

RE.INTERPRETE
A HISTORIC
WASH HOUSE.

BEIM WÄSCHBUER



Traditional white bed sheets make for a great projection screen



Visual media may include photographs, paintings and 3 dimensional objects such as washing boards

Small speakers are hidden in locations that promote the natural echo effect of the building.

CHITTER-CHATTER

Definition of the word "chitter-chatter" according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary

- 1 : light and lively discussion
- 2 : trivial, nonsensical, or incessant talk

The wash house itself being protected, its walls shall function as gallery space for a temporary exhibition.

Through this immersive experience, the visitor is encouraged to dive back in time. While contemplating reproductions of historic washing scenes from this or similar wash houses in the region, one can listen to audio recordings of washing sounds : splashing water, mechanical noises, singing and chitter-chatter.

The walls facing the wash basins shall be used to display printed reproductions. They shall be illuminated at night by a single directional spot per image.

The wall facing the entrance shall be covered with a blank canvas, serving as screen the projection of a 5-minute-movie about the location's animated past.



MOSAIC STAIRCASE

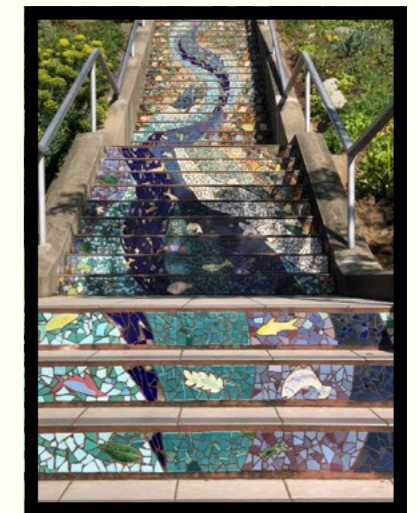
This mosaic staircase is a permanent and sustainable way to add a dash of color in everyday life. The project calls for citizens to participate in the shaping of their urban environment.

The material (ceramic tiles, colored glass and mirrors) may be upcycled from the commune's stock and construction excess. Citizens are also invited to contribute by donating unused ceramics which shall be integrated into this piece.

THEME

Being attached to the wash house, the main theme is a **source of water** running down every step, irrigating every part of the city on it's way : **farmland, forests, parks but also industrial, cultural, religious and residential buildings.**

That's where the public comes in : volunteers are invited to choose a theme and help illustrate one or more steps by adding shapes of trees, animals, houses or anything else that represents their chosen theme. The process to attach the tiles is quite simple. After a short introduction, it should be accessible to hobbyists and aspiring artists of all ages.



Mosaic staircase inspiration : simple geometric shapes are combined to illustrate the diversity of the city and its inhabitants.