

# Office Profile

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# Atelier



Christophe Girot has been practicing internationally since 1986, and is based in Zurich since 2001. Atelier Girot brings together a broad variety of talents in the domains of landscape architecture, urban design and landscape infrastructure. We work at diverse scales, from the small garden level to the level of the city & larger territorial environments. Our shifting in scales demands the use of cutting edge technology in geo-referenced design & visualization tools able to create innovative design solutions.

Twenty-five years of experience committed to designing & building a new expression of nature that is in tune with our times, its challenges & needs.

We work at a new range of scales in landscape architecture from a garden to the level of town neighbourhoods and their environment. Our approach uses both conventional tools of design as well as new media such as video and modelling techniques in order to create innovative solutions. Our designs maintain a particular interest in integrating water as a re-generative element, using topographical strategies to promote water as a key design element as well as to define an ecological & sustainable water management.

Prize winner of many competitions, we have recently completed the Master Plan for the Central Campus in Zurich and for the Parco di Castello in Florence Italy. The Atelier is currently designing a large topographic project for the swiss tunnel engineering firm AlpTransit in Ticino. Christophe Girot, who has guided development strategies of several large scale urban design projects, was rewarded Fritz Schumacher Prize in urban design in 2001. Our landscape architecture designs have been extensively published in magazines and exhibited, amongst others at the *Groundswell* exhibition at the MoMA in New York, the exhibition *European Landscapes* at Harvard and the exhibition *Entry* in Essen Germany.

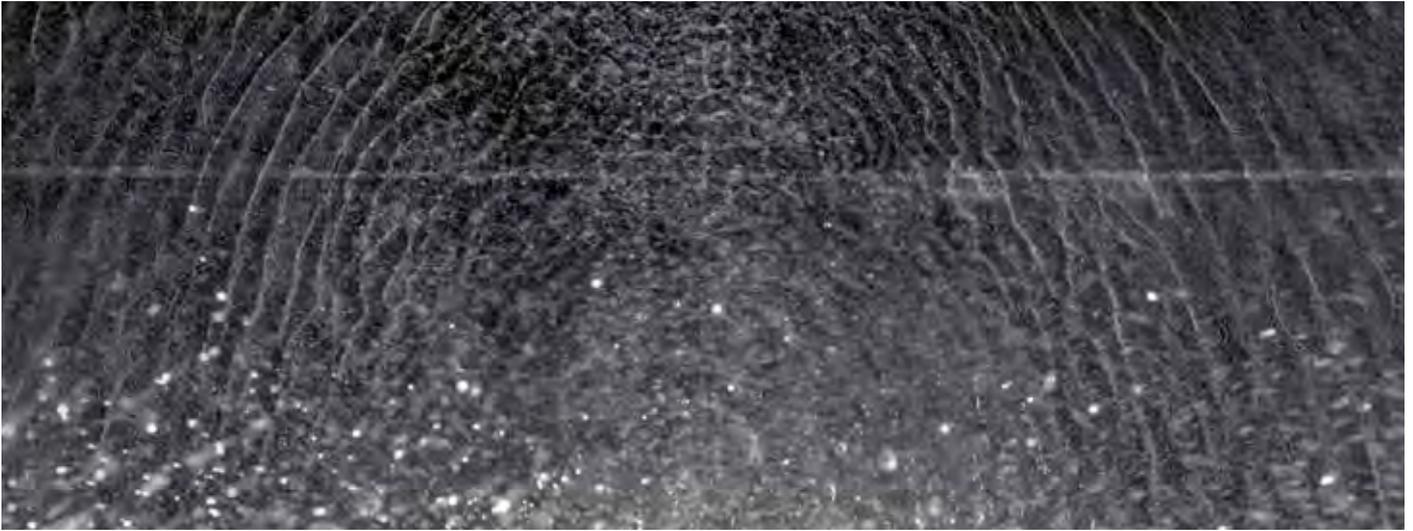
Among the many positions as expert consultant, Christophe Girot is on the curatorial board of the IBA Hamburg 2013.

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# Partners



Christophe Girot started a freelance landscape architecture practice in California and France in 1986. He became a partner in Atelier Phusis in Paris and later founded Onne located in Versailles. His teaching brought him to Zurich where he founded a partnership in 2000 named Vues and in 2005 Atelier Girot.

Christophe Girot received a double Masters in architecture and in landscape architecture at University of California at Berkeley. He has taught studios amongst others at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, the Royal School of Fine Arts in Copenhagen, the Institute for Urban Design in Stuttgart and at the ETSAB in Barcelona. In 1980, he was named professor at the Department of Landscape Design at the École Nationale Supérieure du Paysage in Versailles, France. He later became chairman of that department. Since 2001, he is Full Professor at the Chair of Landscape Architecture at the Department of Architecture of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH). He is an internationally recognized designer and expert in landscape architecture.

