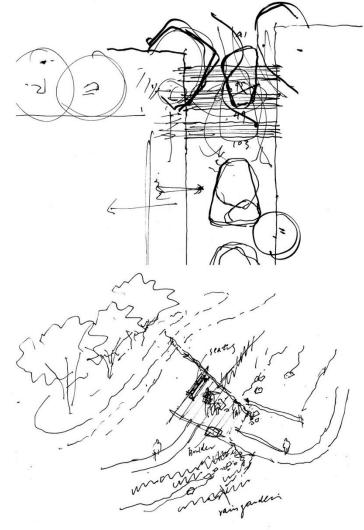






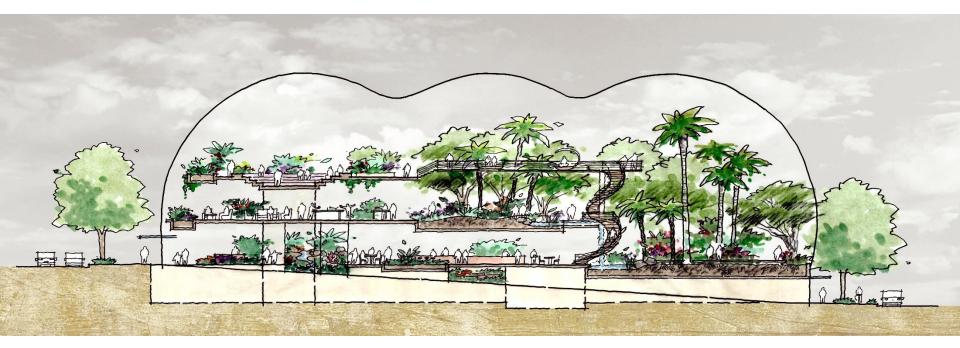
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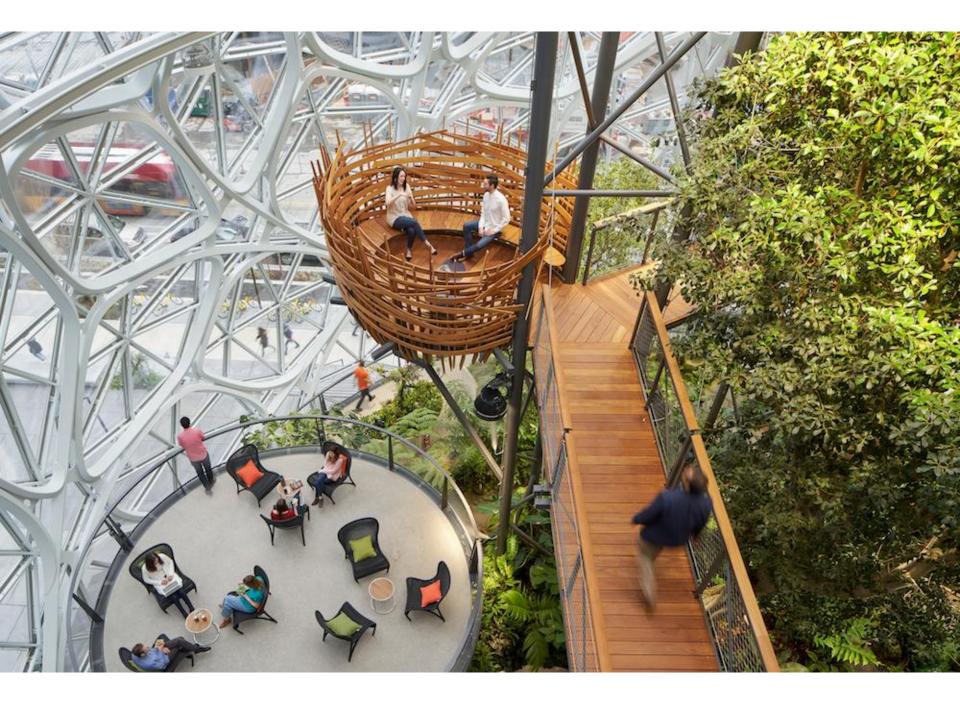


