

Orange County Museum of Art

Costa Mesa, CA

The new Orange County Museum of Art is located at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, a massive campus of performance venues and public spaces that create a vibrant cultural destination in Costa Mesa.

Complementing and responding to the existing campus facilities, the design for the OCMA creates flexible exhibition environments, dedicated space for educational programming, offices, museum shop, cafeteria and areas for public gathering, both inside and out. The strong relationship between indoor and outdoor space will encourage visitors to immerse themselves in the southern California climate.

A grand entry plaza sits at grade, welcoming visitors with a monumental sculpture by Richard Serra. A large rooftop terrace, equivalent in size to 70 percent of the building's footprint, was designed to be configured for hosting different installations and events, including outdoor film screenings, concert performances and dining. At the east side of the elevated terrace is a sweeping staircase that will provide an inviting gathering space to sit and overlook the entry plaza.

A striking showcase of the Southern California landscape, the planting design features a selection of regionally-appropriate plants that give continuation to a palette that extends beyond the project. An allee of large evergreen trees march along the edge of the terrace facing Avenue of the Arts, giving the museum a unique street presence and providing an evergreen edge for the roof terrace. In contrast to the strict allee, the remainder of the roof terrace will feature organically placed shade trees. Sculptural and significant in their presence, they will be a feature themselves, while also providing dappled shade to those who linger to enjoy the roof terrace.

Client

OCMA

Size

52,000 SF

Dates

2018 - 2022

Team

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