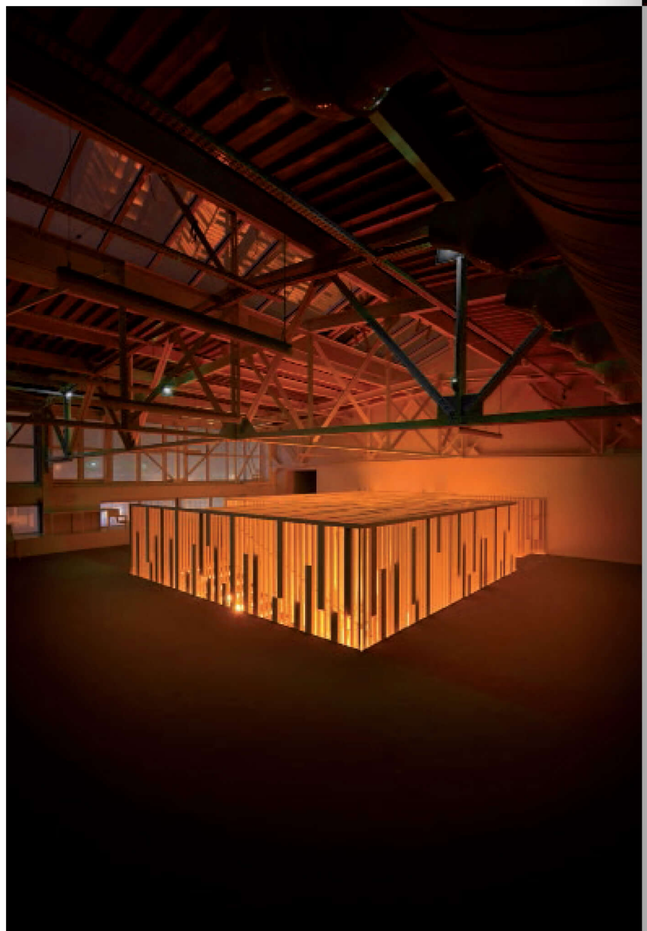
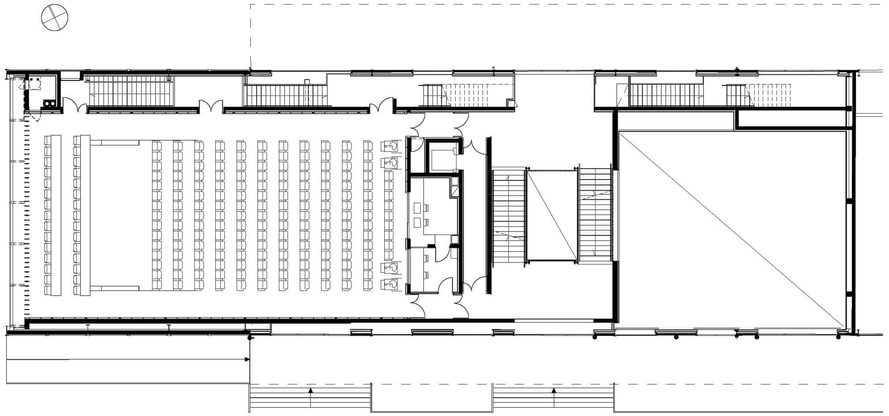
Architects | Stéphane Bigoni + Antoine Mortemard architects
Project address | Quai de Boisguilbert 76000, Rouen, France
Gross floor area | 1,800 m^2
Main materials | concrete, brick, steel, glass
Building type | convention center
Completion | 2010

Located in the historical harbor area, this project focuses on the extension of an old storage hangar between the railroad tracks and the Seine River, allowing it to house an auditorium and exhibit spaces. In the middle of the building, a large mashrabiya captures and diffracts light. At night, the lattice becomes a lantern, emerging from the floor beneath the hangar's frame. The auditorium sits partially beneath the old hangar, a concrete structure independent of the existing building frame. However, the design has a surprising twist: The back wall of the stage can be opened, incorporating views of the harbor into the design. The project won the Architecture and Urbanism Grand Prize of Haute-Normandie 2012.





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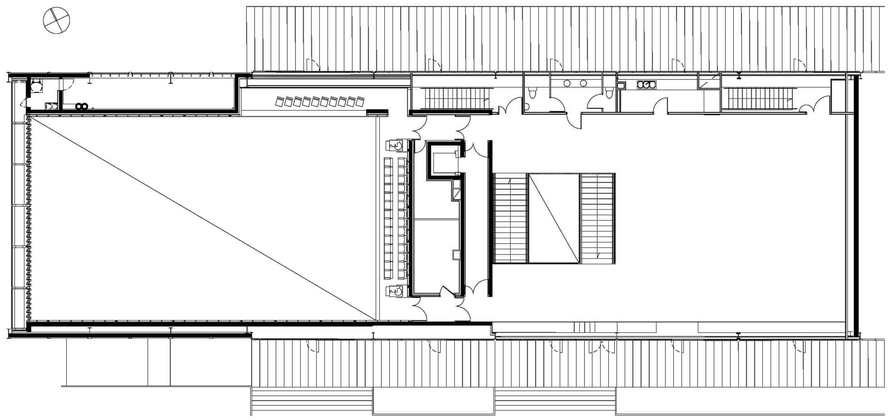
This new design uses light and straight lines to draw attention to the elegance of the design, without using color to distract the viewer.