SHIGERU BAN ARCHITECTS

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Year: 2014 Location: United States Program: Museum

Aspen Art Museum



The New Aspen Art Museum is located in the center of the high mountain town of Aspen, Colorado, on a prominent downtown corner site. The three story "kunsthalle" provides galleries on the first two floors above ground level and on one floor below. The third floor is a multi-functional space and café. Half of the third floor area is given over to an outdoor terrace with views up to the mountains. Design features include an innovative long-span timber space-frame roof structure, woven wood panel façade, structural glass floors for gallery day-lighting, outdoor gallery stair which connects the site plaza to the third floor roof level, and a glass elevator.