

## ARTEFACT

The artefact is a physical metaphor for a traveler; in the same way a traveler is tied to, burdened by, and motivated by his past, the wheel is tied to a stone weight that both drives and hinders its motion, provoking a movement that is at once both certain and confused– a hesitant back and forth rolling that stops where it begins, as if the artefact has a memory of its own.





A small stone attached to the wheel moves the artefact like a rolling pendulum.



The artefact moves back and forth, but not smoothly; it seems to hesitate before changing direction.

## ARCHITECTURE

The artefact inspired the design of a Youth Hostel in San Francisco, CA. The design is centered on a social space that is cantilevered over a reflecting pool, giving the entry to the building a tentative gravity that peels passersby off the street and into the building. The artefact provided poetic insight that led to an architectural expression that otherwise would not have been explored.



A cantilevered mass that contains a social space peels passersby off the street like a knife.

