

Renovation and expansion of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



The expansion designed by RPBW adds a precious piece to the main nucleus of the famous museum that in 1903 the patron Isabella Stewart Gardner wanted in Boston. The new exhibition galleries are served by a generous glazed atrium which, opened on the Evans Way Park, constitutes the new entrance to the museum, reorganizing the visit path and considerably increasing the surfaces for collateral activities.

Dati Progetto

Design	2005 - 2009
Construction	2010 - 2012
Site area	7014 m2
Area of the expansion	6503 m2
Height	17 m max
Floors	5 + 2 basements
Auditorium	269 seats
Awards and certificates	LEED Gold

Credits

Client	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
Architect	Renzo Piano Building Workshop, architects in collaborazione con Stantec - Burt Hill (Boston)
Consultants	Buro Happold (structure and services); Front (façade consultant); Arup (lighting); Nagata Acoustics (acoustics); Stuart-Lynn Company (cost consultant); Paratus Group (project manager) CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares (consulting architect for Schematic & Design Development)

Immagini



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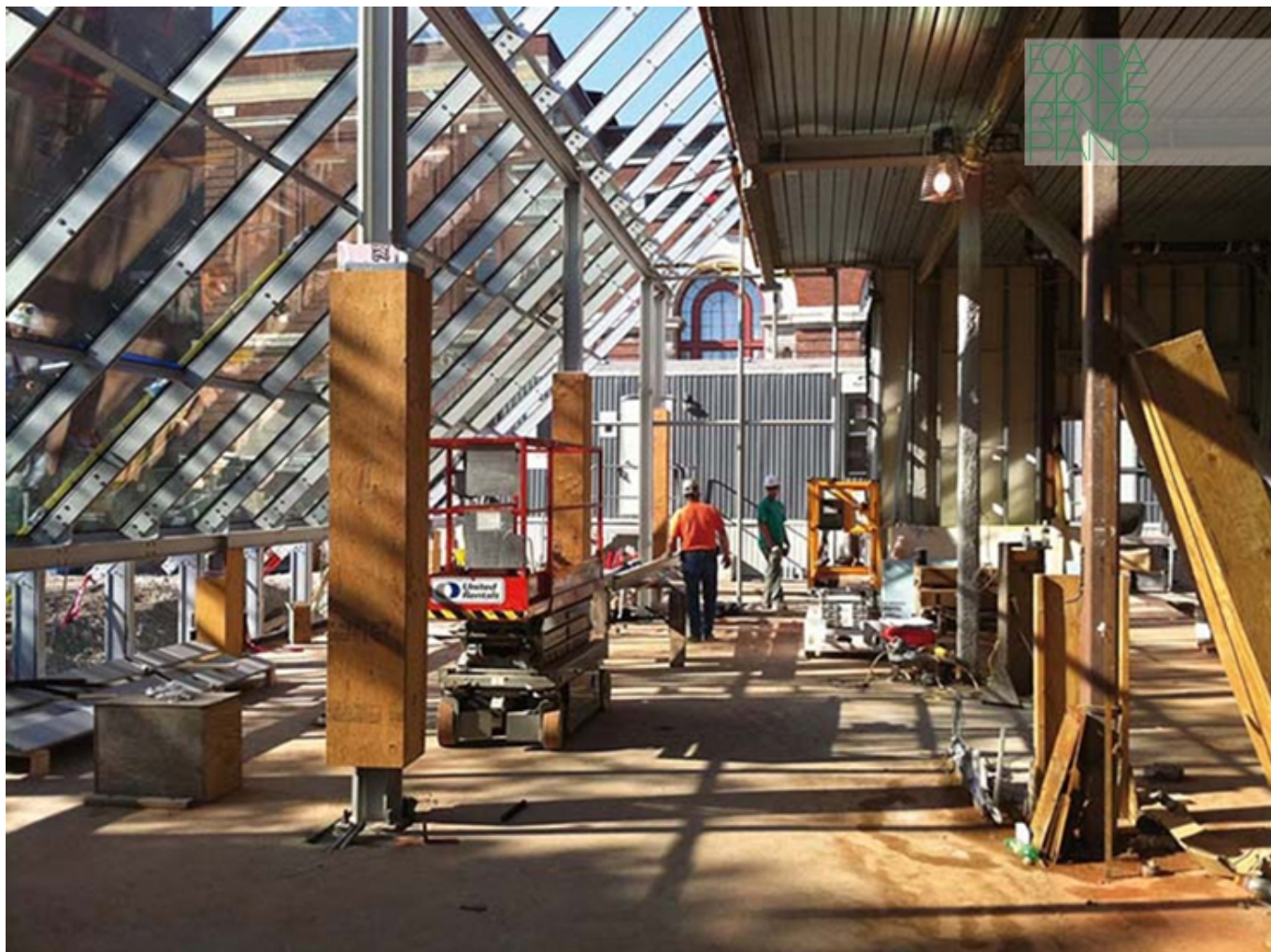
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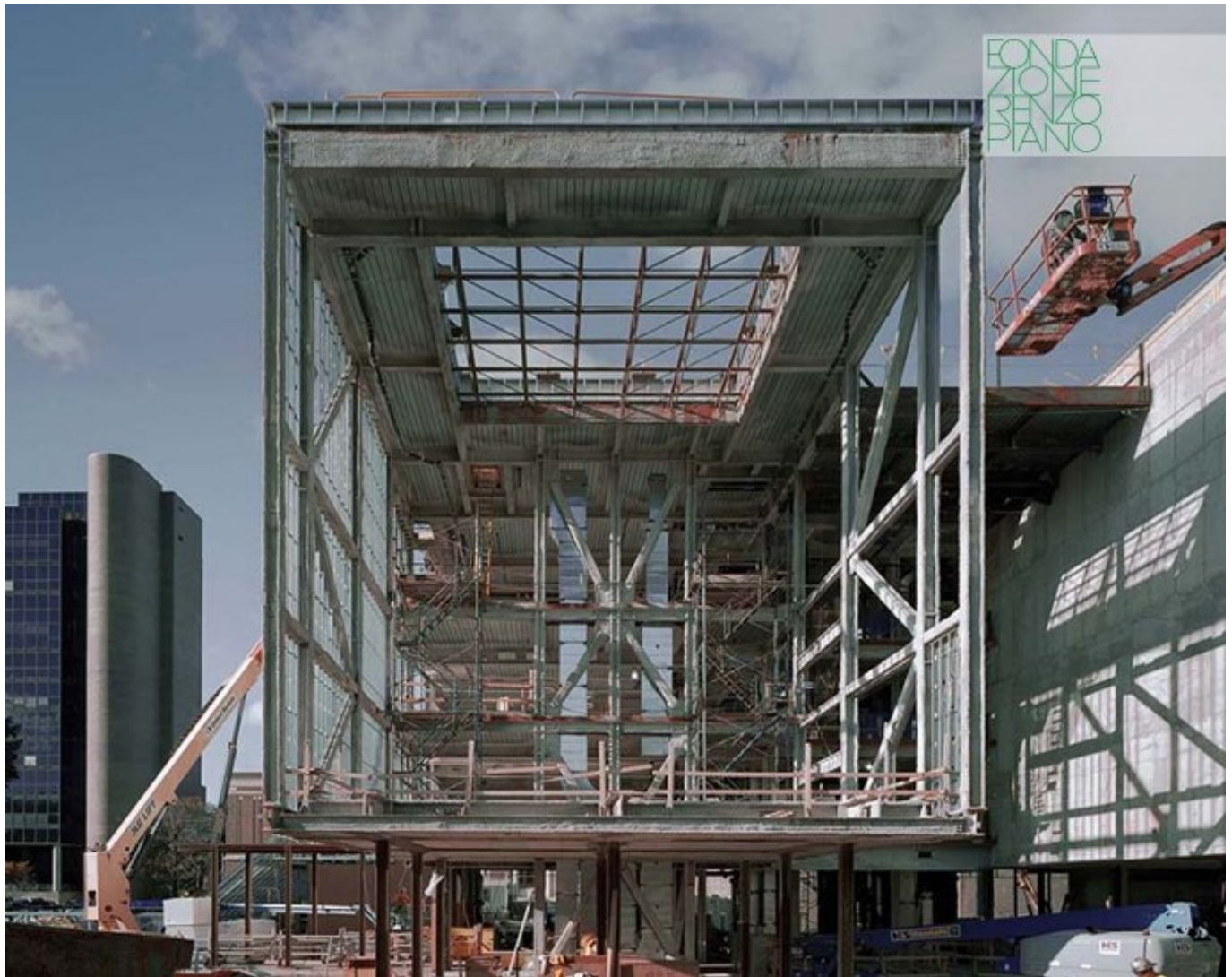
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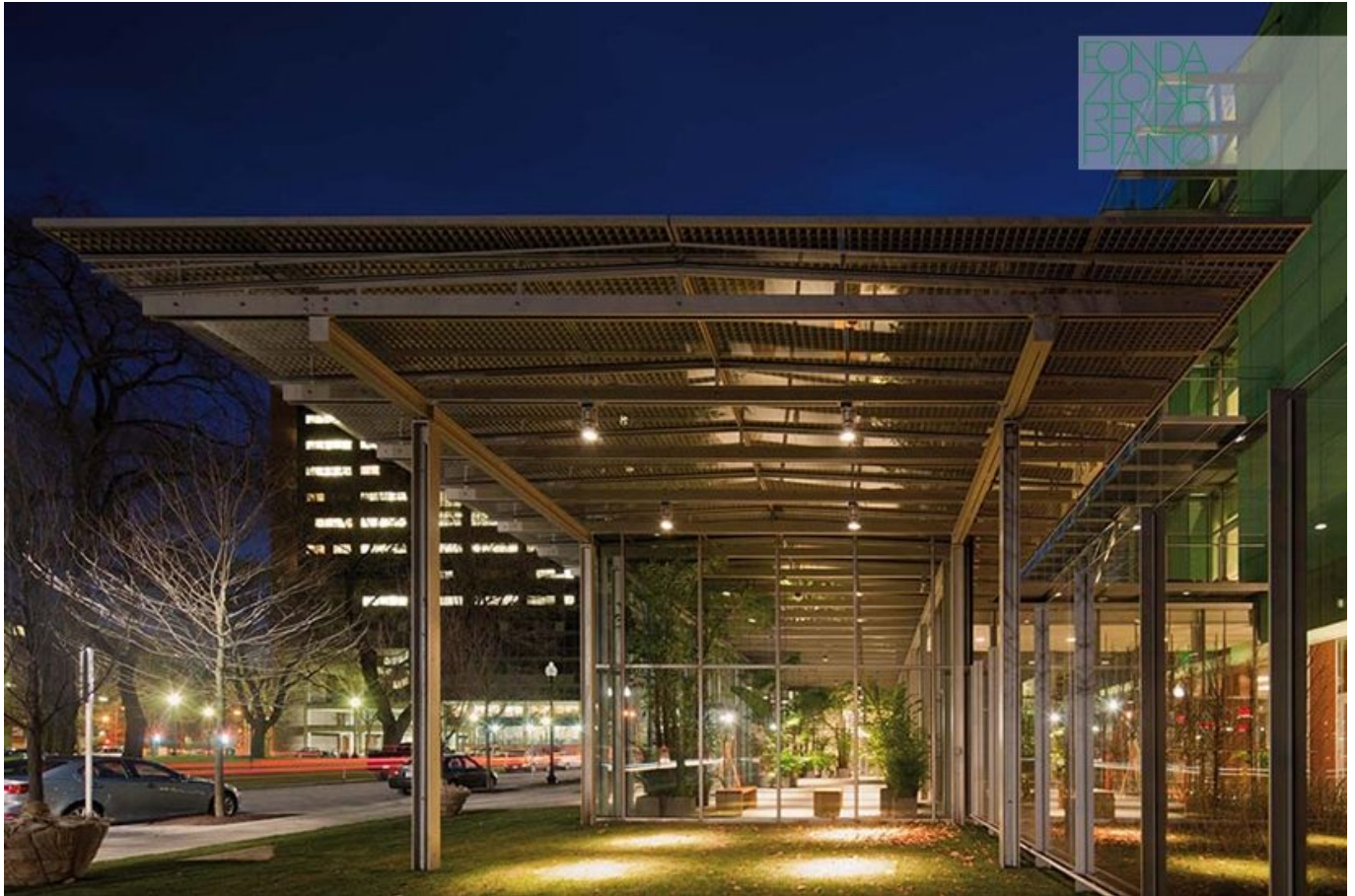
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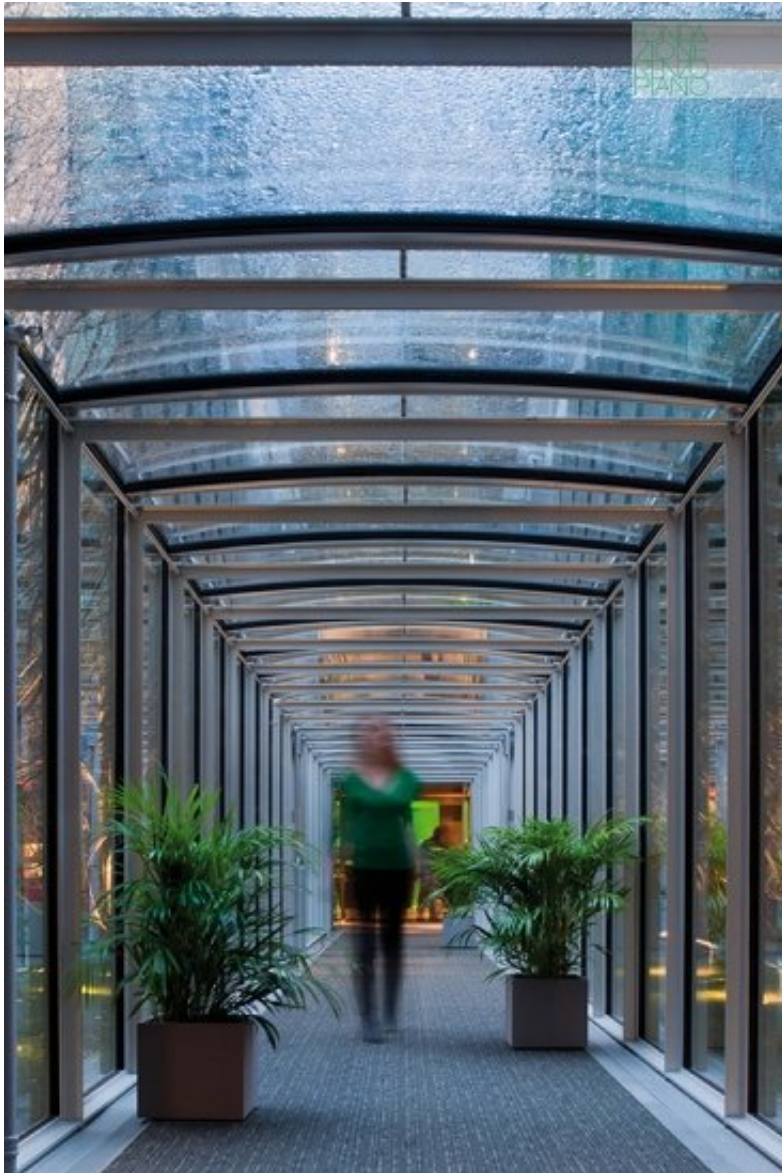
