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Water Theatre

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Olympic Island, Toronto Islands

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The idea for our seasonal theatre always shared a close affinity to the water. Placed directly in Toronto's inner harbour it acts as a mediator between the outlying patches of the Islands and the definitive skyline of the mainland. Visitors, performers and spectators arrive to the theatre by ferry, which pulls along side the structure perched in the shallows of Olympic Island, the main performance venue. They then alight onto the stage itself, which appears to float just above the water's surface. The theatre is surrounded by water, creating an all encompassing experience of ethereality. Performers can set up on stage; or access an underwater control / dress room below it. Visitors and spectators walk across a small retractable bridge to their seats, as stage and seating are separated by a small water channel which acts a buffer between.

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