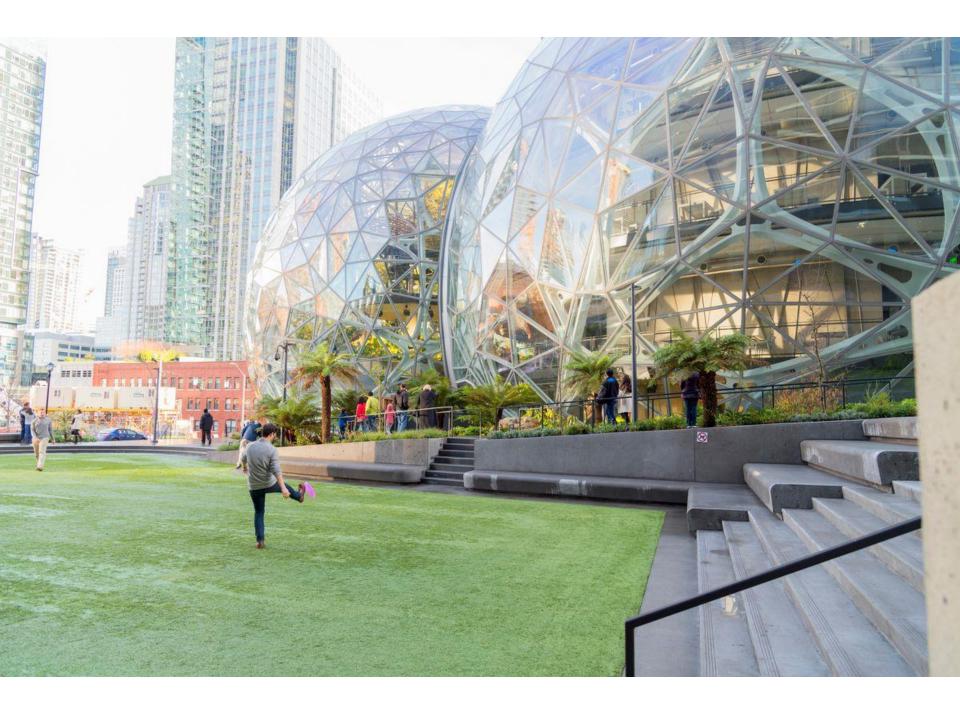




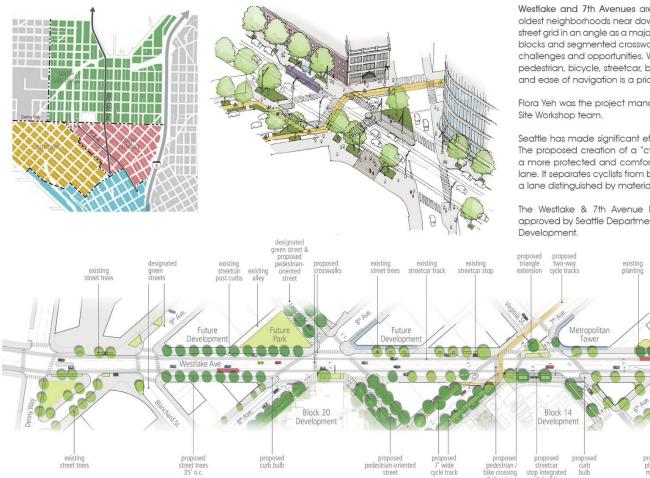








## WESTLAKE & 7TH AVENUE DESIGN PLAN WEAVING MOVEMENTS

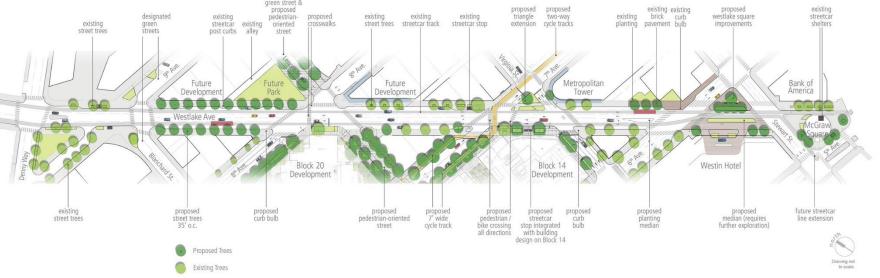


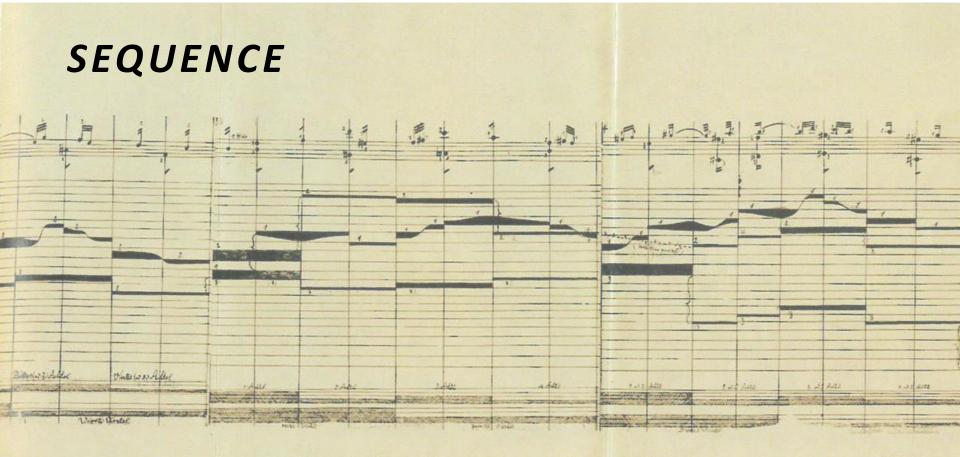
Westlake and 7th Avenues are located in the Denny Triangle, one of Seattle's oldest neighborhoods near downtown. Westlake Avenue passes through the street arid in an anale as a major thoroughfare. There are triangular islands, angular blocks and segmented crosswalks along the corridor. The unique pattern presents challenges and opportunities. Weaving the movements of multiple travel modes: pedestrian, bicycle, streetcar, bus and vehicle to ensure safety, sense of direction and ease of navigation is a priority of this Design Concept Plan.

