



Seoul Performing Arts Center, Seoul, Korea
International Architectural Competition: 2005
Project scope: complete competition project design
Project size: 820,000 sq. ft.

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In 2005, the city of Seoul organized an international competition for a new Performing Arts Center on an existing island in the Hang River. The program for the new center consists of an opera house, a concert hall, a music conservatory, museum, recording studios and other support functions. The proposal calls for a complete remake of the existing island. A series of 10 bands, each separated by water-gardens, harmoniously divides the event occurring above and below. While the program activities are generally located within the “bands”, the complete exterior is shaped as an accessible roof-scape. Differences between landscape and building are not apparent and the entire island develops into a solid “mountainlike” shape in the river.

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