# THE THEATER AND. THE PUBLIC

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"Once people used to come to the city in search of anonymity, diversity and the freedom to meet others. Cities were also places of collective struggle and solidarity. Now, just as the workplace is affected by a new system of flexible working, so the city, too, risks losing its charm as businesses and architecture become standardized and impersonal."

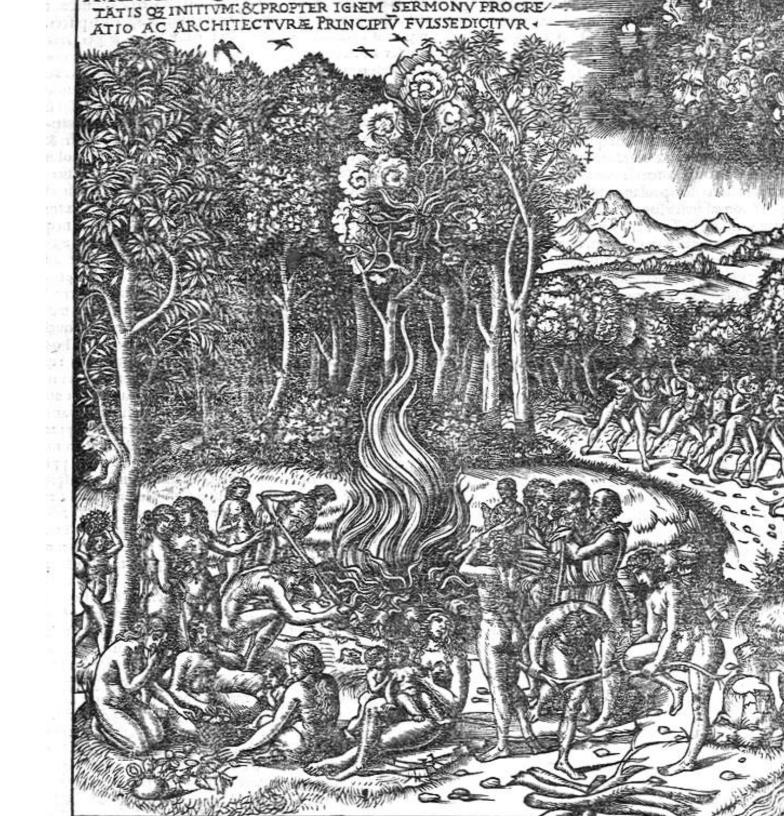
-Richard Sennett





# HOW CAN ARCHITECTURE EVOKE A MORE MEANINGFUL PUBLIC SPACE?





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## THE THEATRE

"A different mode of expression that celebrated not clear information but the poetic utterance, speaking to all our senses."

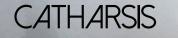
-Alberto Pérez-Gómez

## THEATRE-MUNDI

#### THE WORLD AS STAGE

## THEATRIC ATTIRE

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In both theater and public we experience catharsis. It is understood as a purification or reconciliation between the darkness of personal destiny and the light of the divine, as expressed in Greek tragedy.

The place of appearance or public space "is known as the place where I find myself and recognize my place through the other. Public space is a space full of embodiment, a space of dialog, gesture and erotic exchange"





"Always more there than what is (objectively) seen," that there is less of a division between ourselves and the things which "move us"