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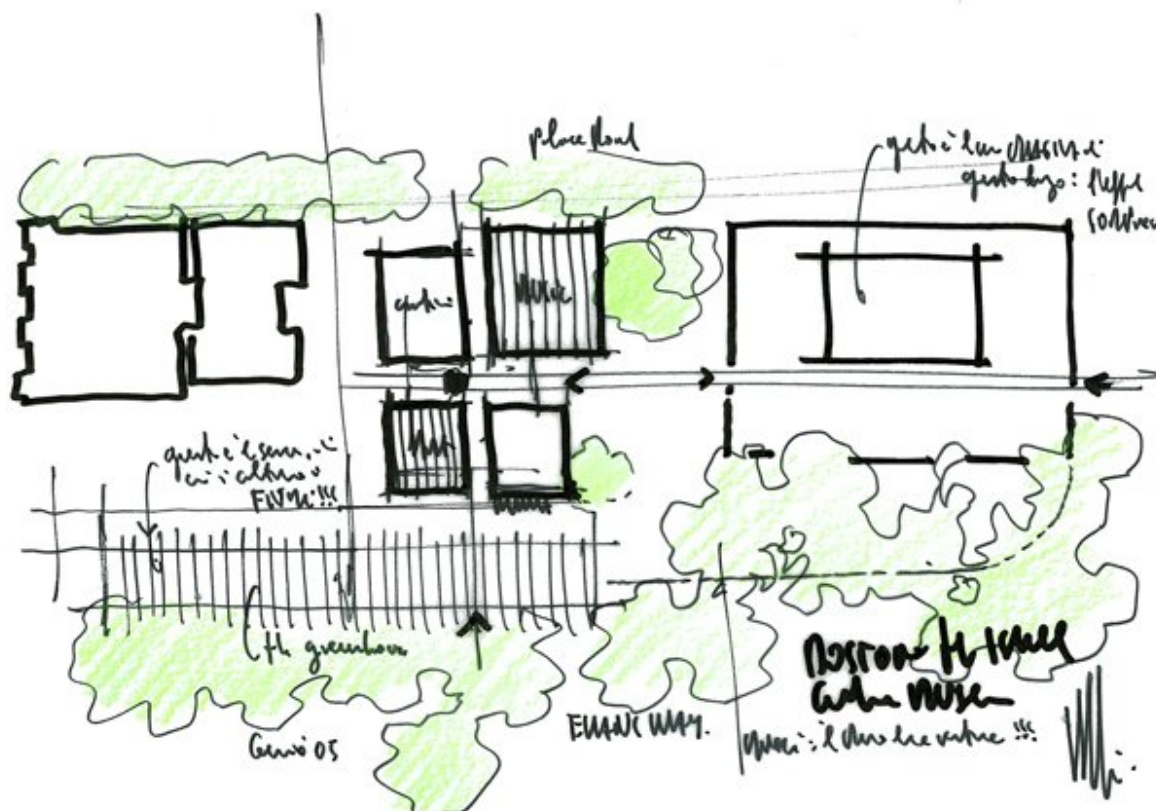


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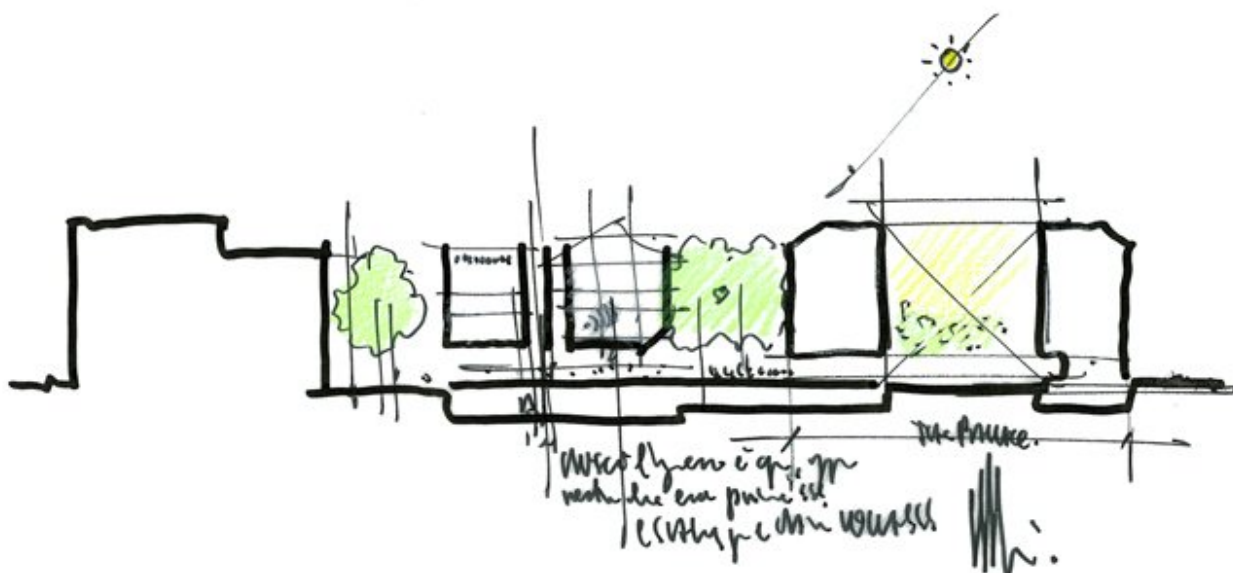
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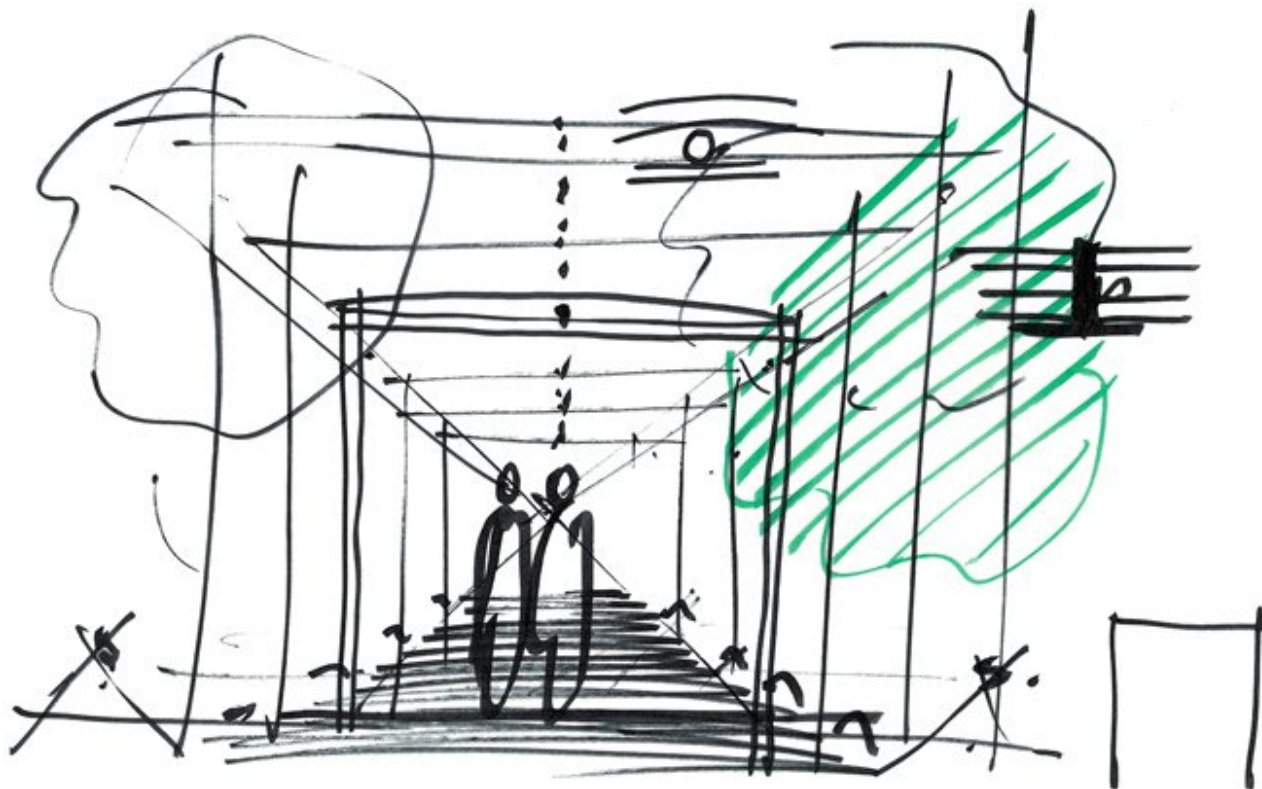
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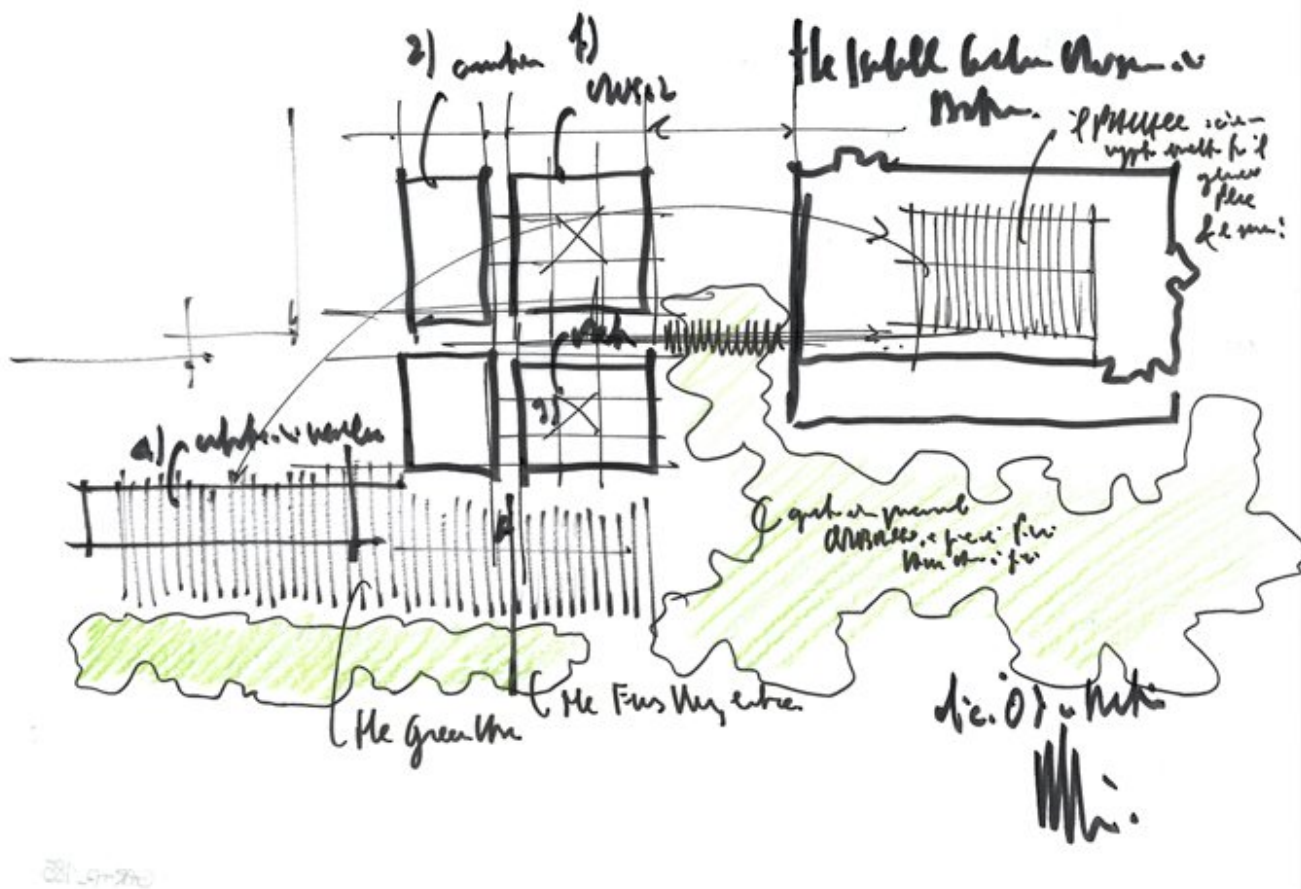
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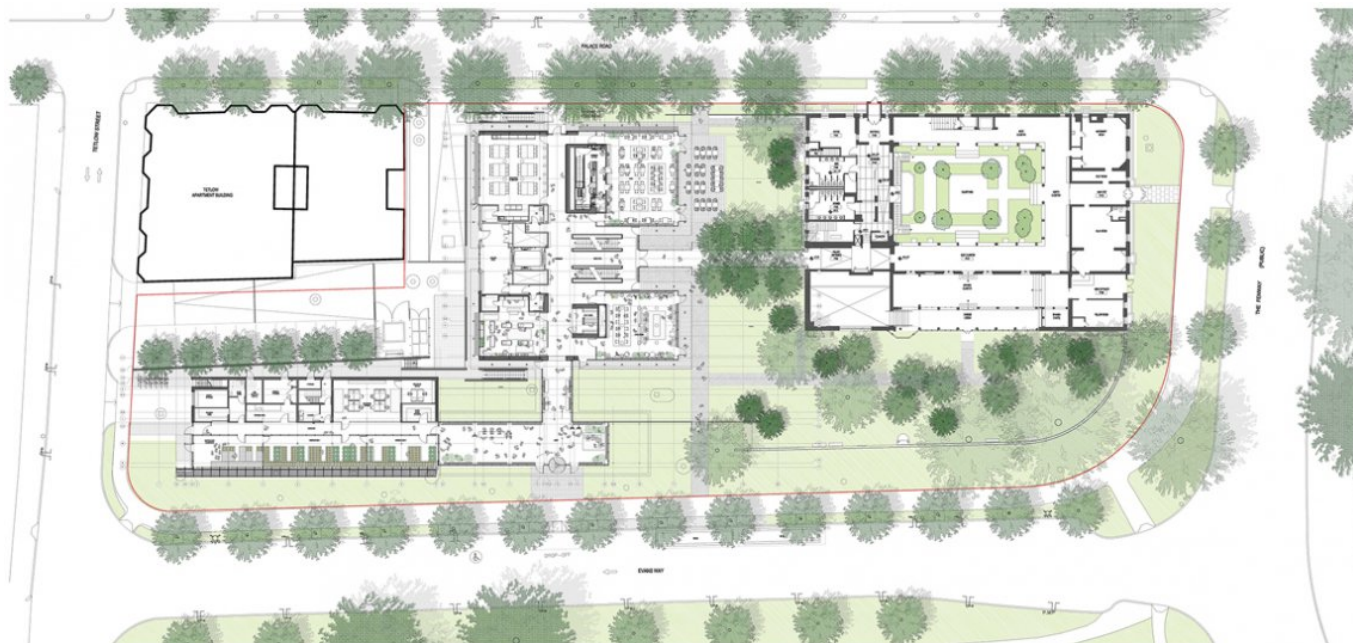
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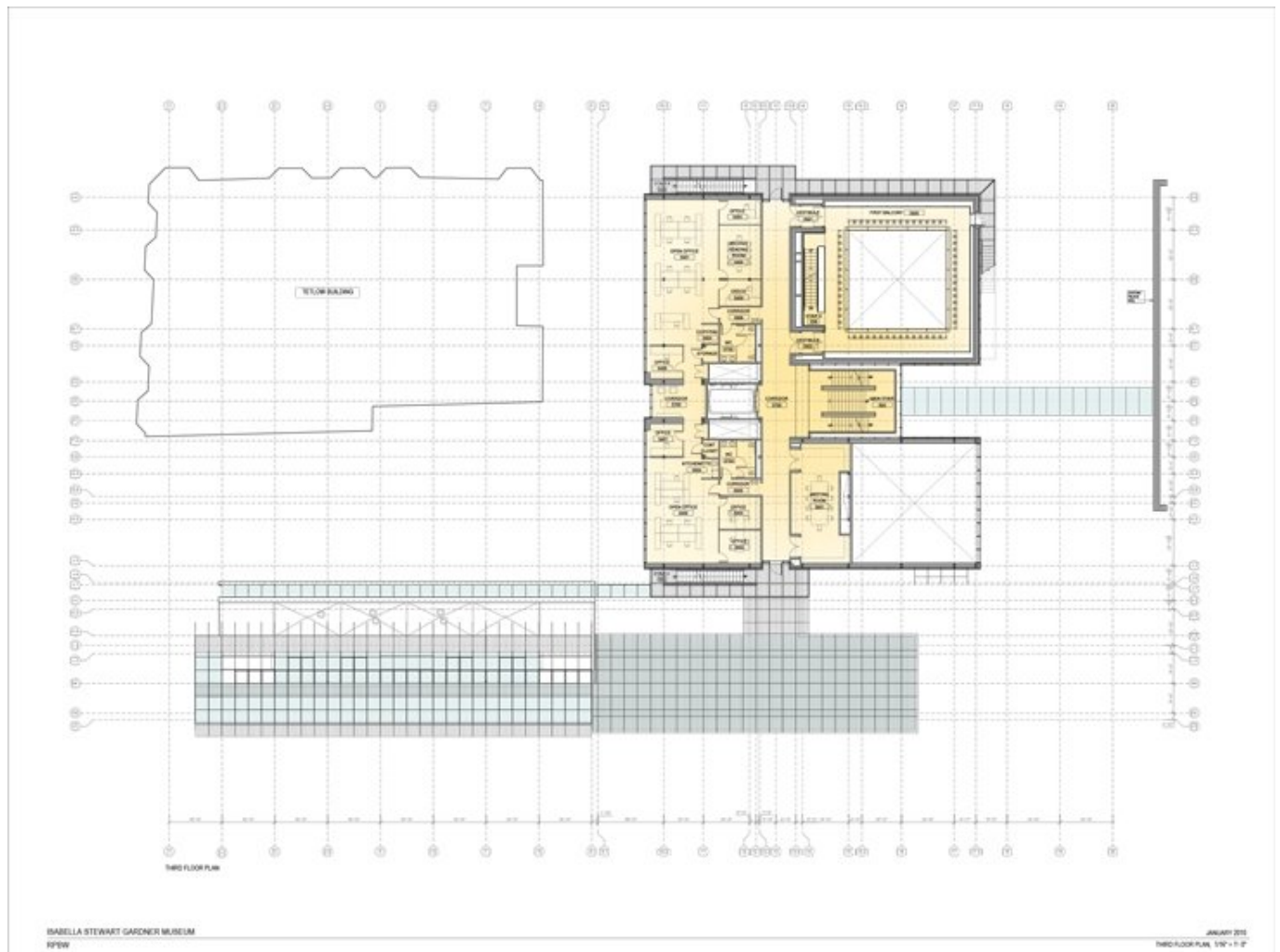
