

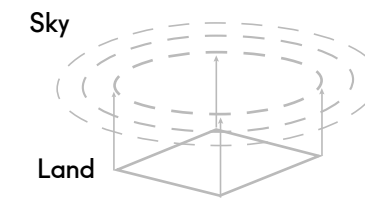
Invite You to the Sky

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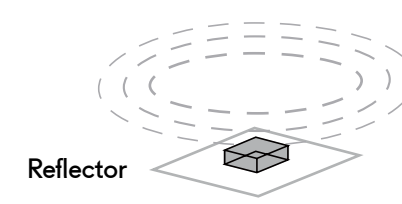
I got inspiration for this project from my solo road trip back in 2014, when I drove alone from San Francisco to Denver and enjoy the sublime landscape along the way. One day I was driving on Route 50 in Nevada, "the loneliest road in America". When I passed Eureka where 78 miles away from Ely, so did the sunset. On Route 50 with no street lamp, I can't help but noticing the glorious stars and milky way above my head. So once I make sure there is no other car around me within a distance, I turned off my headlight while driving, only to enjoy the enchanting sky. Unfortunately there is no emergency pit area alongside the road and with the absence of street lamp the entire way, I dare not to pull over and watch the sky in peace, I can only look at the sky for 3 seconds and turn on the headlight again. I also gave up the idea of taking pictures because there's no way to capture the sensation I felt there.

So I decided to design another installation for people to stop by and watch the sky in the wild, in calmness and in humility.

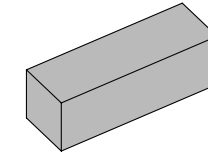
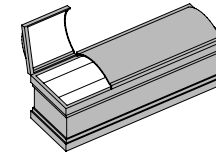
The whole idea of the reflector is to guide people to look above, but inevitably people will look at the installation first, so I need to encourage people to do so by design. First, all surface of the cube are fitted with mirror which reflects the sky; second, I took away most of the cubes, leaving the skeleton of the 9*9 grid with four at each corner and the criss-cross in the middle, with the heart gone. This would decrease the sense of a graveyard from the pattern and the size of the cube, and encourage people to go to the center of the installation, then the installation became an extension of him/herself, not an object.



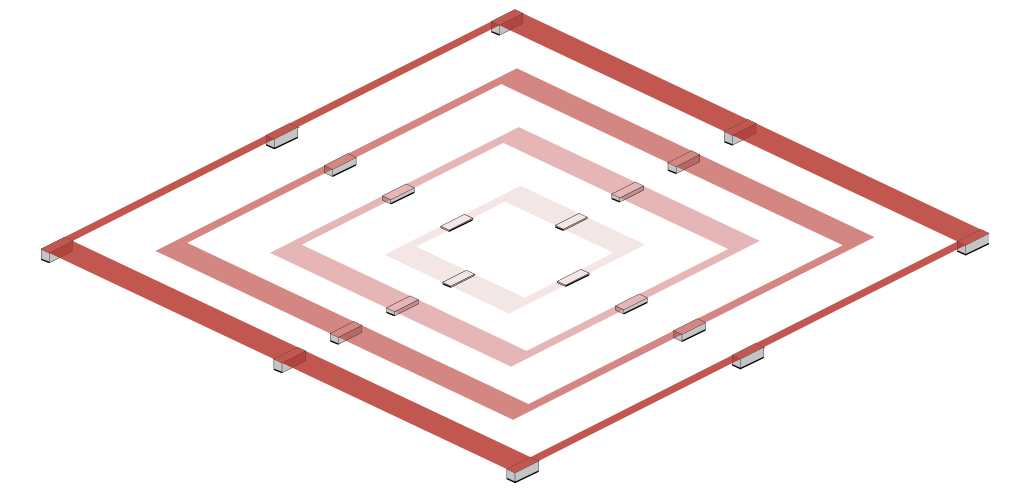
"Sky is in circle and land is in square", for the lack of clear boundary of the sky.



As a reflector, a symbol of human on the ground, I chose cube as the basic shape.



The cube sharing the size of standard coffin, 2100*700*700 mm as a metaphor of burying the time of individual of human being. The time one could experience is no mach for the time of galaxy we are staring above. Lay down the time in our mind, and admire, connect the time above us.



700 mm from the top to the ground. 500 mm from the top to the ground.
300 mm from the top to the ground. 100 mm from the top to the ground.

