

1998 AIA High School Design Competition Program

Program

You are invited to design a modern art gallery displaying the works of local Bay Area artists. The gallery is sponsored by corporate and private donors, city funding and art schools throughout the Bay Area. The gallery is intended to promote local talent as well as provide a setting for lectures, poetry readings and the like. In addition to displaying and selling modern art, the gallery will provide information to the public regarding art openings around the Bay Area as well as classes or educational opportunities being offered by local schools.

Your client wants the image of the building to be as unique and contemporary as the artwork that it houses. The building may utilize its distinct architectural character to attract art enthusiasts from the nearby Museum of Modern Art, Yerba Garden and Moscone Convention Center.

Site

The project will be situated at the corner of 3rd Street and Folsom Street in San Francisco. The area allotted for the building is much smaller than the available land on the site. There is therefore flexibility in the location of the facility within the site. The owner of the property has asked that you limit the "footprint" of the building to fall within a 75' x 75' area on the site. The remainder of the site will be landscaped in an effort to allow the building to stand alone as a "pavilion". You are encouraged to take into account the views, sun angle, surrounding buildings and other components specific to the site while situating and designing your building. Also important are the pedestrian and vehicle accesses to the site. A vehicular drop-off area should be provided at the building entry, but there are no on site parking requirements.

The Gallery

The building shall be a single story structure, not exceeding 3,000 square feet, excluding outdoor areas. There are no prescribed height restrictions for this project. You are, however, encouraged to aim to achieve the strongest results by considering the surrounding areas when deciding on the form and scale of your project.

All public areas, both indoors and outdoors, shall be accessible to the disabled. The main entrance of the building should be easily identified from the street.

Your design solution should meet the spatial and functional requirements as described below.

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Building Area

Entry Lobby/Reception Area	200 sq. ft.
Gallery Display Area	1600 sq. ft
Viewing Room	150 sq. ft.
Sales Office	120 sq. ft.
Staff Work Room	230 sq. ft
Storage Area	100 sq. ft
Staff Kitchen/Coffee Area	100 sq. ft
Public Rest Rooms	170 sq. ft
Janitor's Closet	30 sq. ft
Interior Circulation	300 sq. ft.
Total Building Area	approx. 3000 sq. ft
Outdoor Building Area	
Courtyard/Sculpture Garden	1500 sq. Ft.
Delivery/Trash Area	150 sq. ft.