

Temporary Public Art Installation – Marcos Lutyens at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

Artist(s): Marcos Lutyens

Title: *Universal Solvent*

Site: Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, Manhattan

Dates: Fall 2018 - Winter 2018

Material: Aluminum

Dimensions: Approximately 12 ft. L x 3 ft. W x 2' H

Summary of project:

Marcos Lutyens' sculpture *Universal Solvent* is a bench sculpture with a smartphone-acquired sound component that takes listeners into the world of water. Located on the plaza platform, the bench is made out of water-jet cut, polished aluminum. The surfaces are buffed and smooth, but irregular to prevent skateboarders from sliding along the edge or using it as a "rail." It will be secured with lag bolts to gabion baskets filled with rocks. The sculpture will not be anchored – it will rest on the pavers of the sculpture platform.

The sound recording explores myths and realities linked to the world of water, encouraging discussions about water and its importance to life across the planet. The sculpture's audio is smartphone-based without the need for amplified sound. Instructions on how to access the sound recording will be on signage posted nearby as well as distributed by social media and press material so that audiences can also listen to it remotely.

Proposed Artwork and Site



Marcos Lutyens, *Universal Solvent* (rendering at site)