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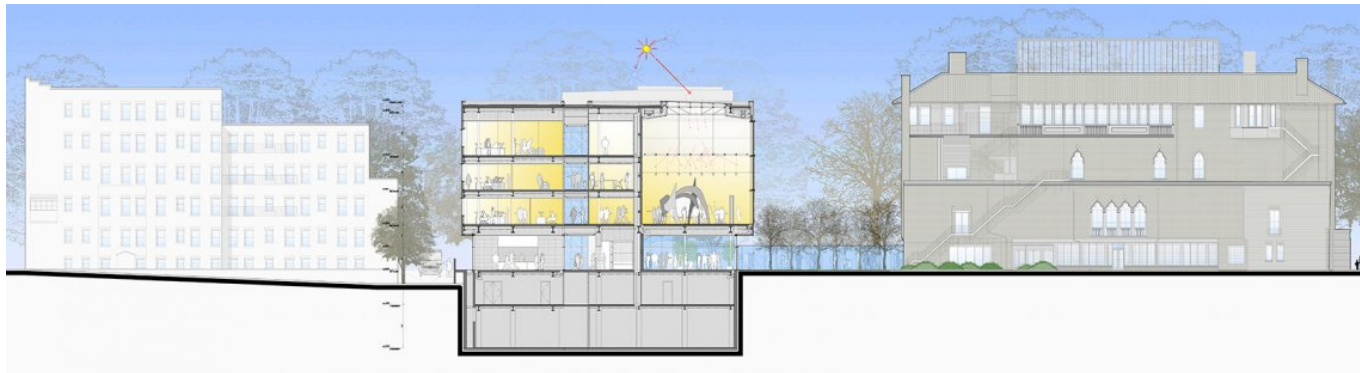
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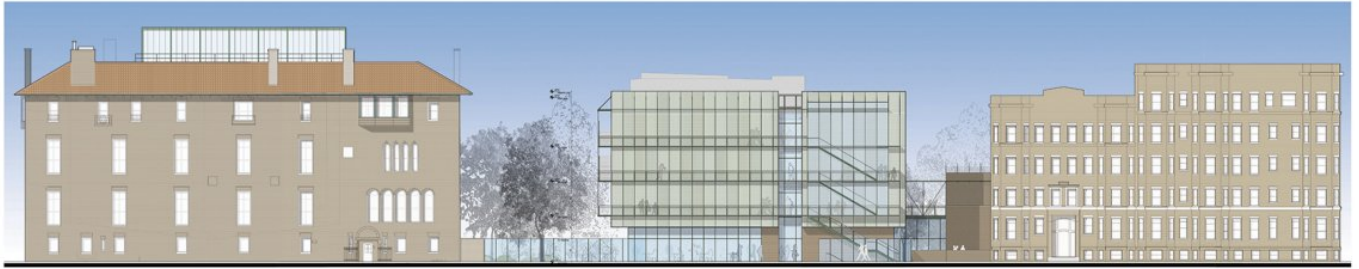
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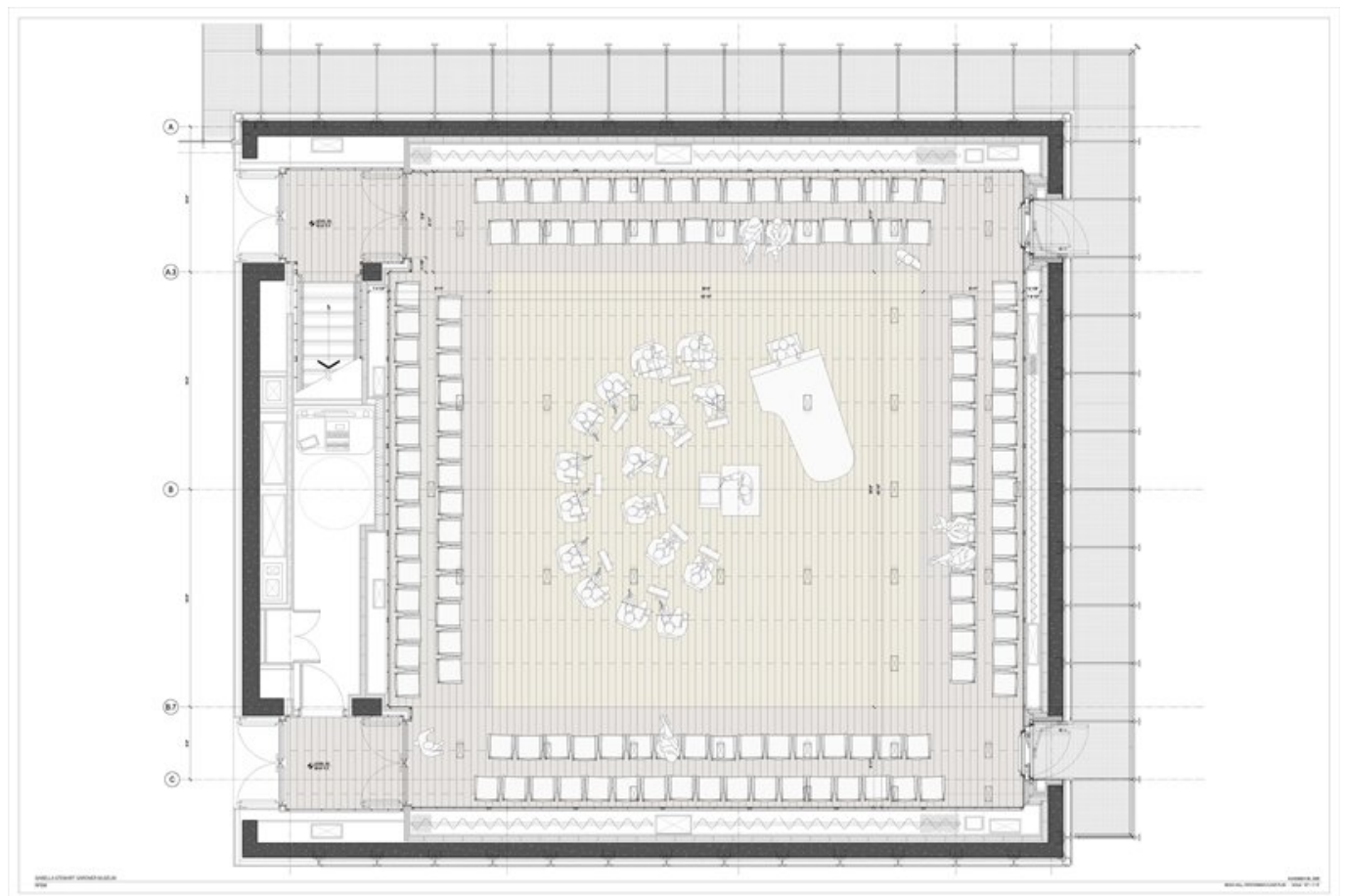
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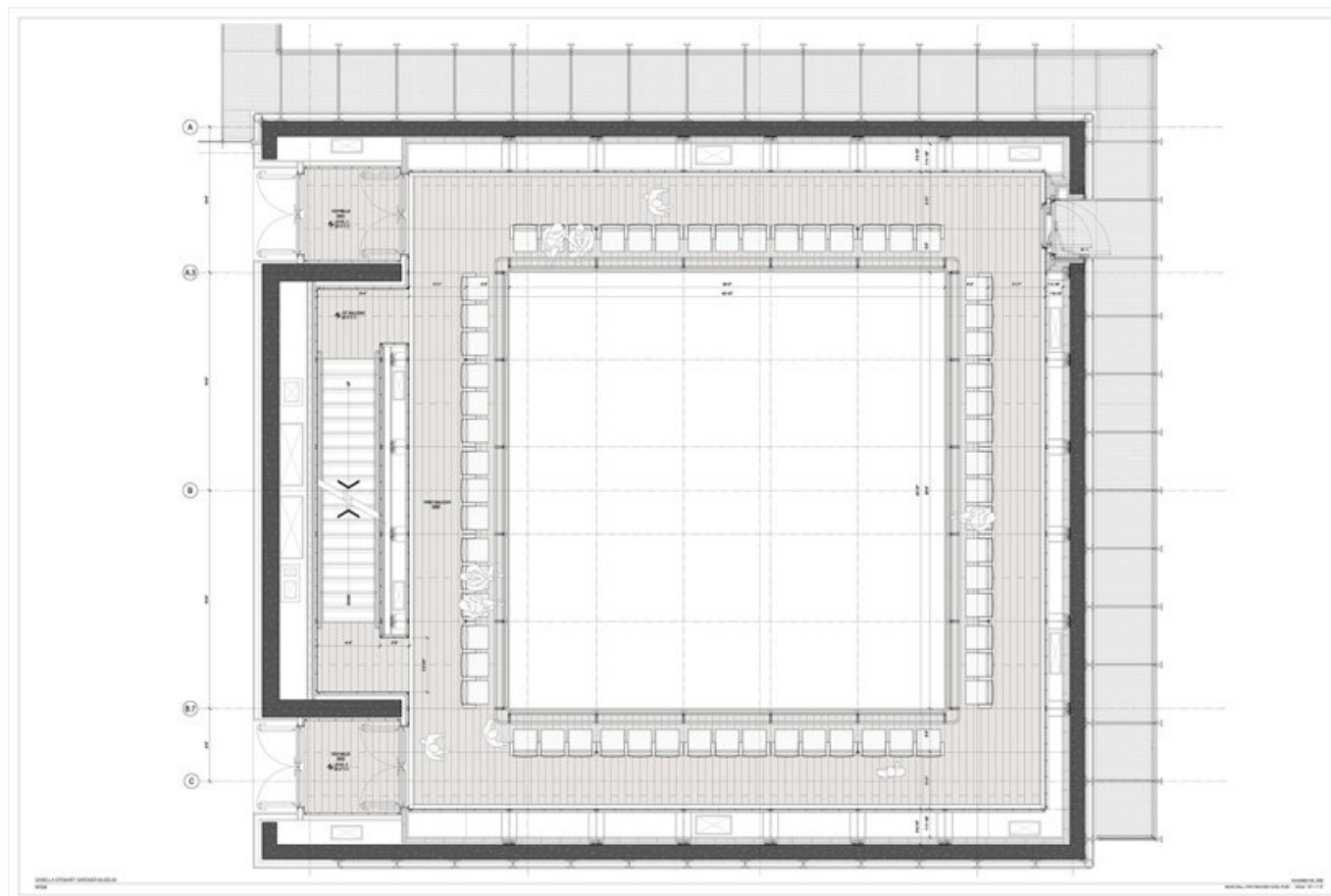
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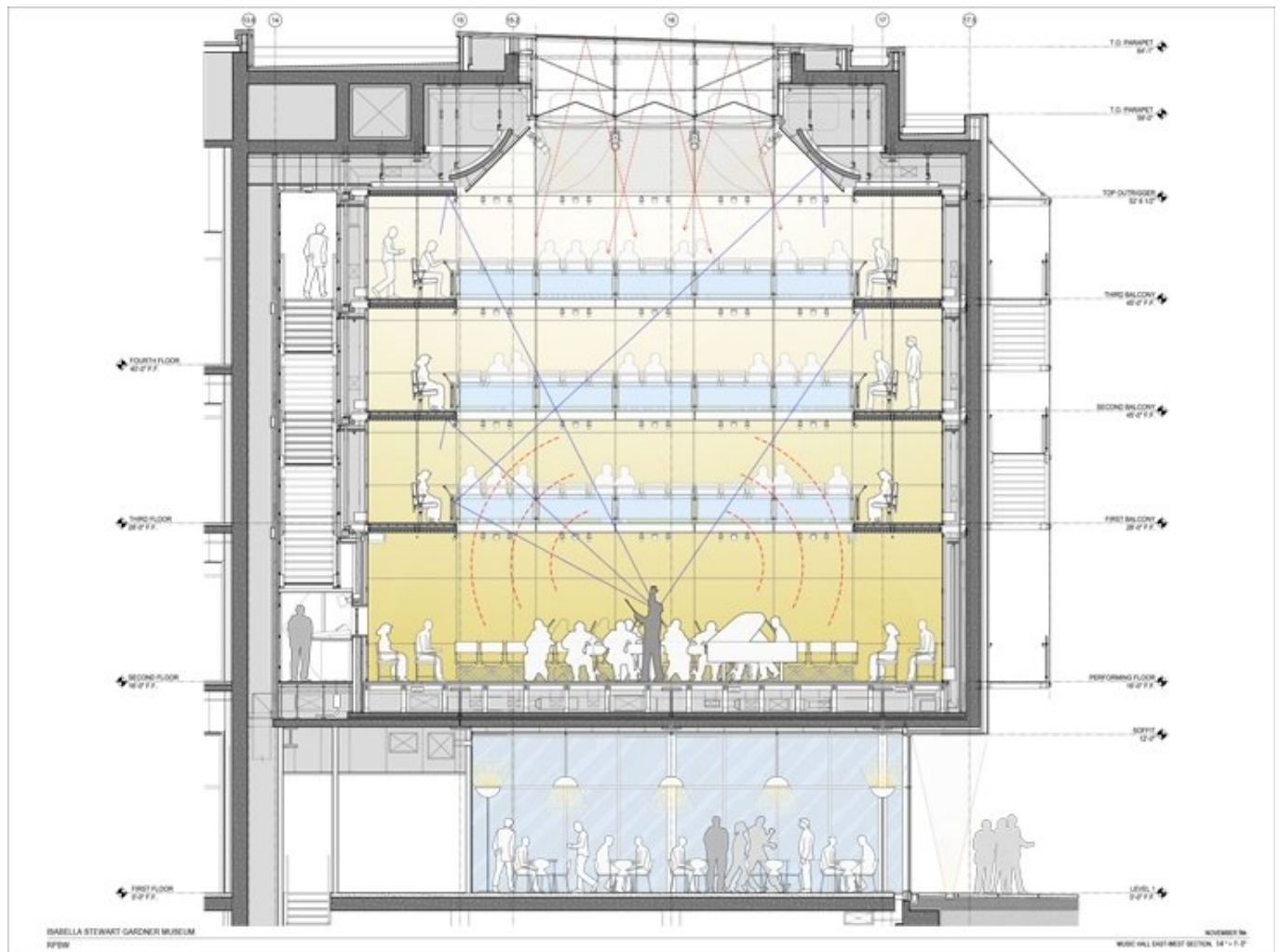
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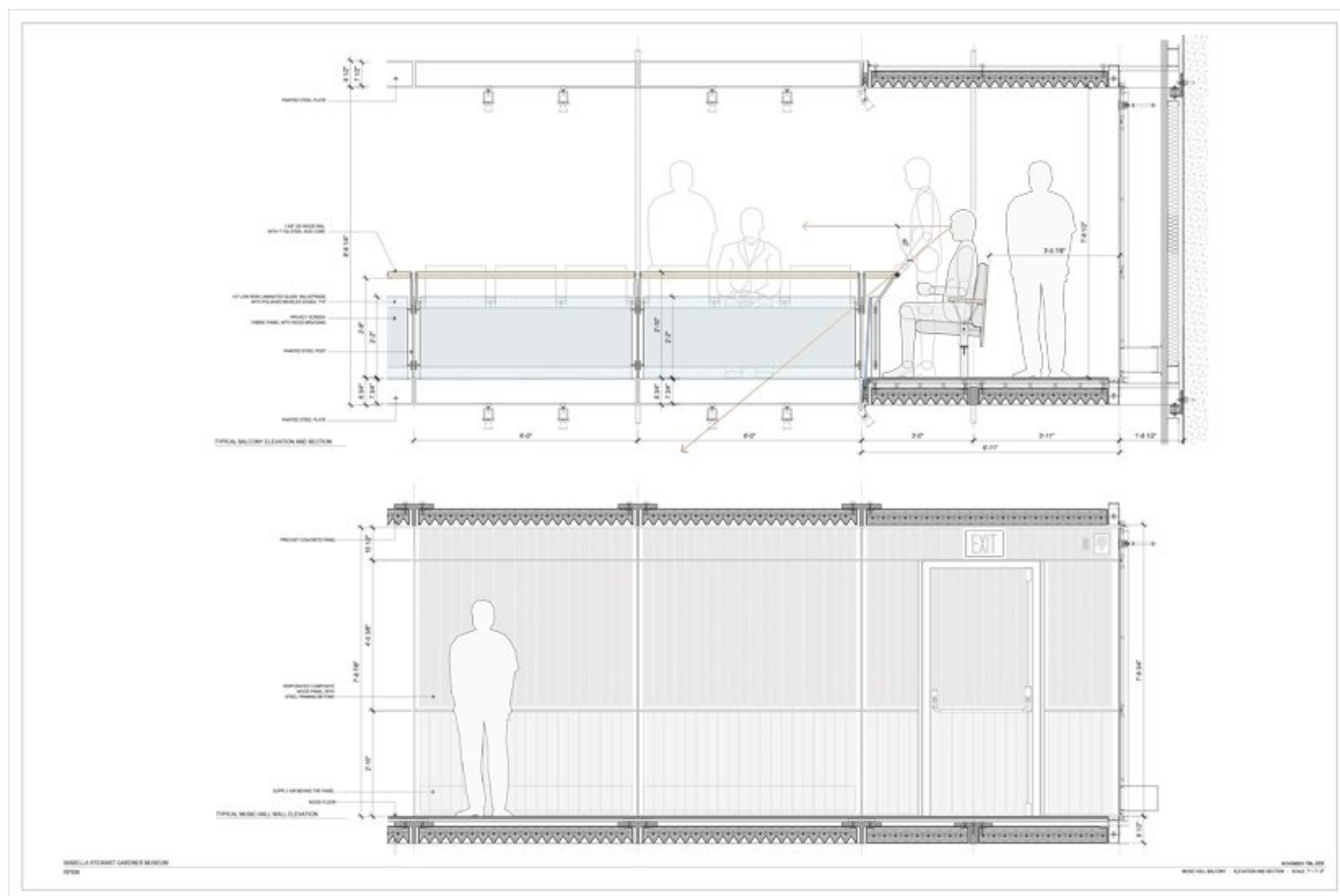
