

APERTURE

TORONTO CANADA

Project Credits

Cleint: The Waterfront BIA
Program: Installation
Location: Toronto, Canada

Structure: Timber
Lot Area: N/A
Size (GFA): 1.5 m2 to 7.5 m2

Design: 2017
(Competition Entry)

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Just as telescopes provide astronomers with a new perspective on the sky, Aperture offers Torontonians a fresh look at their urban and natural surroundings. Five plywood frames present focused city and lake vistas that make for great photo opportunities. Positioned in a constellation-like arrangement, Aperture's components also create an intriguing optical illusion. When one peers through the installation's northernmost frame, the four structures in front of it appear to be identical, evenly spaced vertical forms. In fact, these boxes — while consistent in height and depth — become progressively wider to the south. The spacing between Aperture's five frames also varies, doubling sequentially from north to south to underscore one's transition away from downtown's congestion towards the serenity of Lake Ontario. Standard wood materials ensure affordability and sustainability.