# PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL 1050 Kifer Road Intuitive Surgical, Inc. Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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Figure 1



Figure 3





Figure 2

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## COSMOS

Troy Pillow, Alignment, Polished Stainless Steel, 2013



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## **PRIMARY VIEW CORRIDOR**

## **PROPOSED PUBLIC ARTWORK**

## **EXISTING PUBLIC ARTWORK** Troy Pillow, Alignment, Polished Stainless Steel, 2013

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Perspective View with mid-day shadows | Page 6



"Everything flows and nothing abides; everything gives way and nothing stays fixed. Cool things become warm, the warm grows cool; the moist dries, the parched becomes moist. It is in changing that things find repose."

'We always live in the shadow of Sisyphus and Tantalus - everything around us moves, shifts, is in constant turmoil. We are not moving through an epoch of certaintudes: Cosmonauts in a swarm, we navigate in the provisional, we must reconsider each thought at every instant."

# COSMOS

Cosmos is a dynamic shade canopy that fosters pedestrian interactions and establishes a lively collective focal point for the Intuitive Surgical campus. By supporting the artwork with a single cluster of arches, Cosmos creates an open, shaded and inviting space for people to fluidly move through on a daily basis. It also creates a dramatic backdrop for visitors and employees to congregate, sit and view the play of shadow and light from many vantage points. The faceted origami-like surfaces of the artwork are also meant to inspire spontaneous interactions and playfulness by both adults and children who might enjoy spending time underneath the artwork's intricate organic structure and kaleidoscopic skin.

The geometry of the artwork is an exploration in translating mathematical principles into physical form. The Fibonacci Sequence informs the specific algorithm underlying the three-dimensional structure and skin of the artwork. While the form of the artwork would be fixed, the play of light, reflection and color would change throughout the day and season. The site specific installation invites visitors to experience the interplay of pattern, light, art and science in a way that is both playful and contemplative.

1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89,144,233,377...

1+1=2	13+21=34
1+2=3	21+34=55
2+3=5	34+55=89
3+5=8	55+89=144
5+8=13	89+144=233
8+13=21	144+233=377

Fig 1. Fibonacci Sequence (each subsequent number is the sum of the previous two).





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phyllotaxis spiral (137.5 degrees)



shells and even pinwheel galaxies

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-Heraclitus, 540-480 BC

-lannis Xenakis

Fig 4. Spiral phyllotaxis can also be observed in complex 3d structures like sunflowers, sea



2 SITE PERSPECTIVE NTS



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GRADE 00'-00"

16'

0' 4' 8'

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SHEET TITLE Top plan

NORTH

2'

0'

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4'

0' 1'

2'

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0' 2' 4' 8'

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Shade Petals - 16ga 304 stainless steel folded sheets, laser cut and custom bent by artist, bolted

Inner Diffusers - 16ga perforated 304 stainless steel, powder coated blue tones, both sides and bolted

Horizontal Rings - 1" diameter x 1/16" thick wall 304 stainless steel tube - cnc bent, or galvanized

Primary Arches - 4" diameter x 1/4" thick wall 304 stainless steel tube - cnc bent, or galvanized

Base Plate - 1" thick 304 stainless steel (or galvanized) with welded solid rod steel rod with welded connection to arches; anchor bolts to concrete spread footings below; access opening for routine maintenance and inspection

3 Benches (Type B2 - 8' Backless Benches to match garden benches) \*suggested final location, type and quantity to be coordinated w. RHAA Landscape Architects and purchased by



# **DURABILITY & MAINTENANCE**

Cosmos would be fabricated in the Bay Area using marine grade stainless steel panels, galvanized carbon steel, and hardware. The steel pipes would be CNC bent by digital craftspeople in our San Francisco-based shop. All connections would be welded. The perforated 16 and 8 gauge perforated stainless steel shade petals are both extremely durable and maintenance free. Gaps between the petals ensure easy visible inspection.

The lower shade petals circling the base plate are connected into four larger hinged modules and can be opened easily. This allows the foundation connections to be easily inspected and cleaned when necessary. The LED lighting fixtures are also accessible through the base.

Additional Notes:

1. Birds: Stainless steel bird spikes to be integrated into the edge of the uppermost horizontal ring. This would impede landing and roosting near the overhang, and would have minimal visual impact. The majority of the colored panels are angled over 45 degrees which will deter nest building. Two panel rows near the end of the arch are angled between ~30 and 5 degrees. Panels to be to create a pitch that would impede roosting and encourage water flow.

2. Panel Maintenance: Similar to any roof or skylight, bird droppings will occur. In general, exposed bird droppings will naturally breakdown in sunlight, wind and rain. As noted in #1, colored panel manufacturers recommended angle of +5 degrees to be followed to encourage self-cleaning. All portions of the artwork can also be power-washed if necessary. Will work with facilities to ensure the completed artwork is easy to inspect and maintain when necessary.

3. Water and Drainage: While some rain would be channeled towards the middle, rain falling on the artwork would behave similar to rain falling on a large tree canopy. The stainless steel petals are perforated and therefore the rain would be slowed down, channeled and dispersed. People standing under the artwork during light would therefore be partially protected.

