Refractive Architecture

A paradigm shift in educational design.

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“The mechanical is not something that acts without purpose, but whose purpose can be forgotten.” - Jonathan Powers
A mechanism that lingers over never to be seen
Are we any different?
“no place”
A prism of knowledge and education which allows for the optimization of the single in order to propel the many.
City of the Sun, a reductive utopia free from individuals
“The school is the manufactory of humanity.” - Comenius
Building Program:

- Fitness Gym
- Fitness Studios
- Meditation Spaces
- Open Classroom Studio
- Lecture Breakout Rooms
- Cafe
- Library
- Admin. Offices
- Outdoor Patios

Spaces of internal focus
Spaces of internal study
Spaces of dialogue
Kiesler’s

Endless House
“They could have walked on its curvilinear floors and imagined flying, sat on its curved walls and felt the intimacy of their bodies with the flesh of the house.”
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