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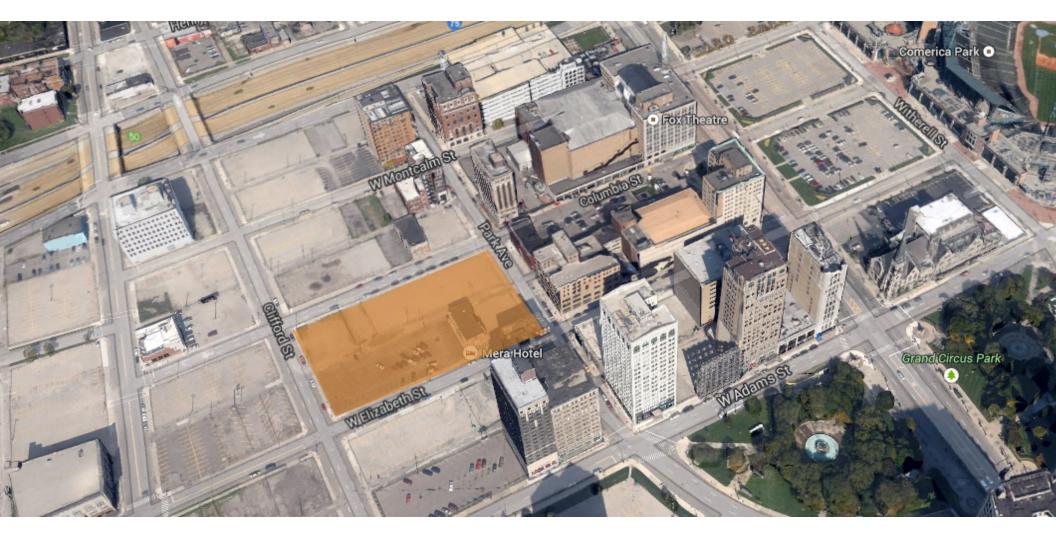
## DETROIT, MI







"..Literal and continuous mingling of people, present because of different purposes, is the only device that keeps streets safe. It is the only device that cultivates secondary diversity." – Jane Jacobs



#### DOWNTOWN DETROIT, MI



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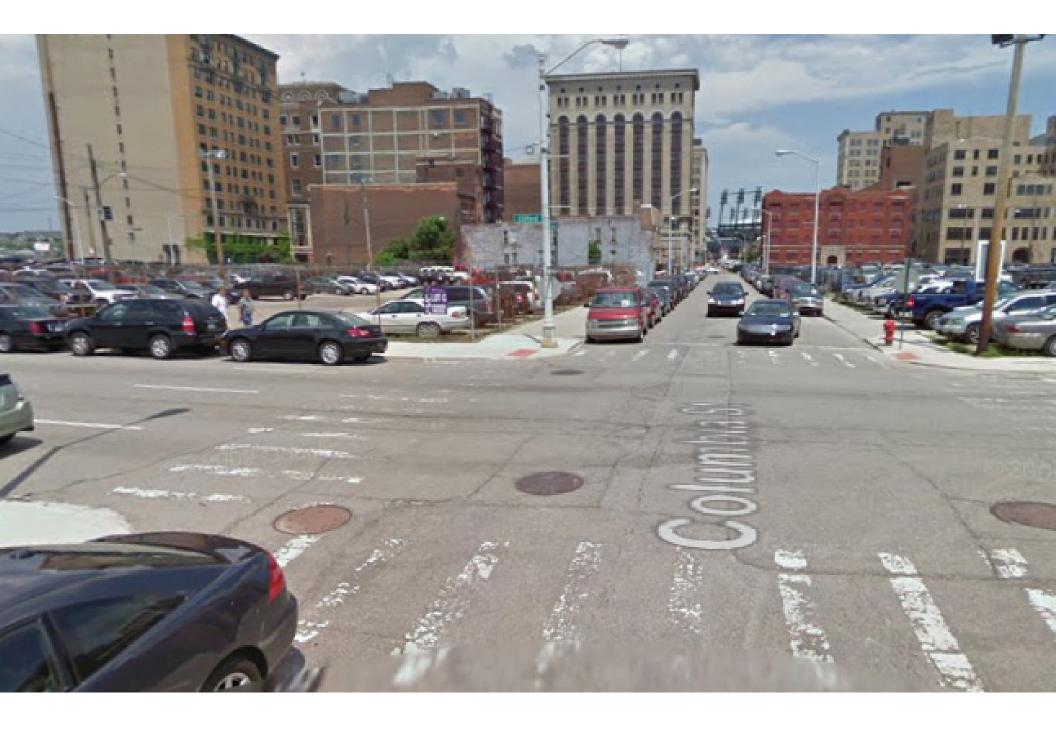
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## ARTEFACT - THEATRIC PERFORMANCE

