

## PORTAL

A 10-story ring frames the view of city and sky. Stretched across the ring is a semi-transparent cable net that supports tens of thousands of hinged metal “leaves” that flutter in the wind, making the invisible visible. Evocative of waves of digital information, the fluctuating field becomes a fluid mirror of the sky, awakening viewers to the mystery of the atmosphere. The ring itself, with a framework of carbon steel, a skin of carbon fiber and filled with granules of carbon extracted from power plant exhaust, functions as a carbon vessel. The fabrication of the artwork will be net-zero. This kinetic artwork will draw all of its energy from the wind.

Fabricated of stainless steel cables and anodized aluminum panels, the fluid mirror will function for many decades with no required maintenance. Based on the experience of 3 decades of related kinetic installations, the artwork will be silent, harmless to birds, and non-distracting to motorists and pilots.

By opening a sensory window into the teeming motion of the air, the Portal will offer people the opportunity to nurture a deep sense of gratitude and wonder for the atmosphere. In contrast to much of the conversation around climate change that elicits a fear response, exposing people to the sheer beauty and magic of the atmosphere can begin to change their relationship with nature from thinking about it as a resource, to falling deeply in love with it.