

## Dunescape at P.S.1 MoMA

Sponsored by The Museum of Modern Art and P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, the Young Architects Program is an annual competition that gives emerging architects the opportunity to build projects conceived for P.S.1's outdoor courtyard in Long Island City. Selected as the winner in 2000 to create a structure for P.S.1's courtyard, SHoP designed a dunescape for the art center's summer music series event, Warm Up 2000.

Designed to provide a variety of ways to enjoy the summer weather, visitors can lounge, socialize, sunbathe, wade in pools, or walk through a spray of water mist to cool off. Five design elements, the cabana, beach chair, umbrella, boogie board, and surf, are placed along a continuous wood structure, comprised of over 6,000 individual 2"x2" cedar strips with a vinyl surface that bends and folds to accommodate various spatial configurations. When the surface is high in the air, it provides shade, when it is lower it provides inclined seating areas. When it is on its side, it becomes a thickened translucent wall, creating individual "cabanas" where visitors may change their clothing. As it twists onto the ground "lifeguard" stands also serve as "dancing" platforms. Water runs along the entire surface collecting in pools throughout the courtyard where the surface touches the ground. A mist garden disperses water throughout the air.

**Location.** Long Island City, NY

**Phase.** Completed June 2000

**Client.** The Museum of Modern Art, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center

**Area.** 12,000 sf



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