

# SWAN PAVILION

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## Project Credits

Client: City of Markham  
Program: Pavilion  
Location: Markham, Ontario, Canada

Structure: Steel  
Lot Area: N/A  
Size (Footprint): 225 m<sup>2</sup>

Design: 2016  
Completion: 2017

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Strictly formed by the geometrical orders of the site, Swan Pavilion is a space that blends in and stands out simultaneously. Designed for a park in Markham, it is located at the intersection of the two main passages and right in front of an open field—the centre of the movements. In the interior space, slender columns preserve the existing movements by outlining the intersection. On the other hand, the roof enhances an inherent directional movement—from the pavilion, the stage, to the open field, the auditorium. Based on their sightline, the roof is formed in a way that it broadens towards the field in every angle. The roof is cut in half, and its larger half towards the field is elevated slightly, so that its theatricality is stronger while its presence lighter. By adopting the existing and inherent movements, Swan Pavilion fulfills its duty as a multi-purpose pavilion which is coherent with the park and at the same time autonomous as a structure.