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Fountains



In 2003, AT06, the publicly owned water and gas utility of Alessandria, launched a campaign to improve consumer awareness of the public drinking water quality. For this purpose, baukuh was assigned to design a public fountain to be produced in at least ten exemplars. The fountains will supply filtered cold water and even carbonated water. baukuh submitted a proposal of seven different solutions, of which AT06 chose the 'sasso' (stone, rock) model. The fountain is made of prefabricated concrete; the design was executed by an expert craftsman, Mr. Torti who was able to cope with all problems encountered, such as the big dimensions of the object and its complex geometry. The inauguration of the first fountain was in April 2005 in Castelnuovo Scrivia; judging from the quantity of water consumed in the first two months – 72,000 litres –, the operation appears to be a big success.

TSP



The Teatri di Spina will be realized in Lido di Spina, a small village on the Adriatic coast near Comacchio, Ferrara. The Teatri will combine a program of cultural (theater, chamber music, dance performances) and educational activities (lectures, workshops, conventions), with the latter financing the former. A central scene is surrounded by three auditoriums, one for 365 people and two for 125 people each. The building with a circular ground plan of 43 meters in diameter is 17 meters high. A system of movable partitions enables independent use of the auditoriums which thus can be used simultaneously for different activities. The roof hosts a small open-air theatre, suspended above maritime pine trees and under the night sky.

Myslym Shyri Street



In 2004, the mayor of Tirana, Albania, Mr. Edi Rama, not content to decorate Communist housing blocks with artistic paintings of his own hand and to overpaint the after-Hoxha savage abuses, decided to call in a large number of, preferably young, European architects for an architectural overhaul of the city. So Aurora Konstruktion invited baukuh to project a mixed-use building for the center of Tirana: its nine levels will host shops, offices, and apartments. The City Administration, under the direction of Rama himself, implacably imposed numberless changes to the project until the final sugarcoated version. Construction is scheduled to start in early 2006.

