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Building: Louis I. Kahn At Roosevelt Island: Photographs By Barney Kulok



Synopsis

In September 2011, Barney Kulok was granted permission to create photographs at the construction site of Louis I. Kahn's Four Freedoms Park in New York City, commissioned in 1970 as a memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The last design Kahn completed before his untimely death in 1974, Four Freedoms Park remained an unrealized work by one of the masters of twentieth-century architecture. Forty years after the original commission, it was finally completed in 2012. Unbuilt is at once a historical record and a multilayered visual investigation of form and the subtleties of texture--elements that were of fundamental importance to Kahn's approach. As architect Steven Holl writes, "Kulok's photographs free the subject matter from a literal interpretation of the site. They stand as 'Equivalents' to the words about material, light and shadow that Louis Kahn often spoke."

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A remarkably beautiful and poetic work. Stunning, luscious black and white plates and illuminating texts. A meditation on Kahn's last great work, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park.

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