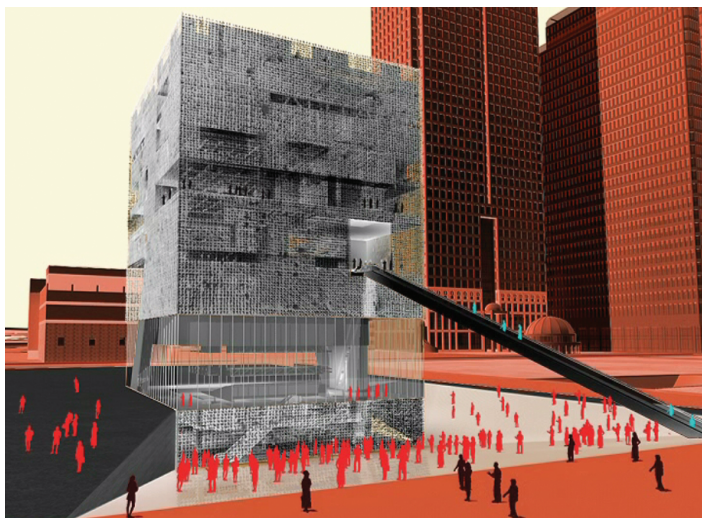


Folding Ground Plane

In order to completely free the performance space from orientation, the architects relocated the front of house programs “below house.” The public enters the building through a folded ground plane and the lobby, gift shop, and ticketing occur below grade so that productions can be experienced open to the surrounding city.



above left: Rendering of entrance sequence.

above right: Rendering shows how the ground plane is folded to create the entrance below the main auditorium floor.

below: Section showing entrance configuration.

facing page, top left: Construction photograph of concrete bracing column that minimizes interruption at the ground level.

facing page, top right: Sectional axonometric showing structural system in relation to building programs. This innovative structural system permits the exterior wall to open entirely to the adjacent plaza.

facing page, bottom: Construction photograph of structural framing.