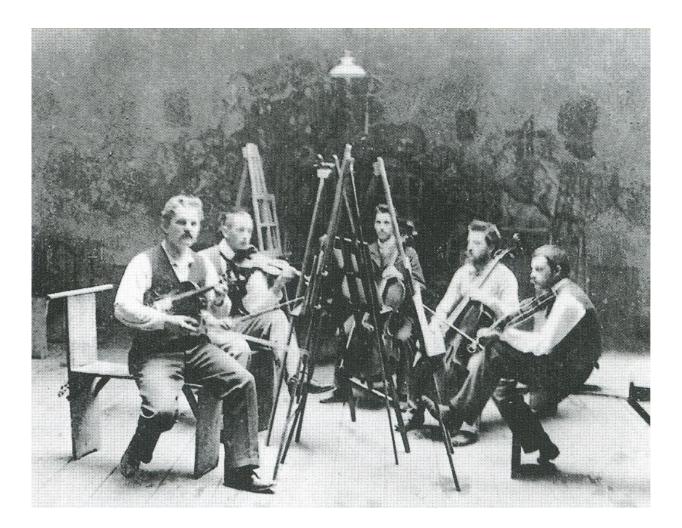
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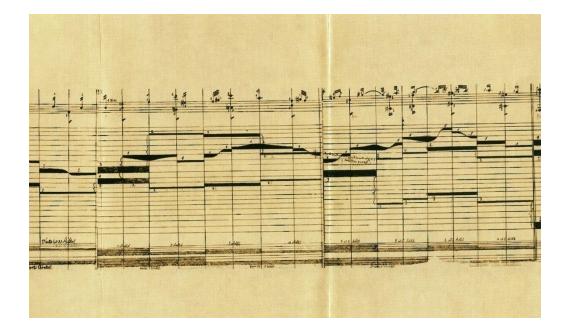
Seattle has made significant effort throughout the city to improve bicycle safety. The proposed creation of a "cycle track" on 7th Avenue is designed to provide a more protected and comfortable space for cyclists than a conventional bike lane. It separates cyclists from both vehicular traffic and pedestrian sidewalks with a lane distinguished by materials and buffered from vehicles with planted areas.

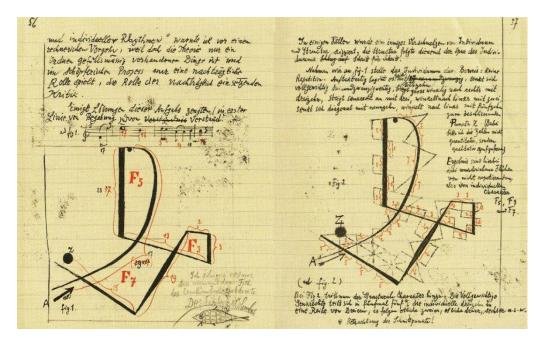
The Westlake & 7th Avenue Design Concept Plan has been reviewed and approved by Seattle Department of Transportation and Department of Planning &

