

## *tower*

Sited at Oliver Ranch, Alexander Valley, California, my first building and private commission, this 80 foot concrete tower is conceived as an object in the landscape and a vocal chord to be animated by a series of commissioned projects responding to the location, acoustic conditions and unique spatial relation between performer and audience. An interior double helical staircase ascends and descends from opposite sides of the tower to spatially suspend the audience and the performer in an alternative to a traditional face to face performance. The first live event was in spring of 2007 with Meredith Monk & Vocal Ensemble since then, other performances Other artists who have performed in the tower include choreographer Joe Goode, The Kronos Quartet, Shahrokh Yadegari and The Pacific Mozart Ensemble.

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