



Project Data Sheet

Palo Alto, California



Title Blue Eclipse

Location Veterans Administration Hospital, Palo Alto, California

Description Blue Eclipse is made up of two sculptures suspended in the rotunda entry and waiting area of the Palo Alto, Veterans Administration Mental Health Center. The Entry is the gateway for both in-patient and outpatient populations, as well as the Foundations of Recovery Program for U.S. Veterans. The two sculptures embody different states of energy whose colors shift in a changing blue green spectrum of light. Discussions with mental health workers directed the artist to the blue green spectrum of color. The sculptures manifest an energy that calms and quiets one's entry into the rotunda and movement to the waiting area. During the day sunlight integrates with shades of blue LED light. This mixture of LED and sunlight has a very unique quality. Each sculpture is comprised of elliptical, laser-cut aluminum shapes, which stack on cables and form "elliptoids." They circle and gather in the rotunda as if they were a mass of orbiting planets. Both sculptures are visible from the second floor hallway leading to the rotunda where the door way frames the rotunda sculpture. At night, the two sculptures can be seen illuminated through the glass of the rotunda, and waiting area façade, acting as a beacon for the Health Center.

Date 2012

Medium hard anodized aluminum sheet, Laser cut, LED Lights

Dimensions Rotunda Sculpture 9.5' H x 7' L x 7' D;
Elevator Lobby Sculpture 24' H x 7.5' W x 2.5' D

Commissioned by Palo Alto Veterans Administration of the Federal Government

Engineer Patrell Engineering Group, Inc., Glendora, CA

Subcontractor Metal Arts Foundry, Lehi, UT