

The "Light" at the Confluence Center

Summary

The "Light" at the Confluence Center represents the convergence of Technology, Arts and the Community. This social and cultural institution fuses the forms of an elevated "Light space" (a flexible exhibition/observation space) with a component tower designed as a cultural center. These flexible component spaces of the base can modify depending on future needs (Bars, restaurants-cafes, exhibit, classrooms, lecture, office, retail, hanging garden, open spaces ... This concept of programmatic flexibility represents "Future proofing" and assures the adaptability and resilience beyond an "object". The masterplan extends from the base as the cultural program expands. The concept allows for Phasing: Tower 1, Smaller scaled tower 2 (tech based) and at grade entertainment plaza and water feature.

"Light Space" Exhibition Program

At the apex of the tower is "the Light Space". The "Light Space" is a flexible, large scale venue space with a rotating schedule of exhibitions. These exhibitions are a collaborative venture between installation artist and the Confluence Center. Exhibitions are monumental in scale and are defined as reflective, refractive, and cinematic in natural light and night lighting. The exhibition is a confluence of technology, optics, movement, and light modification. It is an enterprising mix of a "diamond" quality and "diachronic movement" either natural light or event lighting based. The Confluence will host emerging artists based on a proforma RFP. The RFP requires that the exhibition be viewed from the Bay Area and able to be viewed from inside the event space. Programs vary from virtual to installation art.

Architectural Form:

"Light space": Large scale exhibition venue designed to support installation art. Light, hologram, warped space, environmental art that is a cinematic paradigm will exploit reflection, refraction, transparency and prismatic light will be supported by natural and indirect sources. Artists and exhibitions should support a Confluence Center collaborative program

Tower: A 200 ft. 5/6 story, 20 ft. flr. To flr. hgt., structure supports about 3400s.f. per floor of exterior / interior flex program. Cladding varies from glass, metal and CNC/laser cut sheets. The tower is planned for a conjoined lower tower that supports a tech-based center with a bar restaurant on top. Total "full build" is about 7000 s.f. per floor.

Component Program: Component programs like computer parts are inserted and altered in the framework as required. Cafes, bars, restaurants, exhibit, gardens, outdoor space, offices, event spaces.....