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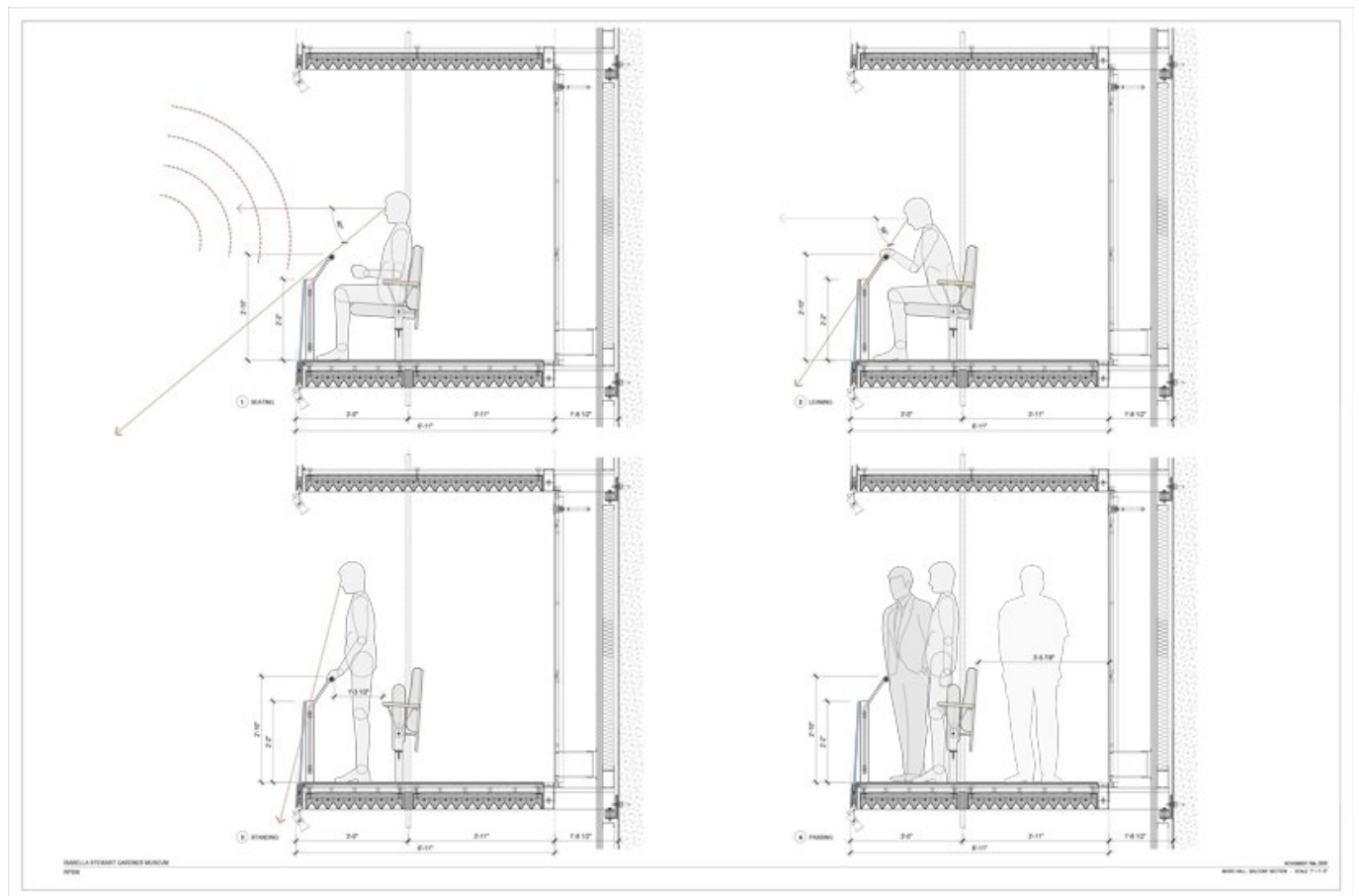
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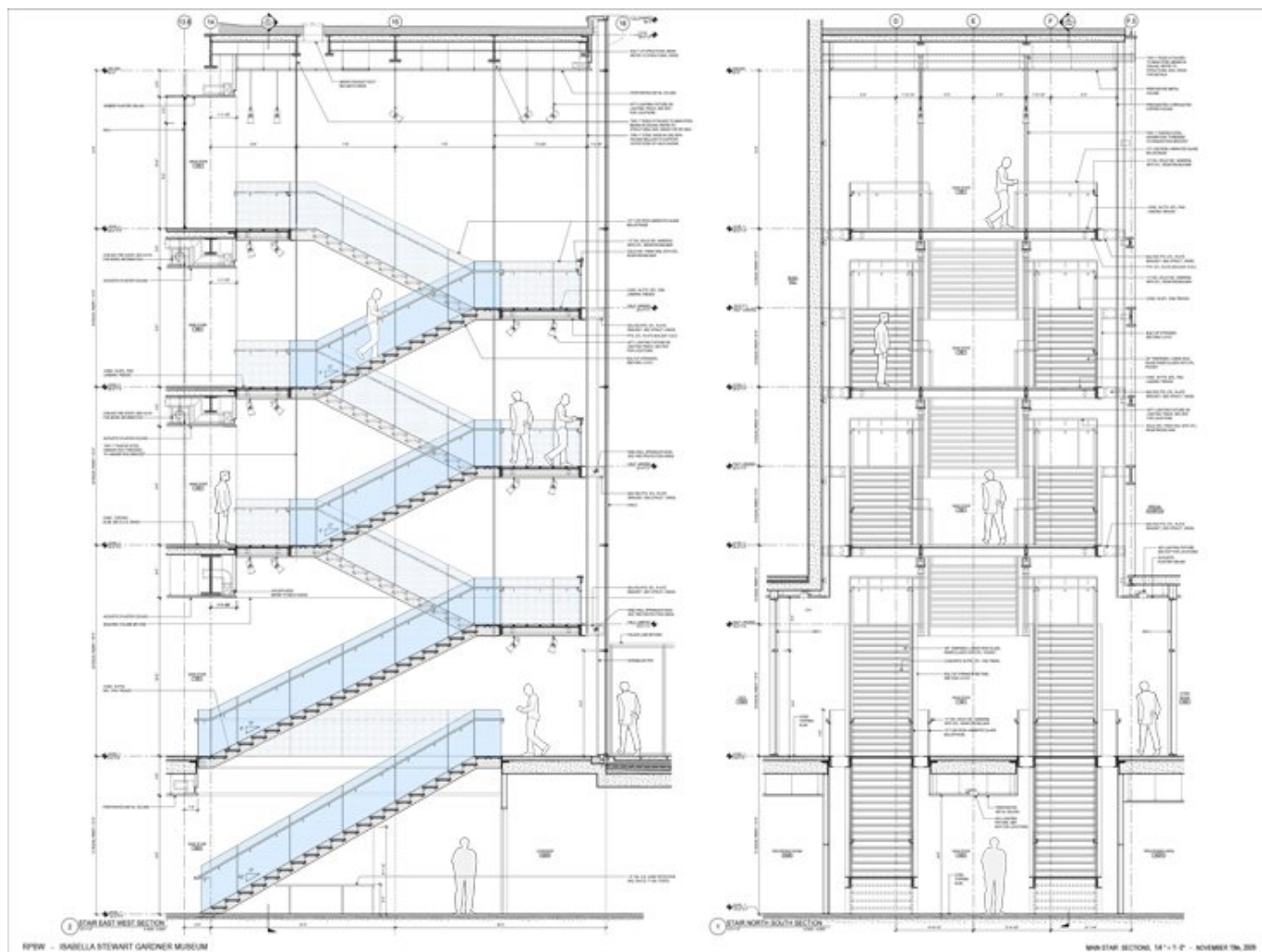


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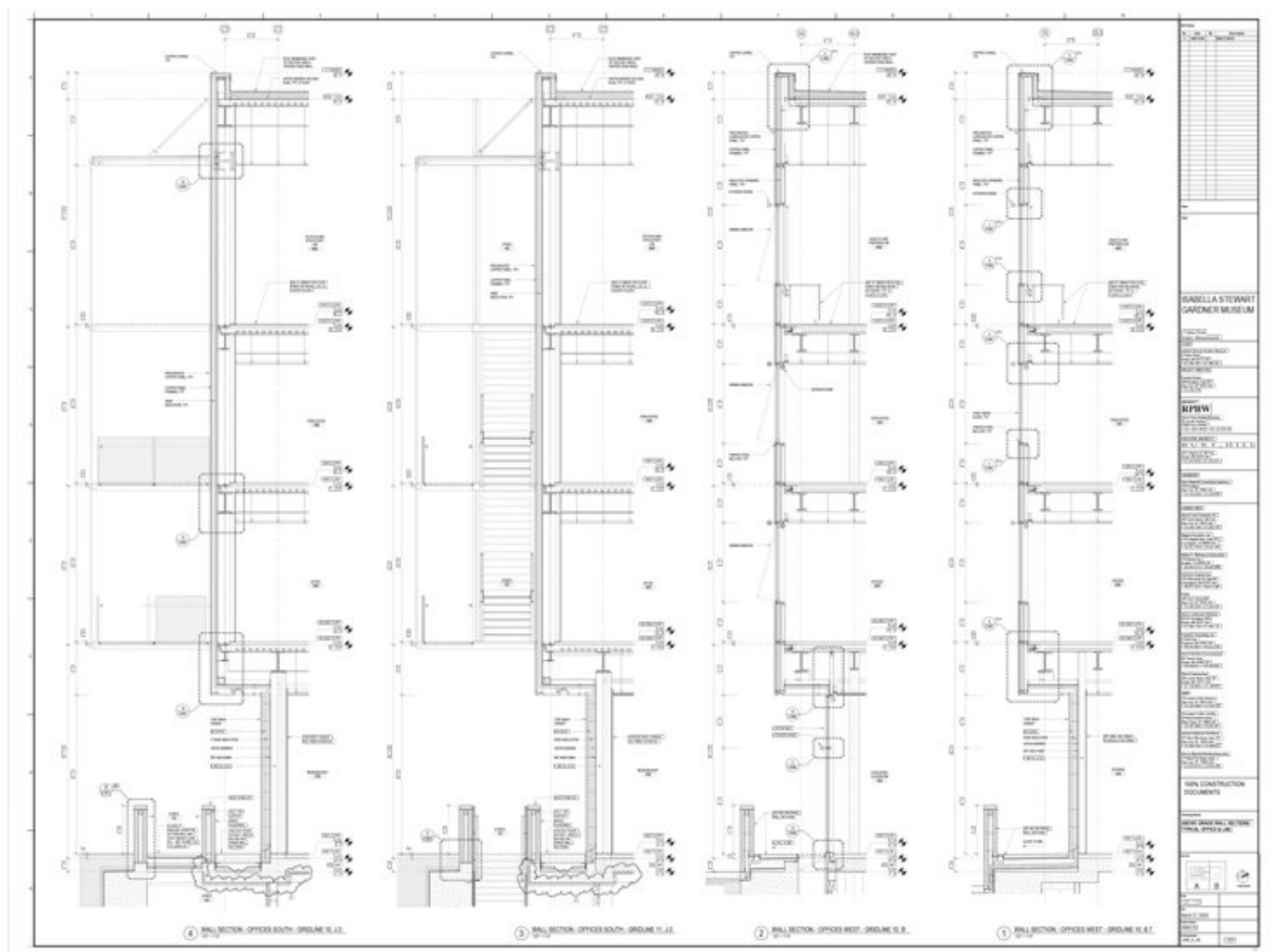


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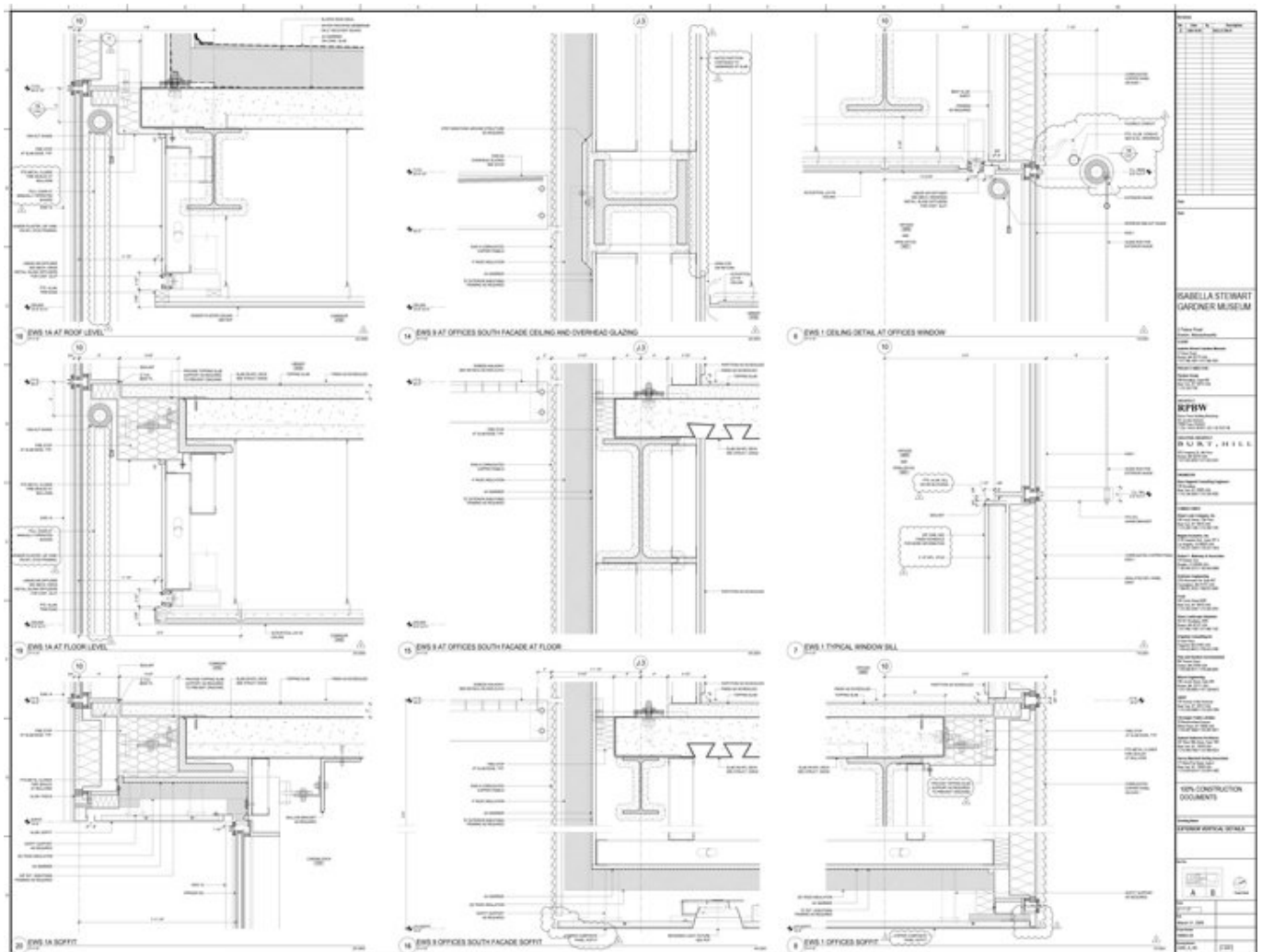
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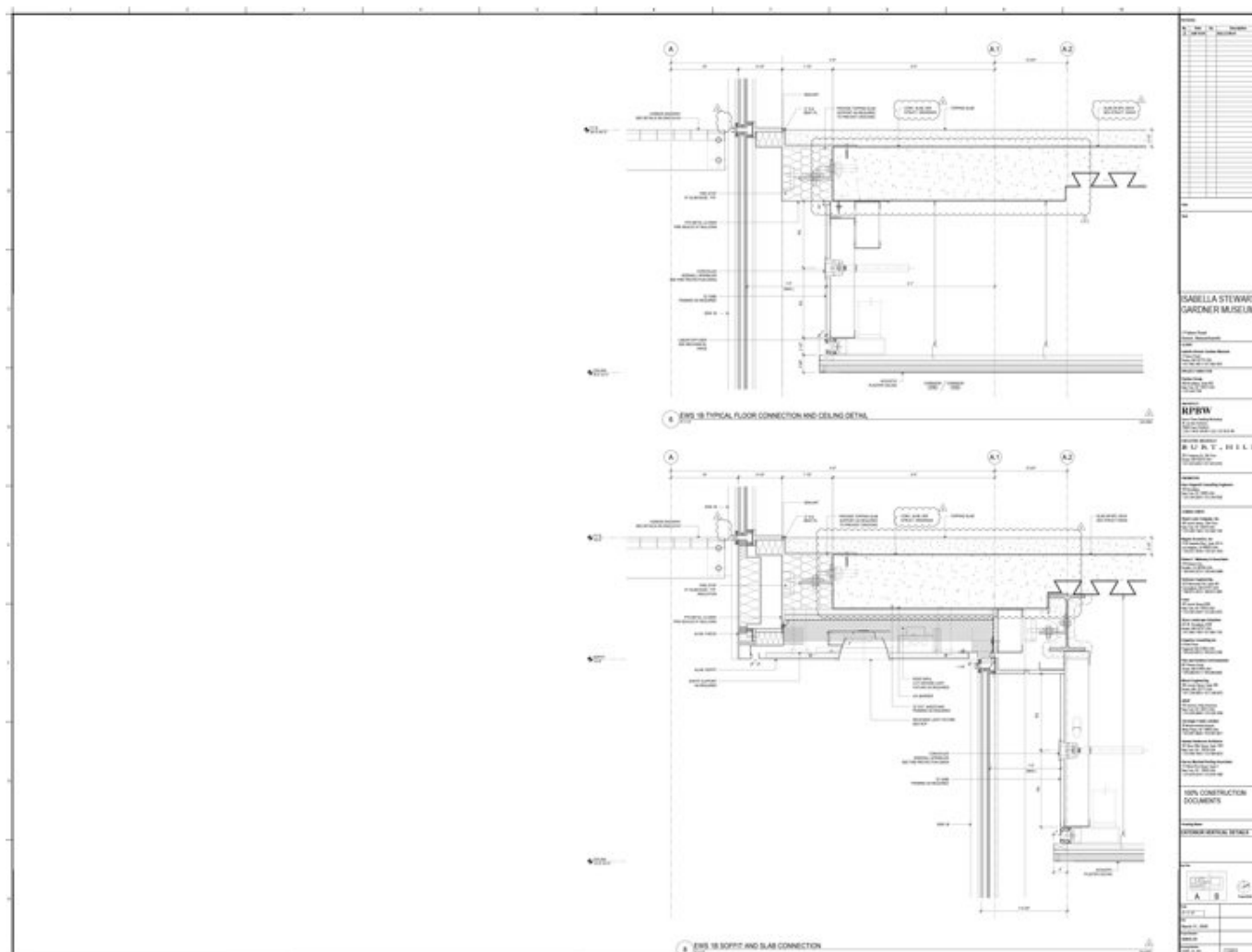