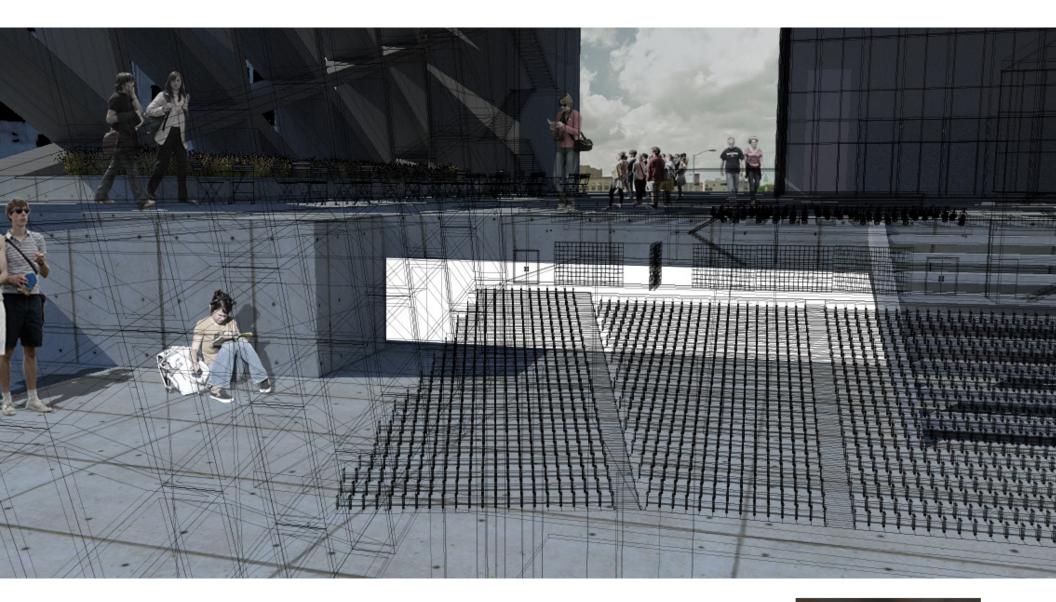




#### PUBLIC SPACE

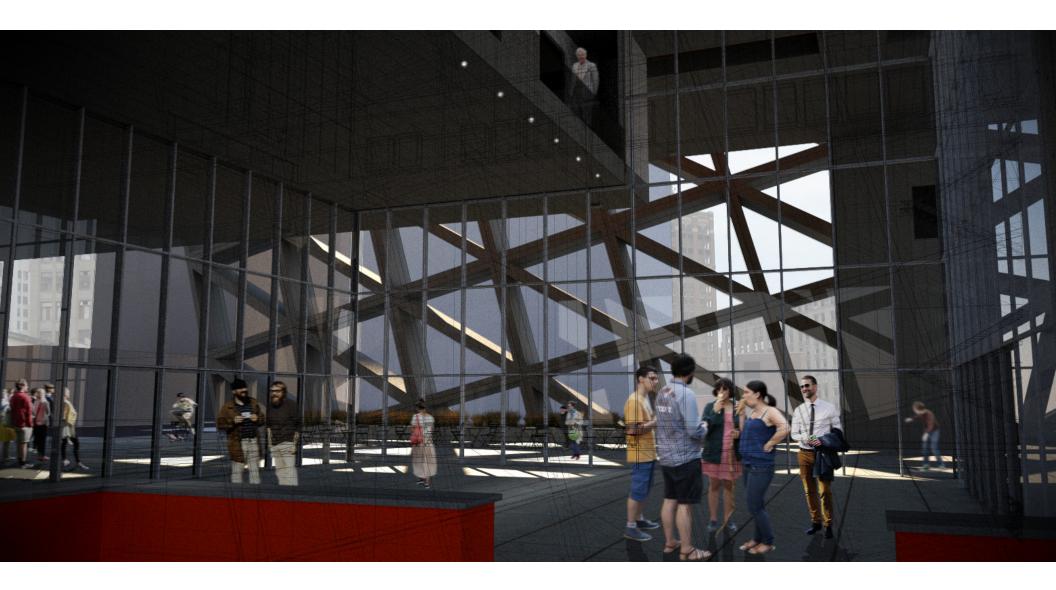






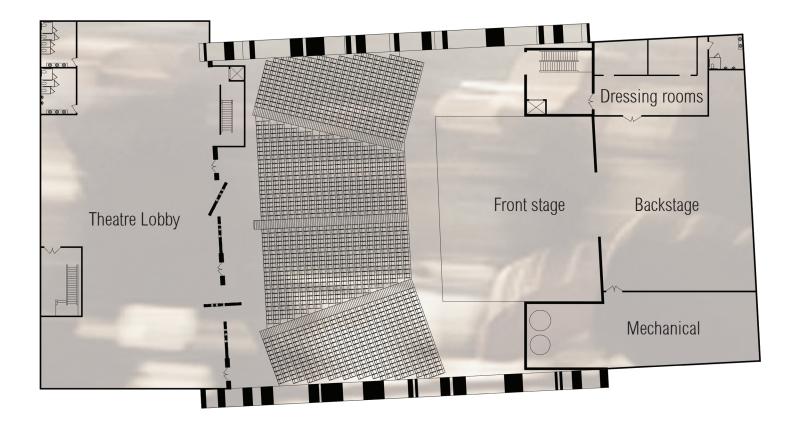


#### THEATRE REVEAL