Yael Ifrah studied Architecture at UC Berkeley California. She started work at the Gap Inc. in San Francisco as merchandiser and became head merchandiser in France. She later founded a freelance consulting office to assist retail companies in store branding strategies and training. Parallel she also taught at several fashion design schools in Paris. In 1997, she becomes a partner in Onne and helped Christophe Girot organize the office in Versailles, and his move to Zurich. Partner in Atelier Girot, she completed a Masters of Advanced Studies Computer Aided Design in Architecture at the ETH Zurich in 2006. Her creative involvement in the office combined with her strong organizational skills can insure that the projects reach their objectives and best embody the visions defined.

# Selected Projects



2011  
Uniklinik Balgrist  
Zürich, Switzerland  
2.5 ha, 5 M. CHF



2010  
Quartu Sant'Elena  
Cagliari, Italy  
10 000 ha, N/A



2011  
Zollstrasse  
Zürich, Switzerland  
4 ha, 6 M. CHF



2010  
ZAC Seguin Ilot B3  
Boulogne, France  
50 ha, N/A



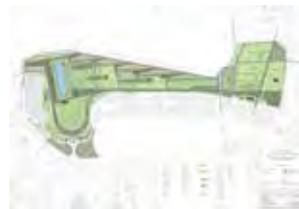
2011  
AlpTransit Depot  
Sigirino, Switzerland  
3.7 M. m<sup>3</sup>, 20 M. Euros



2009  
Polygone-Brûlard  
Besançon, France  
30 ha, N/A



2011  
Rhone Correction 3  
Sierre Chippis, Switzerland  
40 ha, N/A



2009  
Parco di Castello  
Firenze, Italy  
80 ha, 32 M. Euros



2010  
City Life Park  
Milano, Italy  
22 ha, N/A



2008  
Izuran Hotel Resort  
Marrakech, Morocco  
15 ha, 10 M. Euros



2010  
Lohsepark  
Hamburg, Germany  
5 ha, 10 M. Euros



2007  
Lower Don Lands  
Toronto, Canada  
50 ha, N/A



2010  
Würth International  
Rorschach, Switzerland  
3 ha, 5 M. CHF



2007  
Neunutzung St. Johann  
Basle, Switzerland  
3 ha, 21 M. CHF

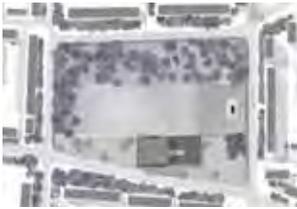
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2006  
Central Campus  
Zürich, Switzerland  
40 ha, 300 M. Euros



2000  
Jules Guesde Garden  
Alfortville, France  
0.7 ha, 300 000 Euros



2004  
Jewish Museum Park  
Warsaw, Poland  
2 ha, N/A



2000  
Park Saint-Serge  
Angers, France  
2 ha, 2 M. Euros



2004  
Nordküste  
Affoltern, Switzerland  
20 ha, N/A



1999  
Lycée Gustave Eiffel  
Rueil-Malmaison, France  
2 ha, N/A



2003  
Limmatquai  
Zürich, Switzerland  
4 ha, 20 M. CHF



1997  
Invalidenpark  
Berlin, Germany  
3 ha, 10 M. Euros



2002  
Park O.-M. Fiat  
Milano, Italy  
30 ha, 15 M. Euros



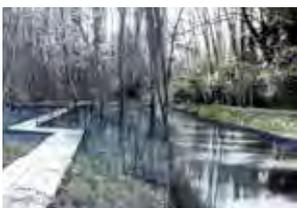
1997  
Parc des 6 Arpents  
Pierrelaye, France  
2.5 ha, 460 000 Euros