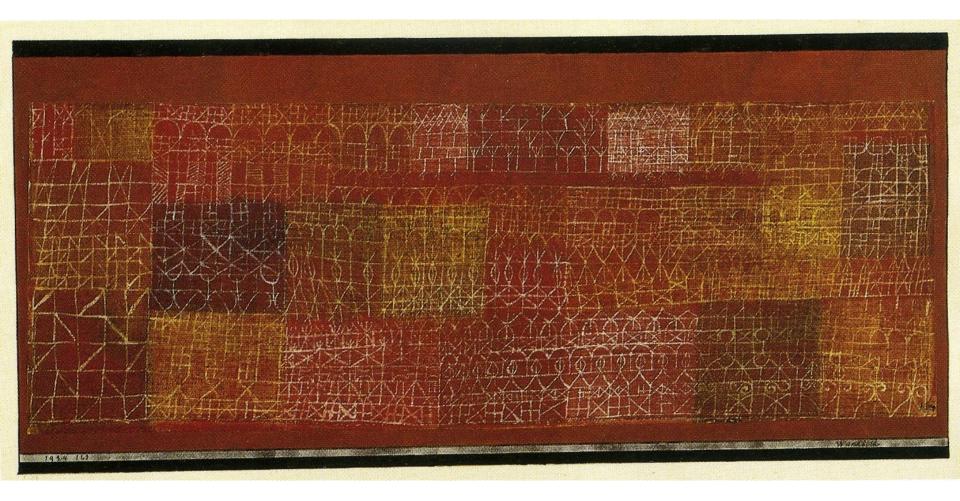






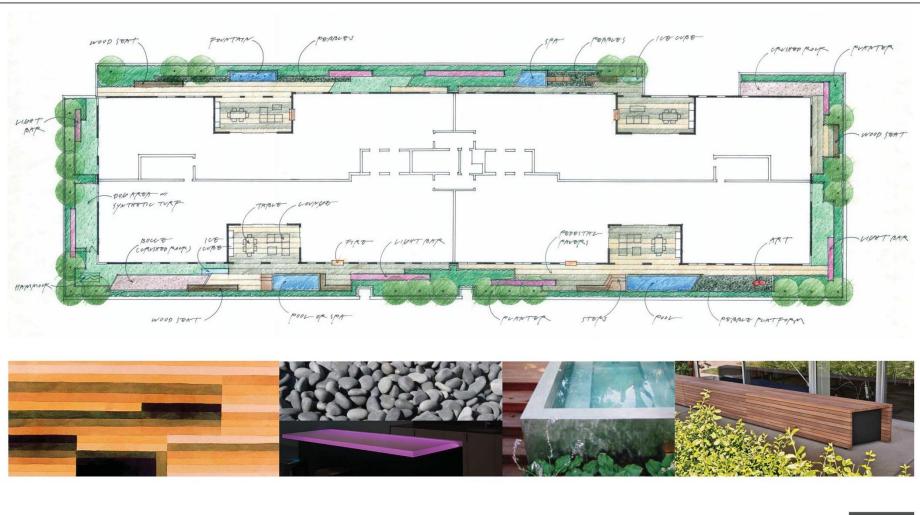












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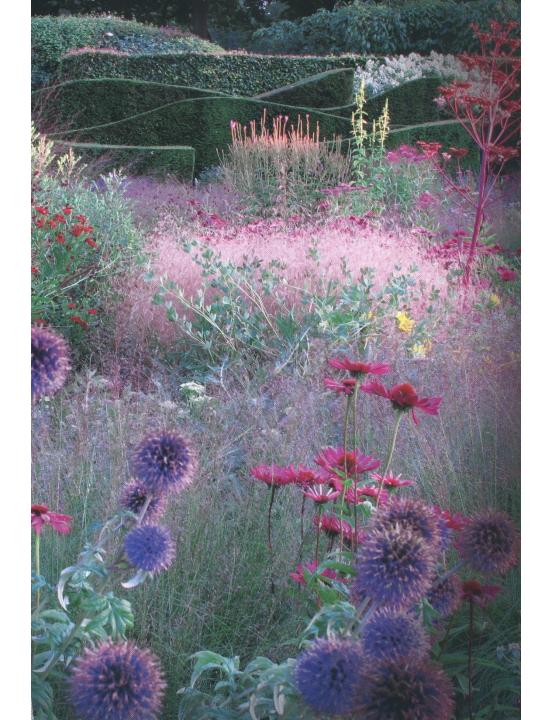


