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Building: Louis I. Kahn At Roosevelt Island: Photographs By Barney Kulok





Synopsis

In September 2011, Barney Kulok was granted permission to create photographs at the construction site of Louis I. Kahnâ ™s Four Freedoms Park in New York City, commissioned in 1970 as a memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The last design Kahn completed before his untimely death in 1974, Four Freedoms Park remained an unrealized work by one of the masters of twentieth-century architecture. Forty years after the original commission, it was finally completed in 2012. Unbuilt is at once a historical record and a multilayered visual investigation of form and the subtleties of texture--elements that were of fundamental importance to Kahnâ ™s approach . As architect Steven Holl writes, â œKulokâ ™s photographs free the subject matter from a literal interpretation of the site. They stand as â `Equivalentsâ ™ to the words about material, light and shadow that Louis Kahn often spoke.â •

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