

(RE)CREATION

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Cleint: The Jardins de Metis
Program: Pavilion
Location: Grand Metis, Quebec, Canada

Structure: Timber
Lot Area: N/A
Size (GFA): 55 m2

Design: 2017
(Competition Entry)

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(Re)creation is an enchanting timber pavilion, rendered in white stucco, navigated in two stages. Its roofed outer ring acts as a buffer to transition visitors from the bustle of daily life to the serenity of its inner sanctum. Entrances to this central courtyard, which is open to the sky above, are each aligned with a cardinal direction, whereas perimeter entry points are offset to obscure the structure's tranquil interior. This piques curiosity, inspiring passersby to investigate and explore. As they wander inwards, they encounter a change in ground material, with gravel shifting to mulch to encourage a slower pace that matches the more reflective nature of (Re)creation's core zone. Here, an inverted tree hangs suspended by four cables. Visitors are invited to take a strip of colourful paper from a nearby bracket and tie it onto the branches of this whimsical centrepiece. This playful, ceremonial act magically adds "leaves" back onto dead nature to acknowledge all that it gave us in life.