


Now our minds are one

Des Rapides Park



Wind





*As the soul enters,
Through stones and roots the currents run.
Here, the river remembers,
Rocking the land till all minds become one.*

These waters were known long before this installation. We acknowledge the Haudenosaunee peoples whose knowledge and beliefs shaped the memory of the Lachine rapids. For them, water is the fundamental element of the world and is central to life and creation. In their conception of the world, Earth existed as a world of water before land emerged in the form of memory with the fall of Sky Woman. Side by side with aquatic beings, they created land, establishing water as a sacred and life-giving force. At night, in the Des Rapides Park, besides the Lachine Rapids, the installation awakens to the sound of the strong currents. A basin of moving water becomes the heart of the space. Its surface ripples and trembles, catching and refracting light onto large surfaces of white draped fabrics suspended in the wind. The cloth moves to the breath of the air currents so that the reflection shimmers and glides across it like living water.

Water, wind, and fabric interact continuously, generating an ever-changing projection that echoes the turbulence and rhythm of the river itself. Through the route and as the light intensifies, the drifting fabrics become a protective shell around the visitors, allowing them to relive a symbolic birth under the cyclical presence of the moon. For a moment, the body returns to a state of vulnerability, almost embryonic, suggesting a reconnection to the quietness that a placenta can provide. The connection to the experience is universal, as it is a rite of passage. The intention guiding this gesture is to invite a moment of recognition of water's sacred presence, as it surrounds the origin of all life, human and non-human alike. It is the first environment of birth, a quiet cradle, yet it also carries an immense and unpredictable force. The installation confronts us with the duality of water: its magnificence and sacredness and the deep fear that accompanies its power.

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