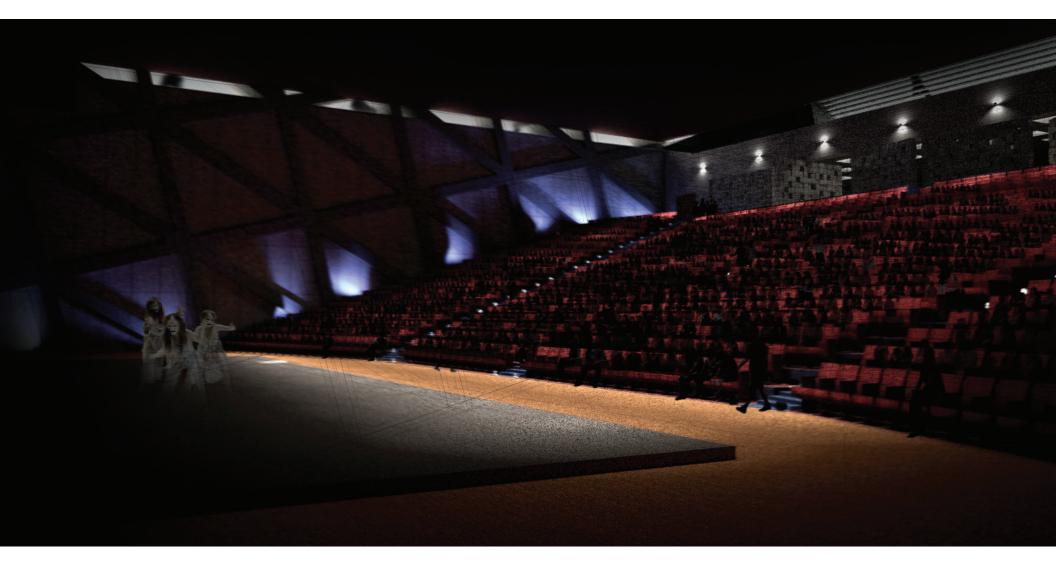


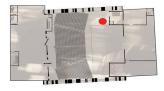
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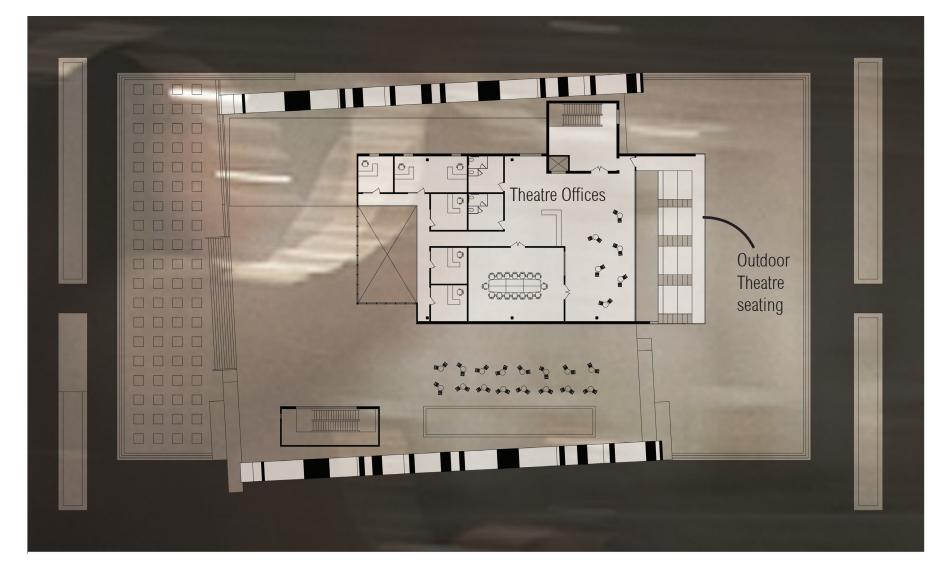