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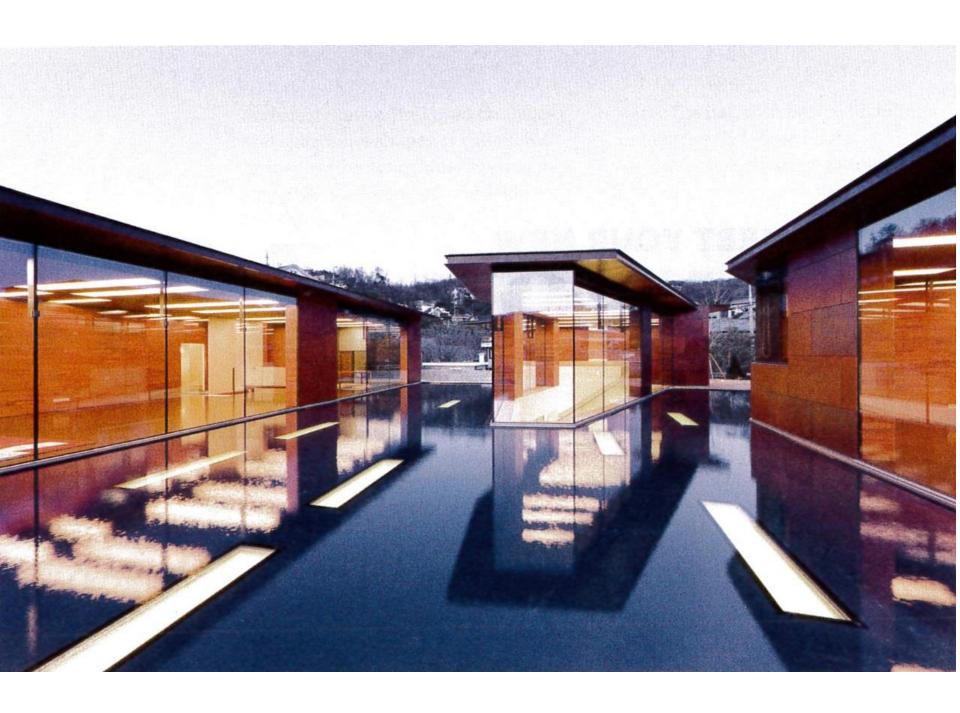
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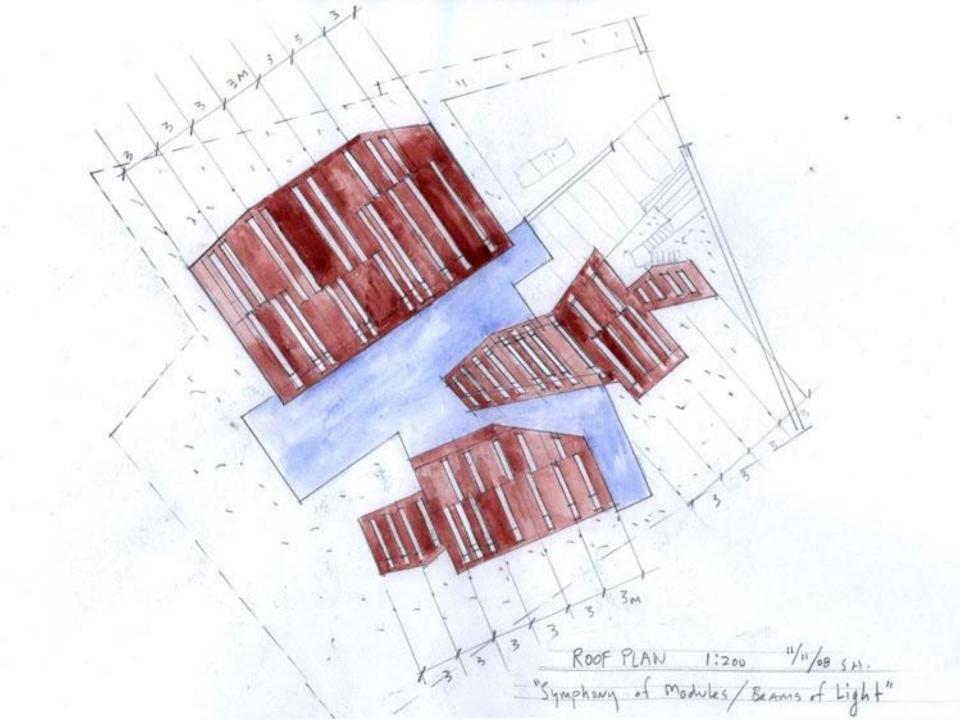








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- Steven Holl



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