

Press Summary

The proposal seeks to capture the grand beauty of the waterfront in a single powerful architectural gesture: a circular form that collects and concentrates all the directions, flows, and views of the city landscape in one vantage point, simultaneously pointing out to the surrounding world.

Symbolically the democratic geometry of the circle welcomes visitors from all directions to a vibrant and lively public space containing the most extrovert functions such as café, design store and large flexible spaces where art and artists can meet and interact with the city in an informal atmosphere, making the museum a self-evident destination along the Helsinki harbor promenade.

To ensure full flexibility the exhibition level contains large free floating spaces where only structural cores and free standing vertical planes are fixed elements.

At the roof level, we propose a large outdoor garden for both permanent and temporary exhibitions, workshops and various arrangements.

Our hope is to create a spatially dynamic museum that reflects the role of art as an engaging and integrated presence in our everyday lives.