2002  
Grands Ateliers  
Isle d'Abeau, France  
4 ha, 3 M. Euros



1994  
Jeanne d'Arc Garden  
Paris, France  
1.5 ha, 750 000 Euros



2000  
Campus Orsay  
Orsay, France  
300 ha, 30 M. Euros



1993  
Sudraum  
Leipzig, Germany  
10 000 ha, 100 M. Euros

# Summary

## Projects

Uniklinik Balgrist, Zürich, (2.5 ha) with Schmid & Schnebli Architekten. Project Phase 2011-2013.  
Zollstrasse, Zürich (4 ha) with agps Architekten. Masterplan 2011-2012.  
Alp Transit Depot, Sigirino (Switzerland), (3.7 M. m<sup>3</sup>). Landscape Intergration. Project Phase 2009-2013.  
Rhone Correction 3, Sierre Chippis, (40 ha) with AlpA Sàrl. Project Phase 2010-2013.  
City Life International Competition, Milano, (22 ha) with Giugiaro Architettura, Spadolini Architetti, Fagnoni Associati. 3<sup>d</sup> Prize 2010.  
Uniklinik Balgrist, Zürich, (2.5 ha) with Schmid & Schnebli Architekten. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2010.  
Werkhof Scheidegg, Winterthur, (2.5 ha) with Gramazio Kohler Architekten. Competition 2010.  
Würth International Waterfront Park, Rorschach, (3 ha) with Gigon Guyer Architekten. Project Phase 2010.  
Schloßinsel Park, Hamburg, (2.5 ha). Competition 2010.  
Lohsepark, Hamburg, (5 ha) Competition, 2<sup>d</sup> round 2010.  
Yantai Development, Shandong, (20 ha) with Keller Architekten. Project Phase 2009.  
Parco di Castello, Firenze, (80 ha) Europrogetti La Fondiaria, Città di Firenze. Project 2005-2008.  
Izuran Hotel Resort, Marrakech, (15 ha) with Associati Architects. Project Phase 2006-2008.  
Lower Don Lands, Toronto, (50 ha). Restricted competition 2007.  
Private Garden, Gockhausen-Zürich. Designed, Built 2007.  
Finestre di paesaggio, Santa Cesarea Terme, with C+S Associati & ATA Engineering & Vittorio Savi. Competition 2007.  
ZAC Seguin Ilot B3, Boulogne, (1 ha) with Lipsky + Rollet Architectes. Competition 2006. Built 2012.  
Regional Headquarters Hangchow, China, (10 ha) with Burkhalter & Sumi Architekten. Project Phase 2006.  
Central Campus, Zürich, (40 ha) Masterplan. Project Phase 2007-2025.  
The Pod, Corner Stone Festival of Gardens, Sonoma California. Designed, Built 2005.  
Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw, (2 ha) with Mateo Arquitectura. Competition 2004.  
Hollyforest, Wald (Switzerland), (10 ha). Masterplan 2005.  
Scheller Areal, Dietikon (Zürich), (3 ha) with SAM Architekten. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2004.  
Park O.M. FIAT, Milan, (30 ha) with De Ferrari & PLG Architetti. Competition 1998. Built 2002.  
Limmatquai, Zürich, (4 ha). 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2003.  
Hotel Beau Rivage, Biel, with E2a Architekten. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2002.  
Les Grands Ateliers, Ile d'Abeau, (4 ha) with Lipsky + Rollet Architectes. Competition 2000. Built 2002.  
Jules Guesde Garden, Alfortville, (0.7 ha). Competition 1998. Built 2000.  
Seine Rive Gauche, Paris, (15 ha) with Lipsky + Rollet Architectes. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2001.  
Campus Master Plan, Orsay, (300 ha) with Lipsky + Rollet Architectes. Competition 2000. Project Phase 2000-2020.  
CHAPSA homeless shelter, Nanterre, (1.5 ha) with Hubert + Roy Architectes. Built 2000.  
Park Saint Serge, Angers, (2 ha) with Dusapin + Leclerc Architectes. Competition 1996. Built 2000.  
Lycée Gustave Eiffel, Rueil-Malmaison, (2 ha) with Hubert + Roy Architectes. Competition 1995. Built 1999.  
Forum Place, Fontainebleau, (10 ha) with J.P. Buffi Associés 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 1999.  
Invaliden Park, Berlin, (3 ha). Competition 1992. Built 1997.  
Parc des 6 Arpents, Pierrelaye, (2.5 ha). Competition 1992. Built 1997.  
Sudraum Leipzig, Idea Competition, Leipzig, (10.000 ha) 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 1993.  
Jeanne d'Arc Garden, Paris, (1.5 ha) with Devillers + Perrot Architectes. Competition 1990. Built 1994.

## Studies & Consulting

Comune di Quartu Sant'Elena, Cagliari, (10.000 ha), Study Phase 2009-2010.  
Quartier Brulard, Besançon, (30 ha) with Atelier Seraji Architecture, Study Phase 2009-2010.  
Study Letzigrund, Zürich, (40 ha) with Patrick Gmür Architekt, 2004.  
Study Affoltern, Zürich, (20 ha), 2004.  
Imagine, Feltre's Landscape, Feltre, (400 ha), 2002.  
Renault-Factory Site plan, Ile Seguin Boulogne, (50 ha) avec J.P. Buffi Associés, 1994.

## Exhibitions & Publications

*Landscapes*, Deutsches Architekturmuseum, Frankfurt am Main, 2010.  
Gallery Lucy Macintosh, Lausanne, 2009.  
*Architecture Durable*, Pavillon de l'Arsenal, Paris, 2008.  
*Entry 2006*, Essen, 2006.  
*Voies Publiques*, Pavillon de l'Arsenal, Paris, 2006.  
*Contemporary Swiss Landscape*, Harvard University GSD, 2006.  
*Groundswell Exhibition*, MoMA, New York, 2005.  
*Cadrages Le Regard Actif*, ETH Zürich, 2002.