

Les Grands Ateliers, L'Isle d'Abeau

The garden of the Grands Ateliers is the setting of an experimental workshop for students of architecture where 1/1 models and simulations can be assembled for pedagogical testing.

The buildings platform wedged into a molassic hillside required significant terracing. The entire topography is held in place by corten plates that act both as walls and steps in the garden.

A small amphitheatre enables students to meet for events critiques, and outdoor exhibitions. Densely planted slopes of the garden are stabilized with geo-textile drapes that spare water and weeding. The structured lines of the new project dissolved gently to rejoin an existing parc towards the rear of the new building.

The project received from the Region Rhône-Al-

pes the award for the Best Landscape Architectural Design in 2004.

Design:
Christophe Girot
with
Lipsky Rollet Architects
BET engineers

Client:
E.P.I.D.A.

Competition:
1st Prize

Selected Projects

Surface:
4 ha

Dates:
Competition 2000
Construction 2002
Awarded 2004

Budget:
3 million Euros



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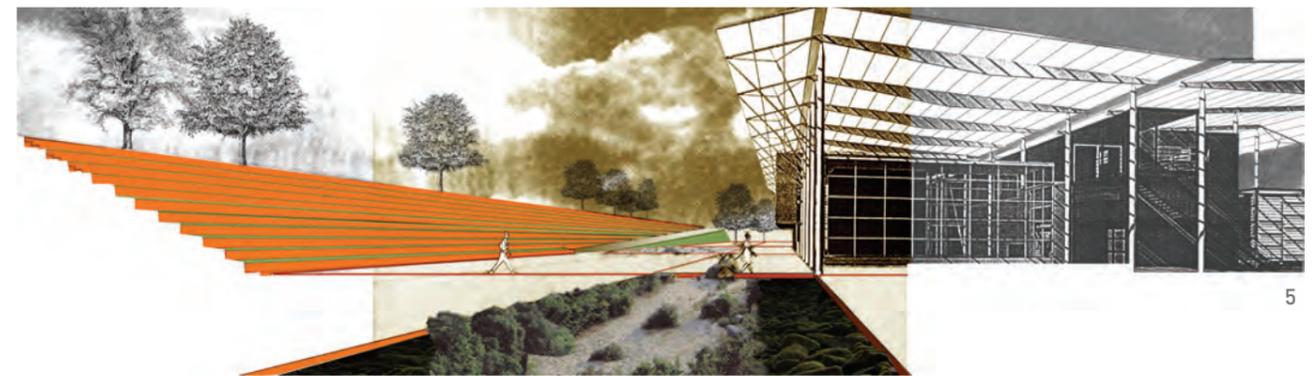
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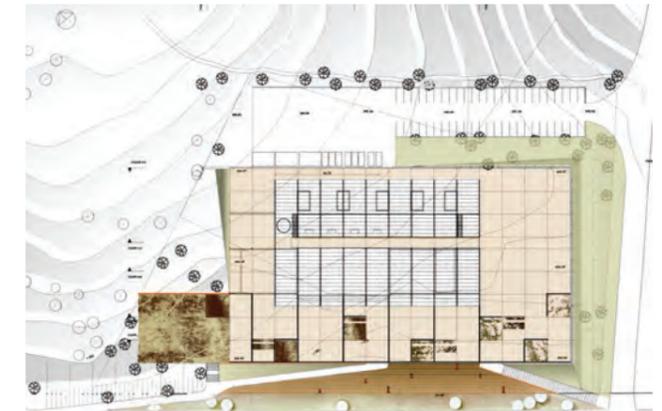
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- 1 View from the entrance
- 2-4 Corten edge details
- 5 Drawing of the amphitheater
- 6 Steps down into the courtyard
- 7 Project Master Plan



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- 1 Slope plantations
- 2 View of esplanade
- 3 Detail steps
- 4 Amphitheatre
- 5 Rear entrance
- 6 Amphitheatre