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Drg. Ref. Made by

> Element list: PB1 to PB Scale: 1:44.82

Output axis: local

1.000 in 0.7500 in 0.5000 in 0.2500 in 0.0 in Case: L7 : EQ Y Case: A7 : EQ Y



# STRUCTURAL NARRATIVE + ANALYSIS

The structure would be pre-fabricated with three sizes of steel CNC bent tubes. The structure and lightweight petals would be shop welded in smaller modules, transported to the site and ultimately bolted together in situ.

ARUP Engineers Structural Analysis Outcomes:

1. The primary arches would be slender 4" diameter tubes. Cantilever deflections would be resolved with some optimization of the placement of the internal tubing and refining the loading numbers. The foundation of this sculpture will need to be ~16' square and 36" deep.

2. The horizontal tubes in the bottom third of the sculpture need to be 2.5" diameter instead of your original 1.5" (mostly b/c of earthquake forces). The helical spiral configuration was not analyzed here but we expect that it would perform in a similar fashion.



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- CAST METAL

- EXAMPLE TEXT

PETALS TO VARY

INCREMENTALLY FROM

SOLID TO PERFORATED STAINLESS STEEL

INTERIOR PETALS TO BE

PERFORATED STAINLESS STEEL, POWDER COATED

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Focal Point - From ISI Meeting Space Above | Page 18

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Perspective View illustrating color change at sunset | Page 19



Fig 1. Anemone Canopy, Albany CA / UC Berkeley, CA

Fig 2. Lightweave, NOMA District, Washington DC

FUTURE CITIES LAB was founded by artists Nataly Gattegno and Jason Kelly Johnson. Their approach to art and design, which has been described as "high performance craft", is deeply experiential, interactive and materially rich. Their artworks, sculptures, light installations and pavilion structures have been exhibited and installed internationally. Gattegno and Johnson were previously awarded the prestigious Architecture League Prize and the Van Alen Institutes's New York Prize. Their studio and fabrication shop is located in the Dogpatch neighborhood of San Francisco.

Commentary > Bill Morrish, the former Dean of Parson New School of Design: "Their work involves crossing disciplinary boundaries in a hungry search for understanding the basic premise of systems as well as their cultural poetry. They turn utility systems, biological processes, capital flows and information lines into networked architecture and public activities."

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Fig 3. St. James Park, Levitt Pavilion, Downtown San Jose CA



Fig 4. Trilux Pavilion, Museum of Craft and Design, Proxy / Hayes Valley, SF, CA



Fig 5. Lightstream, King's Highway MTA Subway Station, MTA Arts & Design, Brooklyn, NY

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Fig 6. Murmur Wall, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts / YBCA San Francisco, CA



Fig 1. Nataly Gattegno & Jason Kelly Johnson

Fig 2. Lightswarm, YBCA, San Francisco

NATALY GATTEGNO is an artist and founding managing partner of Future Cities Lab. She brings to the team an expertise in design research and urban speculation, through the lens of architecture, design theory and urban design. Nataly [b.1977] was born and raised in Athens, Greece. She received a MA from Cambridge University, St. John's College, UK, and a Masters of Architecture from Princeton University where she received the Thesis Prize and the AIA Henry Adams Medal in 2002.

JASON KELLY JOHNSON is an artist and founding design partner of Future Cities Lab. He brings to the team an expertise in parametric design and advanced digital fabrication, through the lens of critical art production and interactive technologies. Jason [b.1973] was born and raised in Canada. He received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Virginia, and a Masters of Architecture from Princeton University where he received the Thesis Prize in 2001. He has lectured and exhibited internationally.

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Fig 4. Fabricating Waveform, Denver, CO

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Fig 5. Fabricating Bitly Wall, New York, NY



Fig 6. Fabricating Prototypes

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Fig 7. Fabricating Anemone Canopy, Berkeley, CA



Fig 3. Datagrove, Zero1, San Jose





Fig 1. Idea Tree, San Jose, Ca



Fig 2. Levitt Pavilion, San Jose Ca

Fig 3. King's Cross, London UK

Fig 4. The Park with !Melk, Las Vegas, NV

## **ARUP ENGINEERS**

Arup is an internationally recognized engineering firm that has collaborated on some of the world's most seminal art, architecture and engineering projects (Fig.3,4,5). Future Cities Lab and Arup are currently collaborating on the Levitt Pavilion for St. James Park in San Jose.

## NICK SHERROW-GROVES, COLLABORATING ARTWORK ENGINEER

Nick Sherrow-Groves is a senior licensed engineer at the San Francisco office of Arup. Since joining Arup in 2010, Nick has worked on major projects including airports and skyscrapers, and has specialized in structural art, over the years managing the structural design for a variety of artistic endeavors (Fig.1,2,6,7).



Fig 5. Bombay Saphire with Heatherwick, Denver, CO

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Fig 6. Pier 55 with Heatherwick Studio, New York, NY

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Fig 7.Swirl with Jim Campbell, Des Moines IA

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