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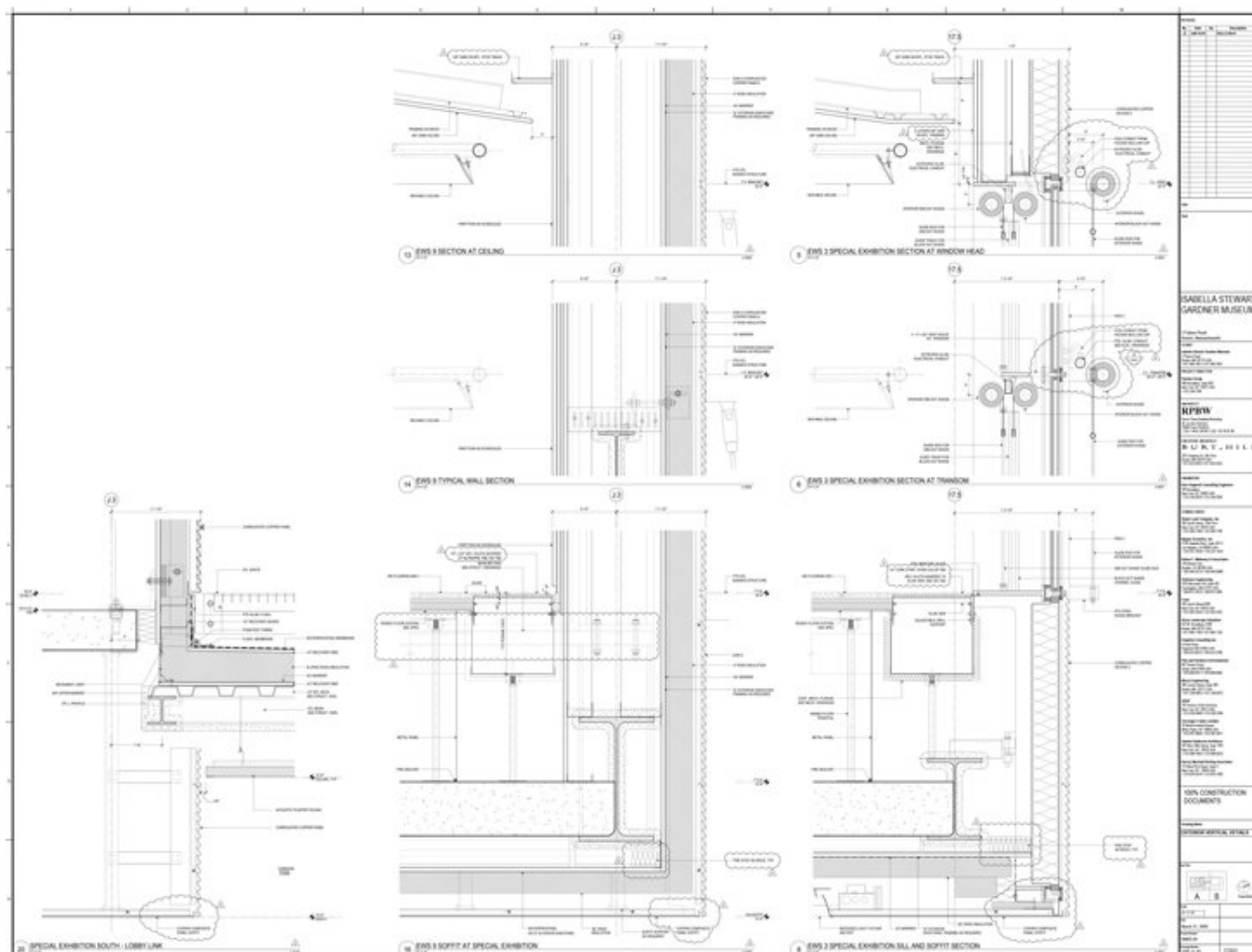
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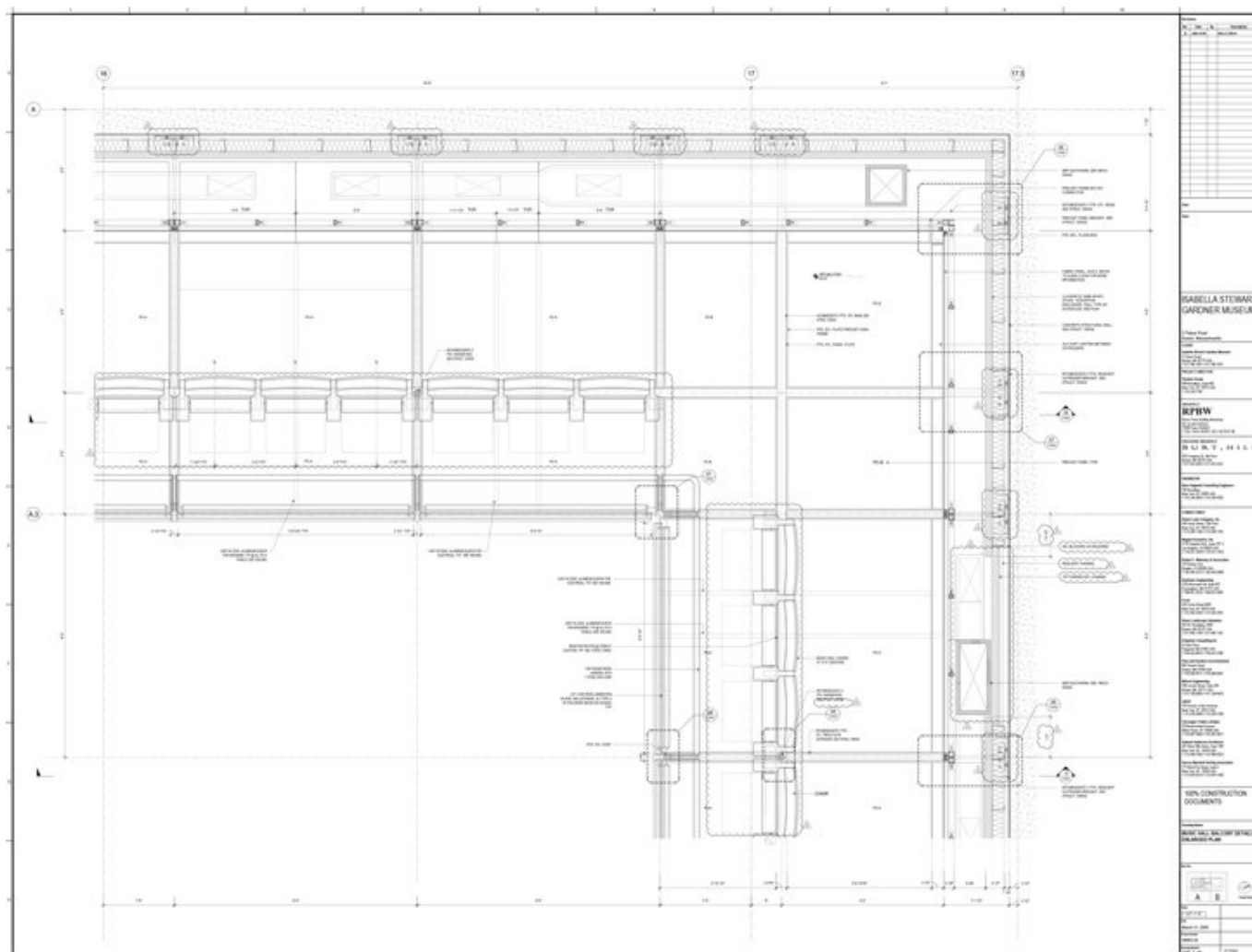
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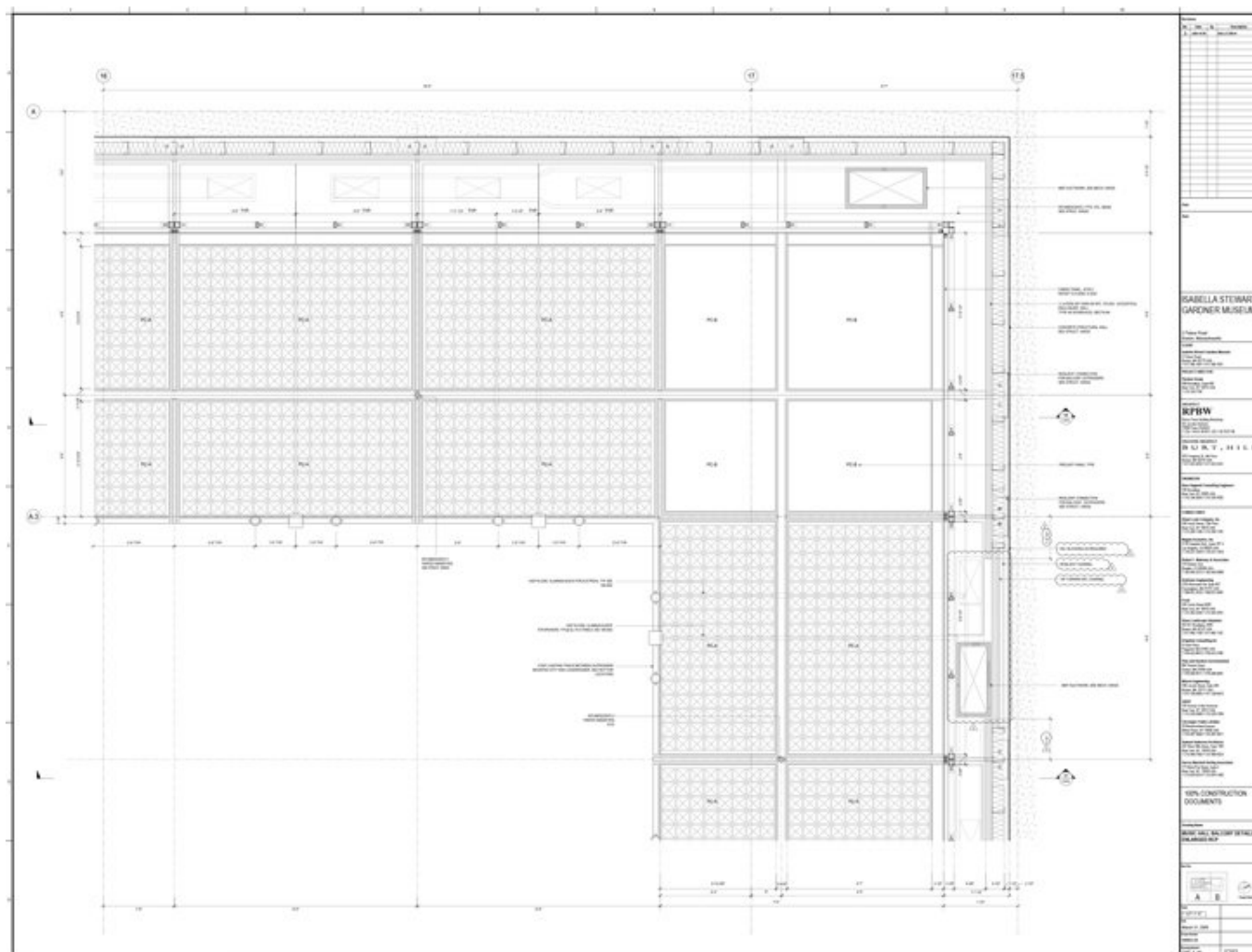
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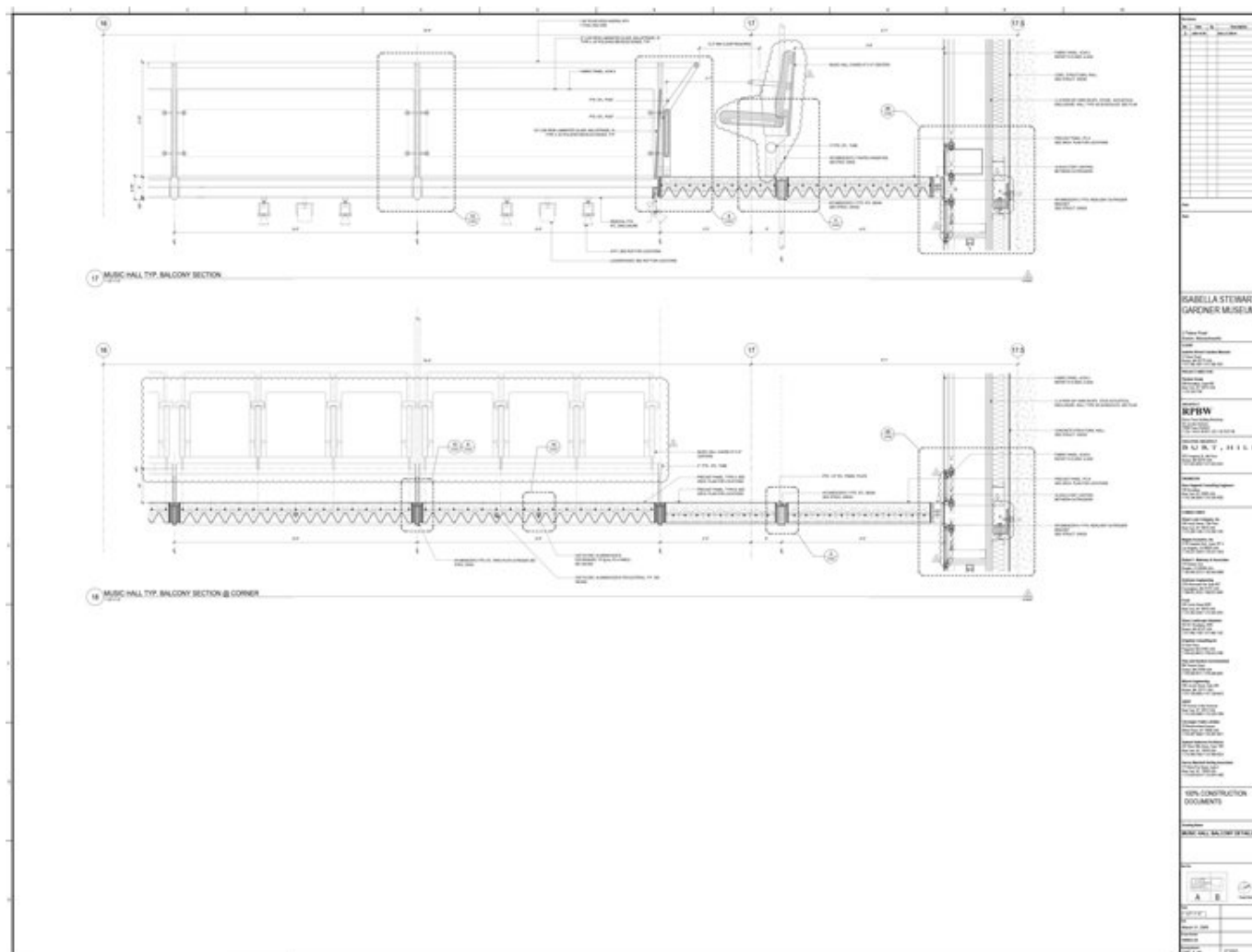
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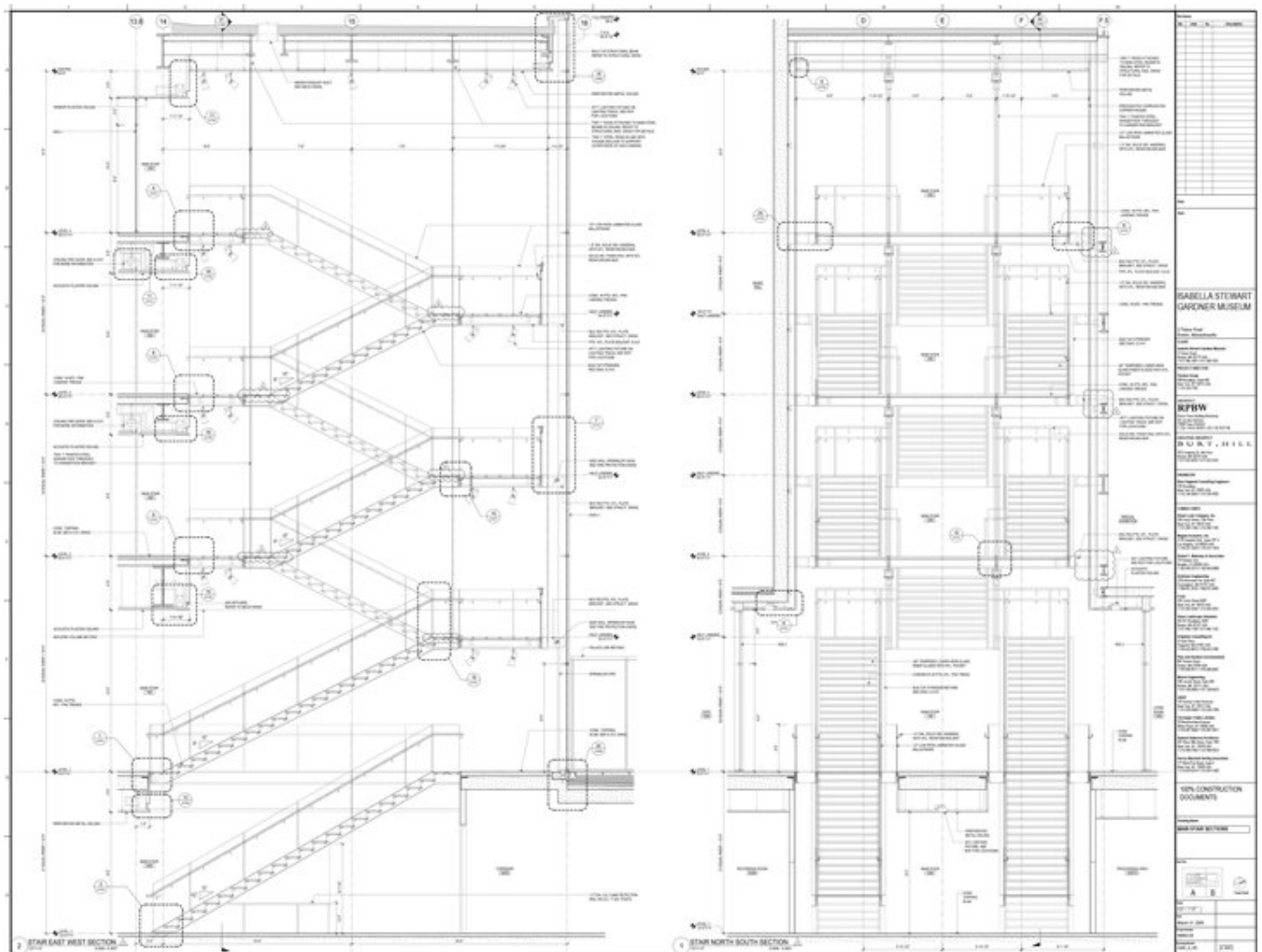
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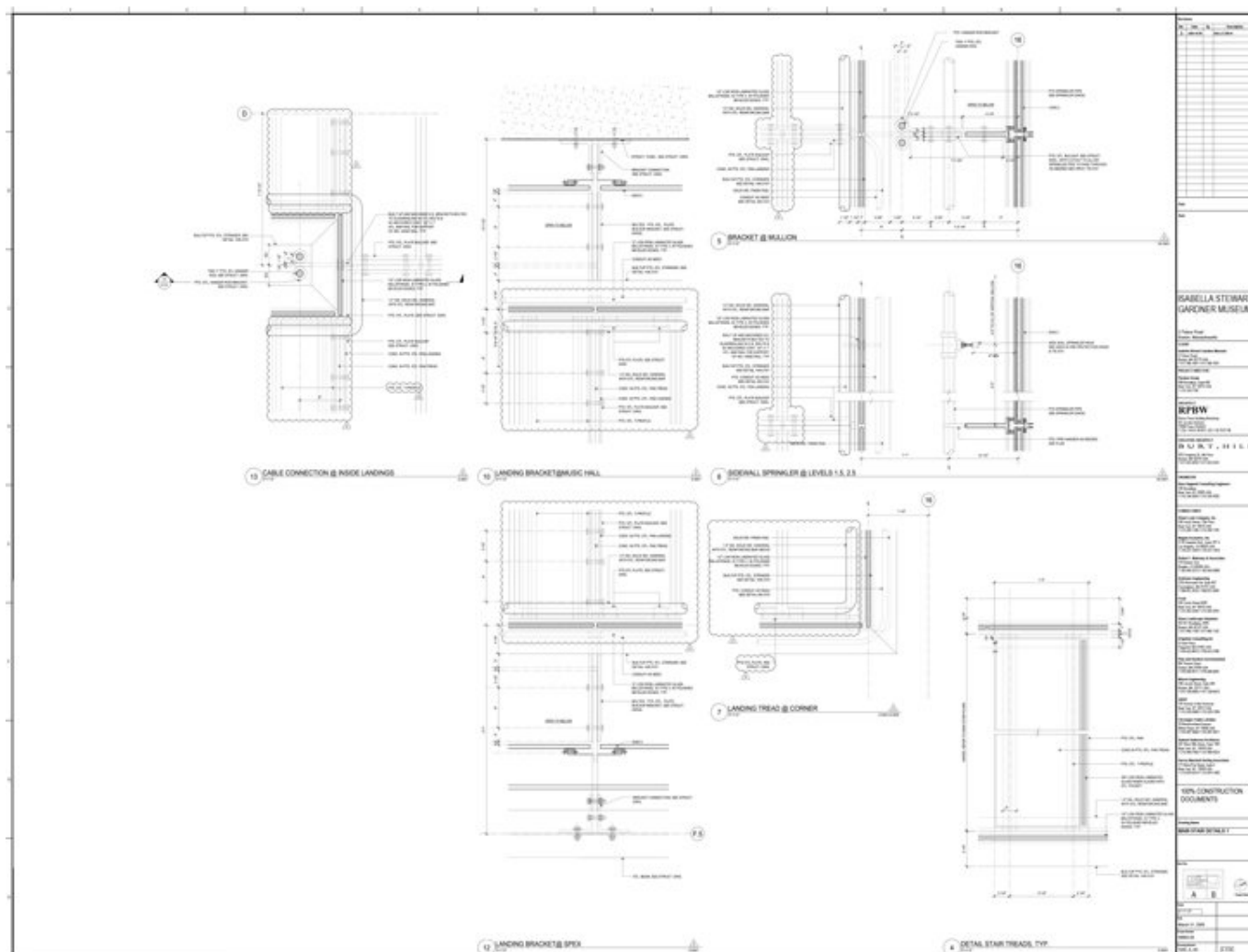
