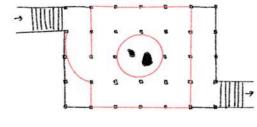
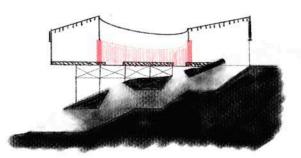
BETWEEN THE EARTH AND SKY

Museum of Ramapough Native Indian Arts

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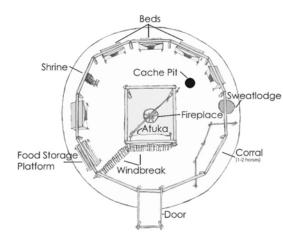




THE MUSEUM OF RAMAPOUGH NATIVE INDIAN ARTS IS A CULTURAL CENTER FOR ARTWORK DISPLAY, A MONUMENT OF COLLECTIVE MEMORIES, AND A PORTAL TO THEIR SACRED TERRITORY, KNOWN AS SPLIT ROCK. SITTING AT THE RAMAPO RIDGE, A CARVED STAIRCASE ALONG WITH THE TOPOGRAPHY SUBTLY INVITES VISITORS TO STEP ON THEIR JOURNEY. IN THE SUNKEN COURTYARD, SCATTERED ROCKS ARE PRESENTED UNDER THE LIGHT AS A PREVIEW OF THE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE AHEAD. IN THE CEN-TER ATRIUM OF PUBLIC GALLERY SPACE, VISITORS WILL RETURN TO THE MOMENT ON A DIFFERENT HIERARCHY TO EMBRACE RAMAPOUGHS VALUES. THE PRIVATE GALLERY RESEMBLES THE SAME ARCHI-TECTURAL ELEMENTS. HOWEVER, IT INDICATES A FULLY DIFFERENT STORY THAT BECOMES A VESSEL OF THEIR TRIBAL MEMORIES. THE STRUCTURE MADE BY RAMMED EARTH AND STEEL CARRIES THE SENSI-TIVITY OF AMERICAN'S PRIMITIVE CONSTRUCTION, WHILE IMPLICITLY PRESENTING A PAIR OF GALLERIES FOR NATIVE CULTURES THROUGH INVERSE LANGUAGES.







"IN A SENSE, THESE SIX POINTS REPRESENTED THE SIX DIRECTIONS; EAST, SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, UP AND DOWN, WITH THE CENTER FORMING THE SEVENTH DIRECTION, WHICH IS AT THE CENTER OF OUR BEING."

