

Liausson

This project was born from the commune's desire to offer a cultural initiative for the Grand Site du Salagou. This area, set up on a former parking lot in front of the town hall, was intended to host the public for theatrical performances, concerts, or open-air cinema while keeping its function as a parking lot.

Starting point for the hike to Mont Liausson, the municipality also wanted to establish a public restroom, a storage room that could be converted into a dressing room for artists during performances, and a picnic area for hikers. The project's grandstands were installed on an existing hill to minimize excavation costs and take advantage of the orientation with a view of Lake Salagou. A continuous retaining wall surrounding the grandstands adds scale to the project while directing the views towards the stage, which is delineated on the ground by polished concrete. The grandstands and retaining walls are made of hard limestone blocks to ensure the durability and endurance/persistence of the construction, while the volume housing the restrooms and storage is made of precast raw concrete and planted around its perimeter with ivy and honeysuckle, which will eventually cover it. The interior of the restrooms is lined with red glass tiles, and the fixtures and fittings elements are made of burnt wood, providing both a fine work and durability.

LOCATION Liausson, 34137 [Hérault]

CLIENT Public | City of Clermont-l'Hérault

SURFACE 1 470m²

PROGRAM Open-air theater

COST 375 000€ excl. taxes

PHASE Delivered in for 2017

MISSION Stages 0 to 6, from strategic definition to handover and close out

AWARDS Architecture Occitanie 2019

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