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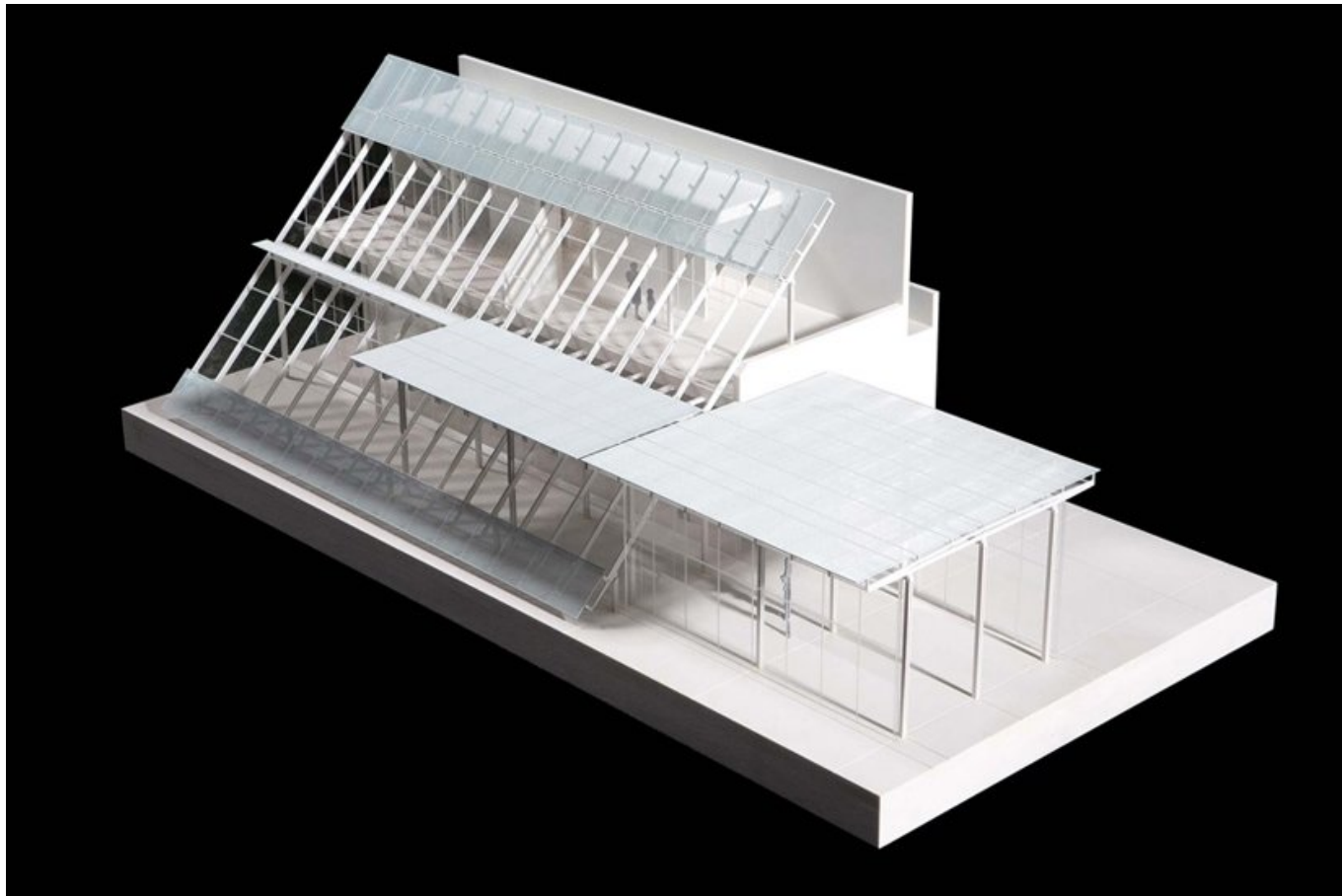


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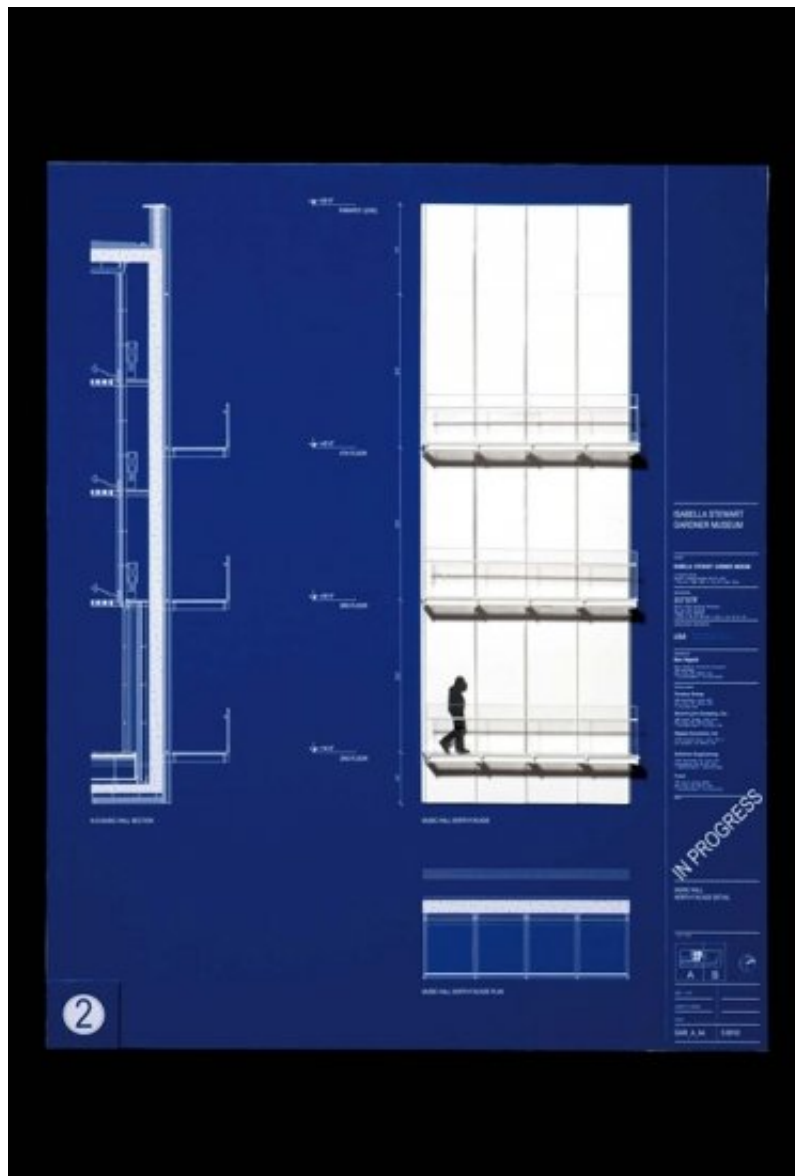
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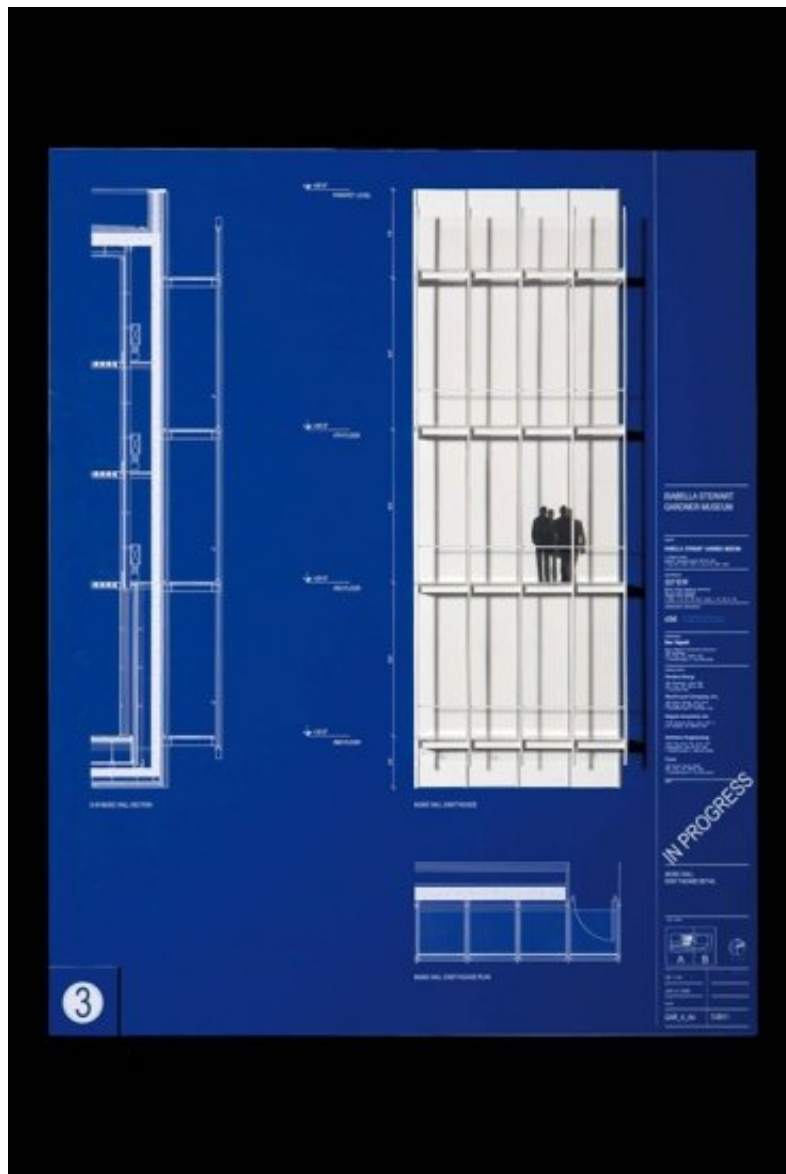
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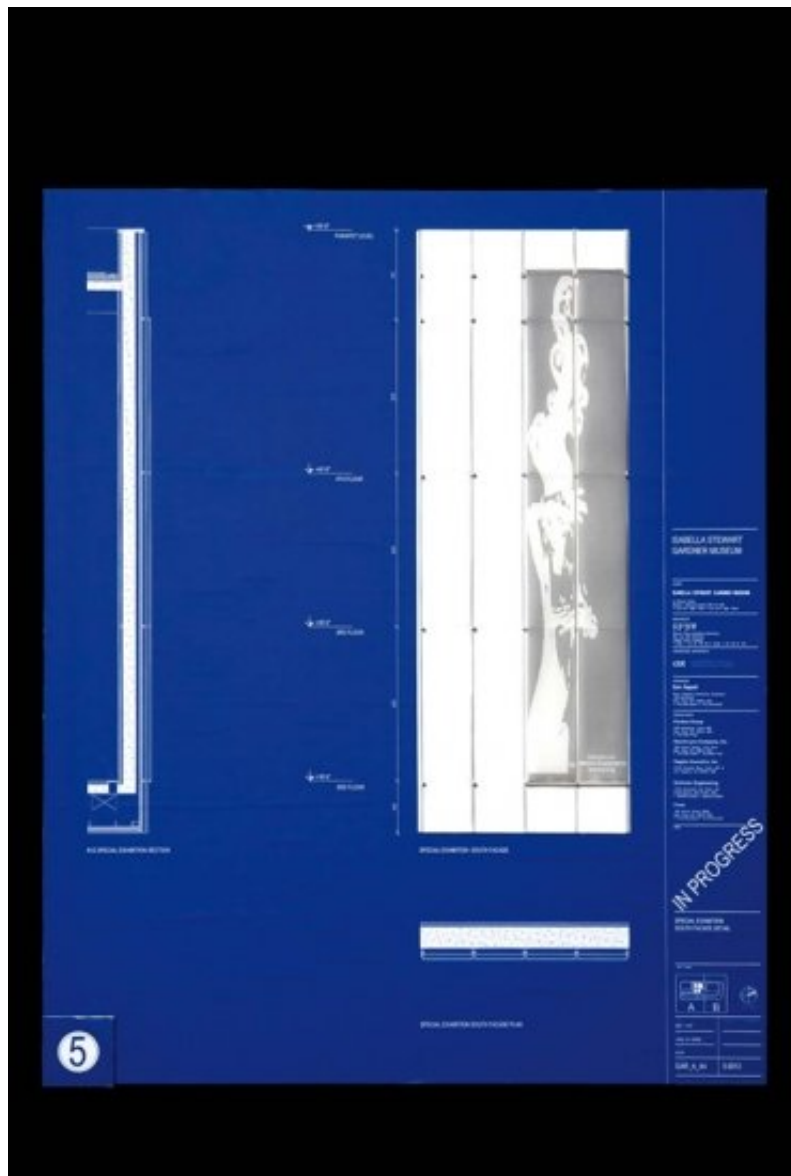
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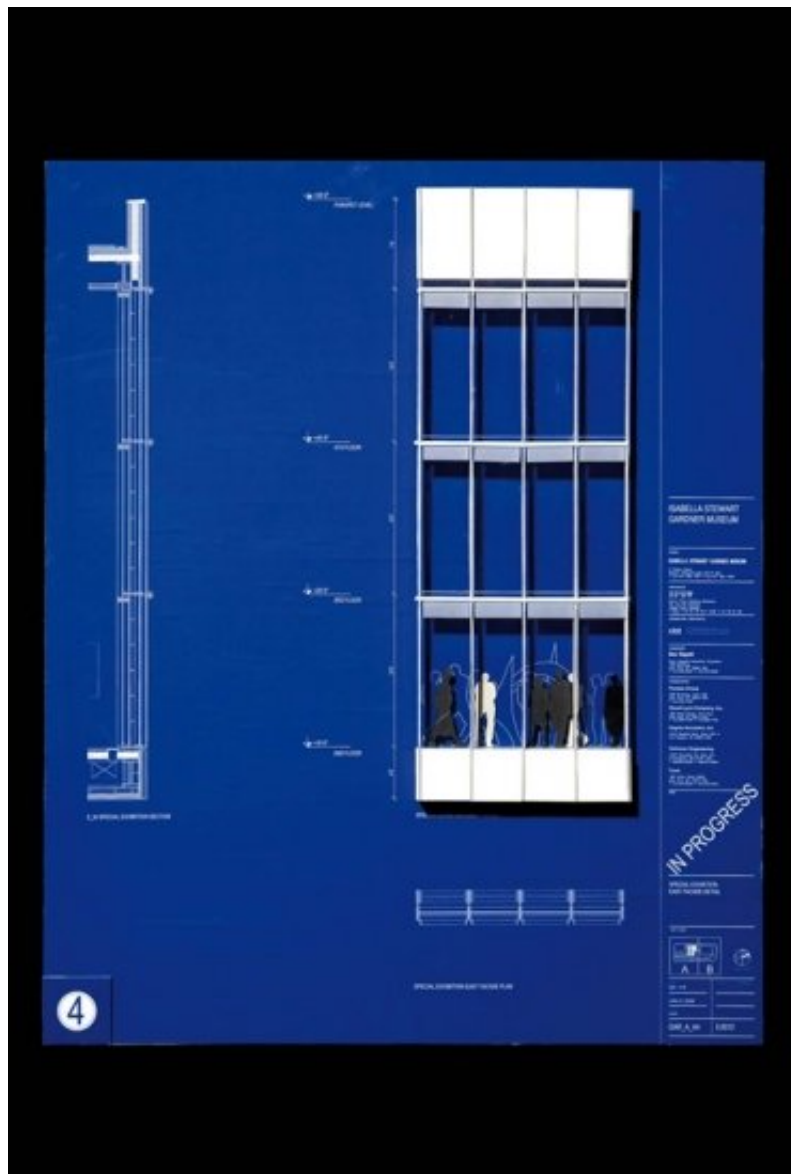
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