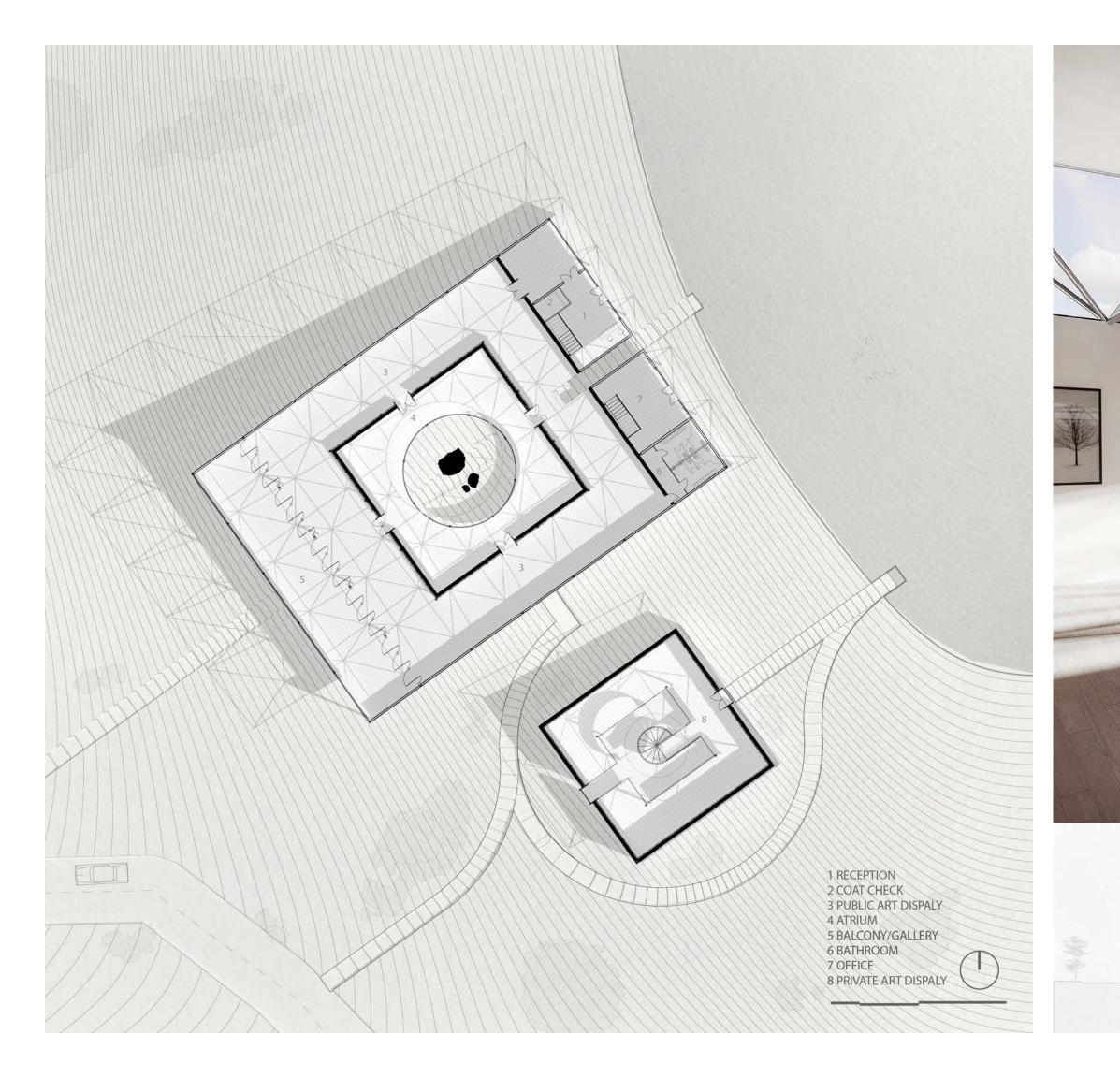
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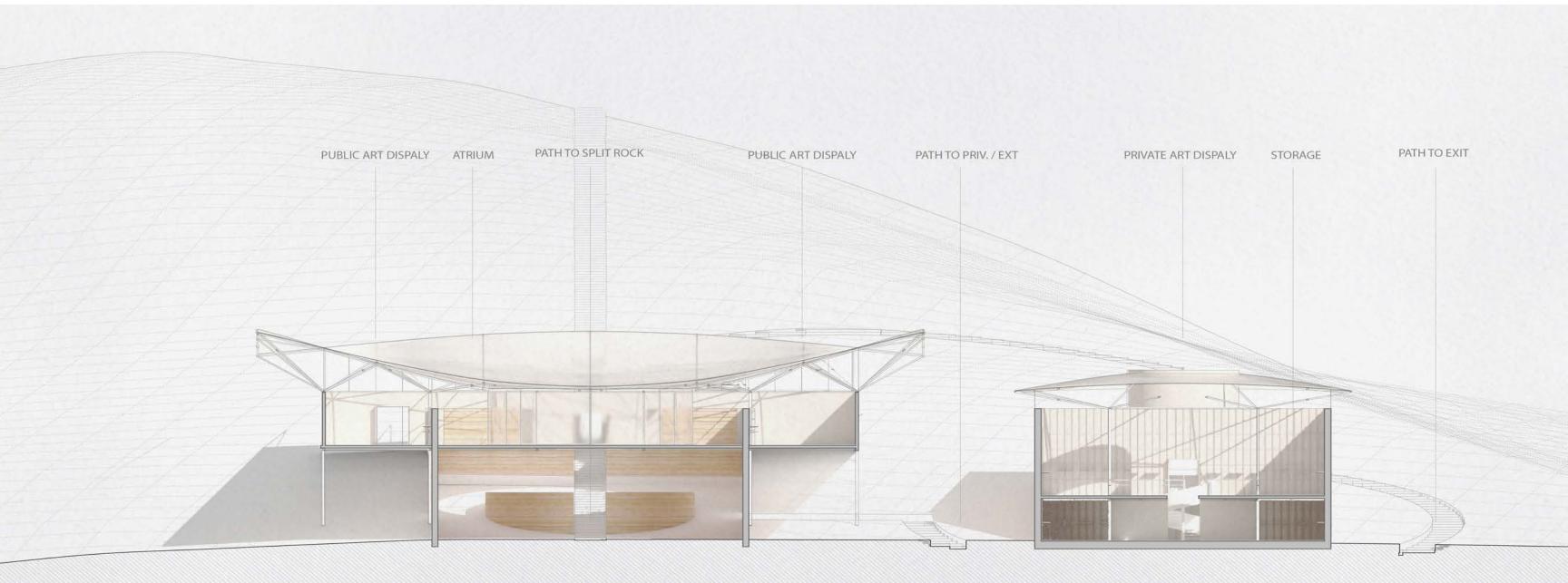












CROSS SECTION THROUGH RAMMED EARTH SPACES: PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE ART DISPLAY

18′

9'