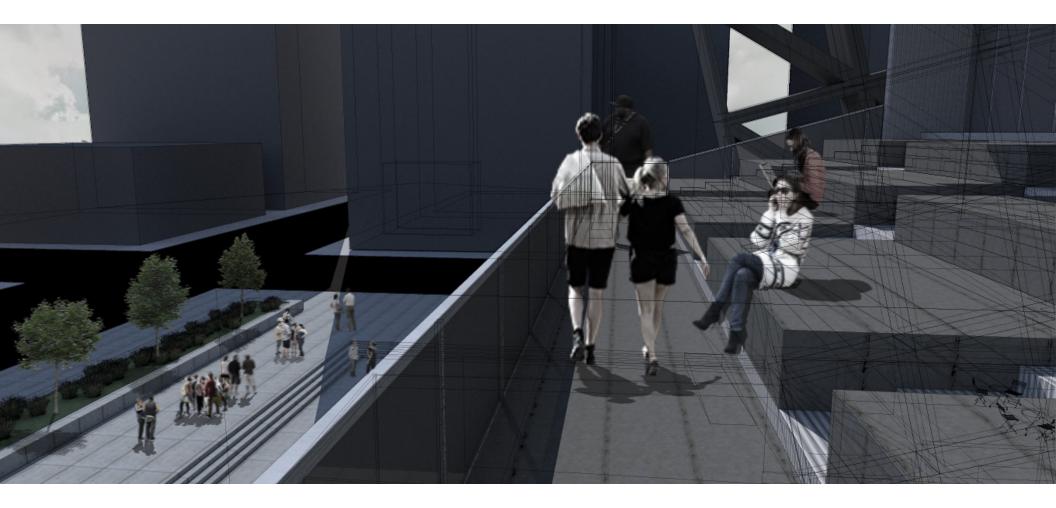






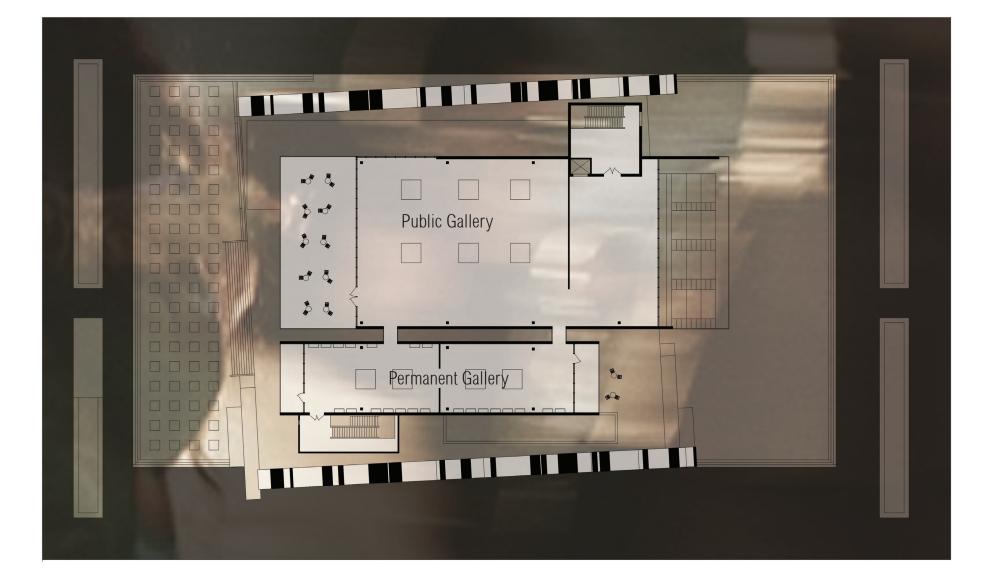


#### SECOND LEV/EL

