

LAWRENCE HALPRIN (1916-2009)

BIO

Halprin was raised in Brooklyn, New York and attended the Cornell University, the University of Wisconsin, and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. His primary focus was centered on landscape movement and its innate and complementary role in the architectural process. Amongst his innovations is the design process known as the RSVP Cycles. This method is marked by attention to human scale, user experience, and the social impact of design; these strengths were likely fueled by the work of his wife, dancer Anna Schuman Halprin. Lawrence was an innovative and influential architect and designer, his most prolific projects include the FDR Memorial in Washington, DC; the Sea Ranch Community in California; Freeway Park in Seattle; Heritage Park, Fort Worth, and Lovejoy Plaza in Portland, Oregon. Through these projects the intent was to represent forms of nature while incorporating and placing an emphasis on the natural occurrences and transformations of nature itself - turning natural landscape into a human made experience. Throughout his life he gained numerous awards including the Thomas Jefferson Medal in Architecture and the National Medal of Arts given by the President of the United States.

EDUCATION

- 1935 B.A. Plant Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 1941 M.A. Science in horticulture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- 1942 B.A. Landscape Architecture, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2016- The Landscape Architecture of Lawrence Halprin, National Building
- 2017 Museum, Washington DC, WA
- 2016 *First Hand: Architects, Artists, and Designers from the L.J. Cella Collection*, the Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion, Trina Turk Gallery, Palm Springs, CA
Experiments in Environment: The Halprin Workshops, 1966-1971, California Historical Society, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 *Experiments in Environment: The Halprin Workshops, 1966-1971*, The Beall Center, Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, New York, NY
- 2014 *Experiments in Environment: The Halprin Workshops, 1966-1971*, The Graham Foundation, Chicago, IL
- 1986 *Lawrence Halprin: Changing Places*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

SELECTED PROJECTS

- 2005 *Letterman Digital Arts Center*, San Francisco, CA
Yosemite Falls (approach to), Yosemite National Park, CA
Stern Grove Amphitheater, San Francisco, CA
Levi Plaza, San Francisco, CA
Cascade Plaza, Akron, OH
Main Street Streetscape, Greenville, SC
Innerbelt Freeway, Akron, OH

- 1997 *Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial*, Washington, D.C.
- 1994 *Grand Hope Park*, Los Angeles, CA
- 1980 *Heritage Park Plaza*, downtown Fort Worth, TX
- 1976 *Plaza 8 Water Feature*, 8th Street (adjacent to the Mead Public Library), Sheboygan, WI
Downtown Mall – 8-9 block pedestrian only zone along city's historic main street, Charlottesville, VA
- 1975 *United Nations Plaza*, San Francisco, CA
Sculpture Garden, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA *destroyed
Manhattan Square Park – 5-acre urban park with waterfalls and skating rink, Rochester, NY
Riverbank Park, Flint, MI
Freeway Park – an innovative reclaiming of interstate right-of-way for park space, Seattle, WA
- 1974 *Skyline Park* – inspired by Colorado National monument, Denver, CO
- 1972 *Water Garden*, Olympia, WA
- 1971 *Ira Keller Foundation (Ira's Fountain)*, with *Lovejoy Fountain Park*, part of a multi-block sequence of public fountains and outdoor rooms, Portland, OR
- 1970 *Park Central Square*, Springfield, MS
- 1968 *Nicollet Mall*, Minneapolis, MN
- 1966-68 *Oakbrook Center*, Landscape work, Oak Brook, IL
- 1964-66 *Bay Area Rapid Transit System*, master planning for sections, San Francisco, CA
- 1964 *St. Francis Square Cooperative Housing Project*, San Francisco, CA
Sea Ranch California, master landscape plan, Sonoma, CA
- 1962-65 *Ghirardelli Square*, San Francisco, CA
- 1962 *Sproul Plaza*, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- 1960 *West Coast Memorial to the Missing of World War II*, Presidio of San Francisco, landscape plan, San Francisco, CA
- 1959 *Washington Water Power (now Avista Corporation) Campus*, Spokane, WA
- 1958-62 *1962 Seattle World's Fair*, master landscaping plan, Seattle, WA
- 1955 *Ferris House landscape*, Spokane, WA