ABOUT | DESIGN INTENTIONS

Located on the ground floor of a historic building, the marriage of history and a sleek, modern aesthetic creates a transcendent environment that evokes a gallery. The design hinges on a conceptual lantern that from within the building’s dark core emanates luminosity and transparency. Achieved through a series of wall panels that both light the building shell and brighten the storefront and street, the lantern provides privacy while enlivening the community.
The scope included the remodel of existing historical building includes foyer, reception, and open operatories divided with millwork, "lanterns" and wood louvered screens. Situated within a rapidly developing neighborhood in San Francisco’s financial district, Studio Dental’s brick and mortar location is defined by a modern aesthetic, while honoring the historic elements of the base building. In place of a common waiting room, a park-like bench extends the length of the space. Vertical wood trellises provide separation between the bench and operatory rooms without closing off the space. Moments of material contrast are introduced between the rough shell walls, smoked mirror panels, and a central colonnade of maple monoliths, which provide storage and define the entry to each private patient room. Monitors are provided overhead for patient viewing highlighting the verticality of the space within the lantern.

Jury Comments:
• This project was described as a gem.
• It creates a gorgeous decompression setting for a Zen like experience.
• It creates an environment that is outside of the everyday – it adds sculptural, spatial drama to something that is usually institutional.
• The solution works well with the context, inserting a very modern, almost folly typology into the historic building.
• The space acts on multiple scales – the plan is very concise with no slop in it, there is a sense of care throughout expressed in the detailing and simple materiality.
• The project works from the street where it carefully sets up the entry sequence.
• The interiors do not distract from the historic nature of the building.

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San Francisco, California

FLOOR PLAN

SECTION A

SECTION B

SECTION C

KEY

DEPARTMENTAL GROSS SQUARE FOOT

TAKE-OFFS

Set

Gross

1. Entry (138 SF)

Patient Care

273 SF

411 SF

2. Waiting Area (209 SF)

Reception/Waiting/Entry

415 SF

415 SF

3. Reception (71 SF)

4. Operatory Room (54 SF)

5. Equipment Lab (110 SF)

6. Restroom (52 SF)

810 SF

940 SF

Grossing Factor: 1.16

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Expansion of Space

Wood trellises provide separation between the bench and operatory rooms without closing off the space.

Vertically Expressed

A control colonnade of maple monolithic monoliths serve as a function storage and define the entry to each private patient room.

'Lantern'

Lit wood fins of the lantern provide privacy for patient while also illuminating the dark interior space and glowing through the storefront to brighten the street.

HIGHWAY BETWEEN OPERATORIES

EXPLODED AXON OF INTERIOR COMPONENTS

NOTABLE FEATURES

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TV SCREENS AS POSITIVE DISTRACTION

VIEW OF RECEPTION

EXPLODED AXON OF INTERIOR COMPONENTS

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