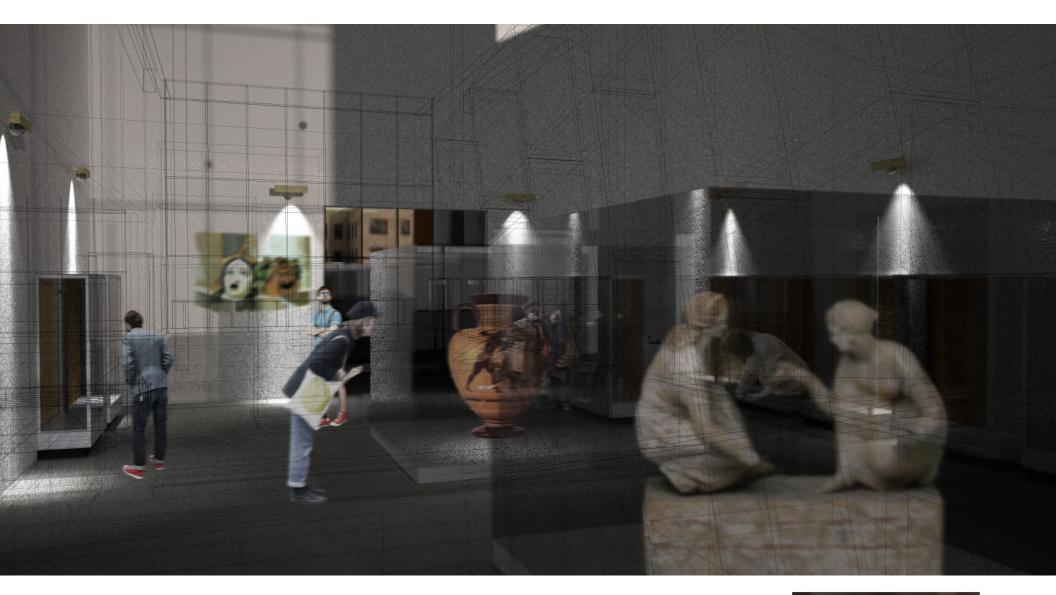


#### OUTDOOR THEATRE SEATING





#### THIRD LEVEL





#### PERMANENT GALLERY

